



# Derby Horizon



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## City Gears up for Tree Lighting, Toy-a-Thon

Join the City of Derby as we ring in the holiday season with a tree lighting event at High Park, 2700 E. Madison, on Thursday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

This 3rd annual event will feature music by the Derby High School Madrigals, a visit by Santa Claus, hay rack rides from the parking lot to the enclosed shelter, refreshments, the lighting of a 25-foot tree and more.

The Chamber of Commerce will hand out shopping bags to the first 300 attendees. Following the event, residents are encouraged to “shop Derby” as local retailers will be open late to accommodate shopping needs just 21 days before Christmas. The shopping event lasts through December 13. You can also sign up for a chance to win a door prize at the participating merchants.



*The Derby Community Choir performs at the 2007 Tree Lighting at High Park.*

The following day is the 2nd Annual Toy-a-Thon. It will be held in the Derby Wal-Mart parking lot on Friday, December 5 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event is part of the KZSN 102.1 FM Toy-a-Thon Toy Tour that will visit six cities in six days.

Residents are encouraged to drop off toys, nonperishable food or monetary donations anytime during the day. All proceeds will go to Operation Holiday Derby and Communities in Schools (benefitting Derby students in grades K-12). The goal is to collect more than 2,000 toys.

KZSN radio deejays Dancin’ Don Hall and Rockin’ Rick Regan will be on site to promote the event. There will also be food, entertainment and a visit by Santa Claus.

## Buckner Street Construction Plans

Buckner Street is a major project in the City of Derby’s CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for 2009. There are two parts to the project – reconstruction of the intersection of Meadowlark and Buckner, which is partially funded by KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation), and reconstruction of Buckner between K-15 and Meadowlark. Construction, for both projects, is expected to begin in early 2009.

The City is working with TranSystems engineering firm on the intersection project and with the engineering firm of Ruggles & Bohm on the street reconstruction project. Ruggles & Bohm’s analysis concluded that a three-lane road will provide an adequate level of service for both existing and future traffic loads.

The City Council voted to proceed with the recommendation of the Buckner Rede-

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## City Begins Search for New Police Chief

The search process for a new chief of police is expected to take approximately six months. Until then, Deputy Chief Doug Chambers, a 25-year veteran of the department, will serve as Interim Police Chief.



*Doug Chambers*

The position is being advertised on websites and in publications of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Sheriff’s Association, and [www.hrepartners.com](http://www.hrepartners.com).

The Position Profile is posted on the City’s website at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com) on the Human Resources page. This document provides an overview of the city organization, the police department, and the position itself. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please encourage them to take a look at the Position Profile.

Applications are due January 8, and then the process to narrow the pool to finalists will begin. Although selection of the Chief is the decision of the City Manager, members of the community and the police department will be included in the process.

Interim Chief Doug Chambers does not

plan to apply for the position. After serious consideration, he decided to stay with his original plan to retire in a couple years. The City Manager will include Chief Chambers in the search and interview process. Such inclusion ensures the process will include a strong sense of the department’s history as well as an understanding of its current status.

The community’s economy is strong, our citizens are progressive in wanting their city to be a great place to live, and our police department has a solid reputation. This vacant position is expected to attract strong candidates.

Derby’s vision is to be a community where dreams take root and thrive.

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# Message from the Manager

## Curbside Recycling & Enhanced Trash Service Planned

Although details have yet to be worked out, the City is on track to ensure that curbside recycling and enhanced trash



Kathy Sexton

pick-up services are offered in Derby beginning around June 2009. Trash and recycling services will still be provided by the private sector. What will change is that the City will follow the lead of most cities in the U.S. and issue a franchise to a private company to ensure prices are fair and consistent and that quality standards are maintained.

### Background

As the governing authority over solid waste, the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners decided this past summer that all cities in the County should issue a trash franchise and offer curbside recycling. The trash franchise should include an option for at least two sizes of trash carts, with the smaller one offered at a lower cost.

Such a "volume-based" or "pay-as-you-throw" system is used in many communities across

the country to ensure that those who produce the most garbage pay the most. Conversely, those who produce little – either because they have fewer people in their household, they recycle more, or they just don't produce much garbage – pay less.

### Curbside Recycling

The County also has a dismally low rate of recycling, which can be greatly improved by offering curbside pickup at no extra cost.

Of course, the decision to put recyclables out at the curb every other week is a decision to be made by each household. Nobody will mandate recycling, only provide a system that encourages recycling by making it easy and affordable.

Recycling is not a feel-good activity. It saves space in the landfill and conserves precious resources. Administered correctly, it's good public policy, and it's good business.

### Trash Franchise

Currently, trash bills paid by Derby homeowners vary widely because the industry is completely unregulated. I have heard of people paying \$65 per quarter (3 months), even though many homeowner associations have

made deals with trash companies for rates closer to the \$45 range.

Such variation in rates is testament to the efficiency to be gained from authorizing only one truck to serve any given street on only one day of the week. The driver picks up more trash per hour than in the current system of driving all over town to serve only certain households, skipping those served by other companies.

Obviously, such reduced truck traffic will also be good for street maintenance, noise and air pollution, and general tidiness of neighborhoods (all trash carts at the curb on one day rather than carts on curbs several days of the week).

The City Council appointed six community volunteers to a new Recycling/Trash Advisory Board, and the board has met several times this fall to discuss the particulars of how such a new system would work. More about the plan for going forward will be presented to the City Council at its regular council meeting on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Road.

## Art Gallery @ City Hall

The Art Gallery at City Hall is now featuring work by the late Dr. William Durnil. The exhibit is on display through the end of the year.

The gallery, located at 611 Mulberry Road, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during any public meeting.

Dr. Durnil's prints include wildlife, historic landmarks, florals, westerns and more. You can view sample artwork on the City website: [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).



### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

When you're finished reading your Horizon newsletter, please share it with a friend, take it to a doctor's office or recycle it.



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# City Council

## Clean Indoor Air Ordinance



On September 1, 2008, the City of Derby Clean Indoor Air Ordinance

went into effect. The ordinance states that no smoking is allowed in any business or 20 feet from the main entrance of a business. The City granted extensions to six businesses that chose to build patios to accommodate patrons who smoke. These businesses, which include Bombshells, The Green Derby, Little Buster's, Michelle's Beach House, The Shop, and the VFW, have until December 31, 2008, to be in compliance with the ordinance. Smoking is allowed indoors at these businesses through the end of the year.

## Sunday Alcohol Sales in Derby

Beginning Sunday, September 14, Sunday sales of packaged liquor and cereal malt beverages became legal in the City of Derby. Sales may occur between noon and 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the 13 affected retailers.

The City Council adopted ordinance #1943 allowing Sunday sales. The ordinance affects grocery stores, convenience stores, and liquor stores.

The City Council passed the measure in response to requests from local retailers concerned about a level playing field with retailers in neighboring jurisdictions, primarily Sedgwick County.

## Rain Sensor Ordinance Reminder

A new City ordinance requires the use of rain sensors in all automatic irrigation systems in Derby.

Automatic irrigation systems (both well and city water) are required to comply with the law by July 1, 2009.

A rain sensor is an electronic device that measures rainfall and interrupts the irrigation cycle. The sensor turns off automatic irrigation systems when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen. Sensors are mounted above ground in an open area outdoors in a location well-suited for gauging rain.

According to the ordinance, rain sensors should be set to

turn off the automatic irrigation system when 1/2 inch or more rain has fallen (although residents can adjust it to a lower setting).

Rain sensors can be purchased at most area garden centers. You may also research the different products available online. If you use a landscaping company, you may also ask them for assistance.

Rain sensors generally cost between \$20 and \$60. Installation can be performed either by the property owner or by engaging the services of a sprinkler system service provider. You may choose between a wireless or hard-wired rain sensor.

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

## Warren, Horyna Appointed to Council

Several changes on the City Council occurred over the past few months. In August, Ward III Council member, Charlie Schwarz, resigned because of a relocation to Wichita. Ward II member, Chuck Warren, also resigned due to a move within the City.

In September, Warren was appointed to the vacant Ward III seat. Warren has been a City Council member since 1999 and a member of the Derby community since 1955. He currently works as a broker associate with Plaza Real Estate in Derby. Warren is active with the Derby Chamber of Commerce and Derby Rotary Club.

In October, the Council ap-

pointed Heath Horyna to the vacant Ward II seat. Horyna is a native of Pittsburg, Kan., and works as an environmental scientist for the Kansas Department



Heath Horyna (Ward II) & Chuck Warren (Ward III)

of Health and Environment. His previous experience includes serving on

the City of Haysville Safety Committee and Tree Board. Horyna currently serves on the Salina Area Technical School Education Advisory Committee, the Kansas Water Environment Association Laboratory Committee and the KDHE South Central District Office Green Team. He is a graduate of Fort Scott Community College and Southwestern College.

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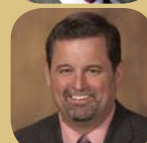


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The Derby City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Meetings are broadcast live on Derby Channel 7.

You may also contact the City Council at (316) 788-3132.

## channel 7

### City Council Meeting

Live: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

### Rebroadcast:

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

Live: 4th Monday of the month,  
6:30 p.m.

### Rebroadcast:

Friday & Sunday, 7:00 p.m.

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The Derby Horizon is a publication of the City of Derby's Communications Team.

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## derby library

### Location

611 Mulberry Rd. Suite 200  
(316) 788-0760  
[www.derbylibrary.com](http://www.derbylibrary.com)

### Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday  
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

# Senior Center & Public Library

## Elvis Christmas

Elvis: his name is legendary, his music is timeless. Relive the excitement of an Elvis concert on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market. The public is invited to attend this spectacular holiday production. The cost is only \$10/person.

This show has been on the road for 15 years, playing to crowds coast-to-coast. The production creates an authentic reproduction of what you would have seen at one of Presley's live Las Vegas shows. It includes an incredible 30-piece special effects light show and staging that will surround this top tribute artist as he brings the essence of this legend to life! A holiday buffet will be served. Make your reservations by calling Derby Senior Services at 788-0223 or stopping by the Senior Center at 611 Mulberry Road.

## Bingo & Soup

You're invited to attend the Bingo & Soup Supper on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Winter winds will be blowing outside, so come in and enjoy the warmth of a steaming bowl of soup and a hearty sandwich. Festivities begin with bingo, fellowship and laughter, and finish up with lunch. Events at the Senior Center are always fun-filled with prizes and entertainment. Questions? Call 788-0223.



## New Library Construction Progresses

Mounds of dirt, surveyor stakes, earth-moving equipment, orange fencing, and construction trailers have changed the appearance of the vacant lot east of Tanglewood School at the intersection of Walnut Grove and Sumac streets.

Rainbow Construction workers have been moving dirt in preparation for foundation work at the new Derby Public Library site.

"Weather permitting, we should begin concrete work at the site soon," said Ted Austin, Project Manager and Director of Operations for the City.

You can watch the construc-

tion work live by visiting the library's website at [www.derbylibrary.com](http://www.derbylibrary.com) and clicking on the Under Construction link.

Library staff have begun meeting with Gossen Livingston Architecture to select furnishings for the new library. The library will feature a community room, study rooms, a computer room with public access computers, a display area for artwork, and much needed space for the library's growing col-

lections.

Library staff is working on plans to move to the new site in late 2009 or early 2010.



## Dash Changes Hours, Rates

The Derby Dash will see several changes beginning January 5, 2009.

### Hours of operation

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

### Reservations

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

*Rides can be scheduled up to two weeks ahead of time.*

### Rates

One-way rate is \$2

(\$4 for a round-trip ride)

### Ride cards

Ride cards can be purchased at the Senior Center and City Hall, both located at 611 Mulberry Road.

## New Online Catalog

The Derby Public Library recently unveiled a new online library catalog called Koha. This open-source integrated system is the first to be used by a public library in south central Kansas.

The on-line catalog has a new look with features that patrons have been asking for. Visit [www.derbylibrary.com](http://www.derbylibrary.com) to see for yourself.

With the new catalog, patrons can view checked-out items, on hold items, fines, reading history, online databases, create an "interest" list, add personal information, view book cover art and more.

If you have any questions about the new on-line catalog, call the Library at 788-0760.

# Community Development

## Community Marketing Efforts

The City of Derby recently embarked on developing a community marketing plan facilitated by CityImage Communications, located in Minneapolis, Minn. The plan is guided by the Community Marketing Team, which includes the City, Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation, Derby Recreation Center and Derby Public Schools.

One of the Community Marketing Team's recent efforts resulted in an award from 3CMA (City County Communications and Marketing Association). The City received an "Award of Excellence" for the

Community & Visitor's Guide pictured below.

The City is also working with CGI Communications on a series



of online community videos which will be available on the community portal website, [www.derbyks.com](http://www.derbyks.com) in the spring. The videos are being provided to the city at no cost thanks to a program with CGI Communications. CGI works in partnership with the United States Conference of Mayors and numerous municipal leagues, and will produce videos

highlighting recreation, education, economic development, relocation and more.

## Buckner Street (cont. from page 1)

development Committee, which is comprised of City staff, two Council members, two Economic

Development Board members, two Planning Commission members and the Chamber of Commerce President.

Recommendations included:

- Reconstruct Buckner for 3 traffic lanes, and a 4th lane for parking.
- Construct Bike Path from James to Meadowlark on the west side of Buckner.
- Construct sidewalk at all other locations, minimizing conflicts with existing landscaping and utilities, and locating sidewalk

near the back of the curb at driveways to maximize space for driveway parking.



*Buckner Street looking south towards K-15.*

- Construct signalized pedestrian crossing just north of James.
- Initiate rezoning of residential properties to a specialized overlay district customized to include some B-1 and B-2 uses.

The zoning issue will go before the Redevelopment Committee and to the Planning Commission before it goes back to the

Council for final approval in 2009.

## Renew Your Business License

It's that time of year to start thinking about renewing your business license. License renewals are due January 1, 2009.

To renew your business license, simply stop by City Hall at 611 Mulberry Road anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are not able to come to City Hall, you can download the business license application at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com). Just go to "Quick Links" and "Permits and Licenses." Then complete the form and send payment to 611 Mulberry Road.

The cost to renew your license is \$20. If you wait to renew your license until after January 31, the fee increases to \$30.

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

## Get Your Water Well Permit

If you have plans to drill a water well on your property, the City requires you to have a well installation permit. Permits can be obtained for \$25 at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Road.

Permits are required to ensure that wells are not constructed in a public easement or public right-of-way. Also, a 25-foot separation distance between well lines and sewer lines is required.

Wells will be inspected by the Building Trades Official upon completion.

If you have questions, call 788-6632 or visit [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com) to download a permit application.

## development update

A groundbreaking for the Derby Family Health and Rehabilitation Center was held on October 8, and construction is expected to begin in November. Located along Madison Ave. just east of Derby High School, the facility will offer skilled nursing care along with inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. For more information, visit [www.familyhealthrehab.com](http://www.familyhealthrehab.com).

Construction on the Hampton Inn continues. A temporary access road has been created, and streets surrounding the hotel are slated for construction to begin soon, along with sewers and sidewalks. The 63-room hotel is anticipated to open in April 2009.

Premium Auto Restoration of Derby has begun work on a 10,000 square foot facility in the Derby Business Park. Located at 920 N. River St., this new business will specialize in the restoration of classic vehicles. The building will include a paint booth, showroom, shop area, detailing bay and office space.

The Derby Marketplace is off to a busy start with the opening of Target, PETCO, Maurices and others in October. The next building scheduled to open is located south of Verizon Wireless. The building will house Buffalo Wild Wings, Eric Fisher Salon and Specs. All three businesses should open this spring. Work on the Dillons Marketplace also continues to progress, and it is scheduled to open in the spring. More tenant announcements are expected in the next few months.

## Pet Regulations

Did you know that Derby city ordinances have most of the same requirements for cat owners and dog owners?

In 2003, the City Council updated Chapter 6 of the Derby Municipal Code, applying the same regulations to owners of both dogs and cats. Requirements include rabies vaccinations over the age of 6 months and licensing of any dog or cat harbored within the city limits for 30 days or more.

Residents can own no more than four cats over the age of six months, and cannot allow cats to run at large. This law was established to curb complaints of property damage and cat droppings in neighboring yards.

If Derby Animal Control traps a cat, a reasonable attempt is made to return the cat to its owner. If the owner of the cat cannot be identified, the cat will be taken to the Wichita Animal Shelter where it will be held for three days.

The City of Derby encourages pet owners to protect their pets by following the animal regulations contained in the Derby Municipal Code. The municipal code can be found on the City website at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

### Sparky the Fire Dog says:

Follow these fire prevention safety tips when deep fat frying a turkey:

- Use fryers outdoors away from buildings and combustible materials.
- Never fry on wooden decks or inside a garage.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer.
- Don't leave fryers unattended.
- Place cookers on a flat, stable surface.
- Have a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.
- Call 911 if there is a fire you can't control.



# Public Safety

## Door-to-Door Sales Policy in Derby

The Derby Police Department receives inquiries regarding door-to-door sales people, also known as peddlars, on a frequent basis. Peddlars are permitted to practice their trade in Derby, however the practice of door-to-door sales is strictly governed by Chapter 5.08 of the Derby Municipal Code.

Before a person or business may peddle their wares door to door in Derby, they must obtain a "Peddler and Itinerant Merchant License." This is done by contacting the Derby City Clerk at 788-1519 or visiting City Hall at 611 Mulberry Rd., completing the application form, and paying a fee.

The Police Department

performs a record check on the applicant. If an applicant's character and business responsibility are found to be satisfactory, the application is recommended for approval. If an applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, or the application is incomplete or bears false information, the application will be recommended for disapproval. Every sales person operating in Derby must have an approved door-to-door peddlers permit.

Exceptions to the provisions of this ordinance include salespersons selling to retailers, or anyone representing a tax-exempt charitable, educational, fraternal, charity-dependent or

community service organization. Examples of exempt groups might include church groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or civic groups.

If you have questions regarding door-to-door sales or peddlers, call the Police Department at 788-1557 so the sales permit can be verified, if necessary.

You can review the Peddler and Itinerant Merchant License ordinance online at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com). You can find the City Code under the Quick Links menu. Select Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulations then select 5.08 Peddler and Itinerant Merchant.

## Fire & Rescue Improves Response Times

Since the opening of Fire Station #1, located at 128 W. Market, in July 2008, response

times to fire and EMS calls have improved. In 2007, Derby Fire & Rescue responded to calls in less than four minutes 61% of the time. Since opening Fire Station #1, that number has increased to 85%. These statistics show that opening and staffing this station provided more efficient service to the citizens of Derby, especially in the south and west parts of town.



Deputy Fire Chief Bill Pater helps Daylee Wayne, Tanglewood Elementary 2nd grader, out of the smoke house.

### In other news....

Fire Prevention Week was celebrated during the second week of October. Derby career

and volunteer firefighters visited elementary schools and preschools to educate children from Derby and surrounding communities about the importance of home fire safety.

Children in kindergarten, first and second grades learn what firefighters look like in full gear, what to do if their clothes catch fire, how to navigate through a smoky house, how to establish a meeting place, and more.

## CO Poisoning

During this time of year the use of indoor heating equipment increases, and in turn the chance of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases. CO can be found in a heating system, appliance, fire, smoke, grill and tobacco smoke.

Derby Fire & Rescue encourages each resident to have a CO detector. It's also good practice to have your furnace checked for leaks, and have flues and chimneys checked to make sure they are clean from obstructions.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include blurred vision, burning eyes, nausea, vomiting, confusion and an intoxicated appearance. Leave the area immediately and get to fresh air. Call 911 or your local gas company if you suspect a problem, and do not go back inside your home until it's deemed safe.

# Public Works

## Snow Removal

The City of Derby is dedicated to providing an immediate and efficient response to weather related traffic hazards.

The snow and ice removal procedure is designed to reduce the hazards of inclement road conditions to motorists and pedestrians, facilitate the handling of emergencies by first responders, and maintain safe, passable school bus routes.

The first priority areas for snow and ice removal are emergency routes and arterial traffic routes (main streets such as Rock Rd., K-15 and Madison), essential public facilities and school zones. The second priority areas for snow and ice removal are collector traffic routes (such as James St., Kay St. and Tall Tree Rd.).

### Pre-treatment and sanding

Anti-icing treatments begin upon forecast of severe weather. Every attempt is made to treat streets before they become covered. Brine and sanding units are dispatched to treat stop signs, intersections, bridges, hills, curves, and other problem areas.

### Snow Removal

Street crews begin the snow removal process when two inches of snow have fallen and it is still falling, or if weather forecasts indicate that additional snow will fall. Employees begin plowing as close as practical to the time the snow fall ceases. The goal is to plow and clear all arterial and collector streets within 48 hours. Please remember, the city is not responsible for snow and ice deposits in driveways or sidewalks due to the removal operations.

## Parks & Open Space Plan Update

The Parks and Open Space Plan has been updated and was approved by the City Council in September 2008. The plan assesses the status of the City of Derby and the community and provides a roadmap for future growth and development.

This plan is not only for City government, but will be shared between a valued partnership with the Derby Recreation Commission and Derby Public Schools. All three entities have been working together to provide programming and facilities for the community as a whole. Collaborating on this plan ensures that our resources are used wisely and for the benefit of all residents.

PROS Consulting performed the plan update by gathering information from many different



sources, which created a community point of view towards recreation. This process considered the many type of users of our park and recreation system when evaluating existing amenities as well as determining those desired. There was also a committee of community members established to

work with PROS Consulting on the update.

This plan will direct our spending and our goals in advance of our future growth. The City of Derby must continue a proactive approach towards meeting our needs and achieving our vision for our Parks and Open Space. The plan is available for viewing or downloading on the City website, [www.derby-web.com](http://www.derby-web.com) (see the Parks division under Public Works).

## Public Works Facility Being Planned

In 2008, the City Council approved the purchase of a 25-acre tract along 55th Street South in the Derby Corporate Park for a new Public Works facility.

Rather than paying cash for the land the City will install the main water and sewer lines to service the Derby Corporate Park, which is expected to cost approximately \$607,500.

Design and construction of the water and sewer mains are planned for early 2009.

The need for additional land and updated facilities for the Public Works Department was identified several years ago. Because of its size and location, the

land in the corporate park is well suited to meet the needs of the City well into the future.

The City developed a master plan layout for the new facility. Next, an architectural and engineering team will be hired to design the facility.

Construction of the facility is planned to begin in 2009. In addition to fulfilling the need for a public works facility, extending water and sewer mains to the Derby Corporate Park will jumpstart industrial and business development in a prime location and demonstrate Derby's commitment to be a partner in such development.

## Public Works has New Name

The Derby Public Works and Parks Department is now referred to as the Derby Public Works Department. Six divisions comprise the department:

- Parks (Forestry & Streams)
- Street (Sign & Signal)
- Weld Shop
- Fleet Maintenance
- GIS
- Water

New to the department is the water division. The water division will continue to provide service and maintenance as it has for many years as the El Paso Water Company. Questions about new water service or service requests are still answered at City Hall by calling 788-1424.

Public Works provides the majority of infrastructure maintenance and repairs throughout the community, and ensures snow removal as well as emergency assistance.

## Restrooms Closing

During cold weather months, unheated restrooms at the City's parks will be closed and winterized. Restrooms located at Garrett, Tanglewood, English, Riley and Hand Park will re-open in mid-March. The restrooms at the Skate Park will close in late November.

Restrooms located in the north section of High Park and behind the amphitheater are heated and will remain open throughout the winter.

If you have questions, contact the Public Works Department at 788-0301.

## 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 @ 6:30 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

### 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 @ 6:30 p.m., City Hall

### Senior Services Advisory Board

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

### Youth Advisory Board

1st Wednesday @ 10 a.m., High School

## News Briefs

### DRC Holiday Events

#### **Art Fair**

December 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free for kids 12 years and under; \$1 for those over 12

Santa will be available for photos from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

December 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

For kids ages 2 through 9.

Early registration is \$6; \$7 at the door.

#### **Swimming with Santa**

December 20 from 1 to 4 p.m.

For kids ages 4 years to 12 years.

\$4/person

All events are held at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market. For more information, visit [www.derbyrec.com](http://www.derbyrec.com) or call 788-3781.



### City Offices Closed

The holiday season means that several public facilities will be closed for business.

#### **City offices**

City offices will be closed on November 27 and 28, December 25 and 26, and January 1.

#### **Library**

The Derby Library will be closed on December 24, 25, 26 and 31 as well as January 1.

#### **Derby Recreation Center**

The Derby Recreation Center will be closed on November 27, December 25 and January 1. Administrative offices will be closed on each holiday listed above and the day following the holiday.

The DRC will also close early on several days. On November 26, the DRC will close at 7:00 p.m., on December 24 it will close at Noon, and on December 31 it will close at 5:00 p.m.

Please have a safe and happy holiday.

*Derby's mission is to create vibrant neighborhoods, nurture a strong business community, and preserve beautiful green spaces.*

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