



Filing Deadline for City Council Candidates

The City of Derby will hold a General Election for four of its eight Council seats on April 7, 2009. Candidate filing for the election lasts through January 27, 2009.



Positions up for election are currently held by Jim Craig (Ward 1), Vaughn Nun (Ward II), Chuck Warren (Ward III), and George Arnold (Ward IV).

The five requirements for City Council candidates are:

1. Be a resident of the City of Derby and live in the ward in which election is sought.
 2. Be a registered voter.
 3. File a statement of candidacy with the Derby City Clerk on a form provided by the Clerk's office. The form must be signed by the candidate at City Hall in order to be witnessed by the City Clerk or designee.
 4. Submit a filing fee of \$10 or file a valid petition with the Derby City Clerk.
 5. File for office by 12:00 noon on January 27, 2009.
- By state law, a primary election will be

held on Tuesday, March 3, if more than three candidates file for any ward position.

A complete candidate packet

can be downloaded on the City website, www.derbyweb.com. For general information on the election process, visit www.sedgwickcounty.org/elections.

If you have questions, please contact Jean Epperson, City Clerk & Finance Director, at 788-1519.

City Council members are not paid and serve a four-year term. Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Council members are also asked to attend special workshops throughout the year along with bi-annual intergovernmental meetings.

The primary job of Council members is to establish general policies under which the City operates. Council members serve as the democratic "voice of the people" and exercise the public's will by concentrating on issues that are responsive to the wants and needs of the citizens. Council members must be prepared to interact with the public and represent the City in a positive light.

Taking Care of Our Park System

Did you know that over the past two years, the City of Derby has experienced \$11,000 in damage at its parks due to burglary and vandalism? There have been 33 incidents from a number of parks, including High, Garrett, Woodlawn, English, and Hand. High Park and Garrett Park have had the most reports of vandalism and burglary.



Most incidents of vandalism cost the City several hundreds of dollars in damage. The more serious cases can cost in the thousands of dollars.

For example, there was damage to construction equipment and electrical wiring at High Park. This incident only cost the City \$500 in parts to repair but took several days of labor by City workers, which prevented them from working on higher priority projects

The most common damages reported are to fences, restrooms, and concession stands. Damage to concession stands are usually related to an additional charge of burglary, with loss from theft of the contents.

The City of Derby needs your help in protecting our property and keeping our parks in good shape. If you see any suspicious activity at any time in the City's parks, call 911 immediately. The faster police officers can respond, the better the chances are that an arrest will be made, witnesses can be located, and evidence can be gathered.

When the City is able to solve cases, the court can order the responsible person to pay restitution, which helps keep our insurance rates lower and saves taxpayer money.

Please take care of City property and call the police department if you see any suspicious activity.

Sunflower State Games Essay & Photovoice Contest

Healthy Kansas is sponsoring the 2009 Sunflower State Games Essay & Photovoice Contest. This is the first year that the traditional essay contest has been expanded to include a photovoice component.

Photovoice combines photography and a personal statement to tell a compelling visual story. Students are invited to submit a photo image of their favorite healthy meal and an essay describing why the photo depicts food that helps them live a healthy lifestyle.

The contest is open to all Kansas first through sixth grade students. Winners will receive a Sunflower State Games gold medal and official t-shirt, a Barnes and Noble gift card, a \$50 savings bond and the opportunity to read their winning essay and unveil their photography at the Sunflower State Games VIP Reception on July 9, 2009 in Topeka.

Download your application at www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept/. Entries are due by April 3, 2009.

Derby Dash Changes Hours, Rates

The Derby Dash, which has been in operation since April 2007, has new rates and hours beginning January 5, 2009.

The Derby Dash hours of operation will be extended from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Riders can make reservations from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All riders are encouraged to call and make reservations, however if there are time slots available the same day riders can reserve a ride. Rides can be scheduled no more than two weeks in advance.



The rate to ride will also increase to \$2 one way and \$4 for a round trip.

Reservations are made with a 30-minute pick up window, meaning that the bus can arrive 15 minutes prior to or 15 minutes after the scheduled pick up time. Upon arrival, the bus driver will wait no longer than five minutes in order to stay on schedule.

Ride cards can be

purchased at the Senior Center and City Hall, both located at 611 Mulberry Rd. and at Dillon's stores (317 N. Rock Road and 200 E. Greenway). Reserve your ride by calling 788-RIDE (7433).

HOME Grant Seeking Applicants



The City of Derby is accepting applications for its HOME Rehabilitation Grant Program. The \$200,000 HOME Rehabilitation Grant from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation is the second HOME Grant awarded to the city; the

first was in 2006.

The HOME program provides funding for repairs to owner-occupied housing. Common improvements include siding, roofing, windows, doors, electrical, plumbing and heating/air conditioning systems. Through these improvements, the program aims to preserve older neighborhoods and address concerns about declining property values.

The Derby grant will serve 10 homes inside the city's designated target area, which is between Meadowlark and 87th Street South from Woodlawn to the west city limits.

Homes must be insured and current on property taxes. Properties located in the 100-year or 500-year floodplain are not eligible. When work is completed, a three-year forgivable loan is filed; if the house is sold before the three year period is over, a portion of the funds used must be repaid.

To be eligible, the household must meet income limits as follows:

Household size	Total Income
1 person	\$34,250
2 person	\$39,150
3 person	\$44,050
4 person	\$48,950
5 person	\$52,850
6 person	\$56,800
7 person	\$60,700
8 person	\$64,600

Applications are available at City Hall or online at www.derbyweb.com. For more information, contact Allison Moeding at 788-3081.

Snow Removal Routes & Procedures

The City of Derby works hard to ensure that streets in Derby are safe and easy to navigate throughout the year. This can become more of a challenge when there is freezing precipitation and snow.

The City will pre-treat streets if there is snow or freezing rain in the forecast, focusing on bridges and intersections. Once

more than two inches of snow has fallen and precipitation has stopped, Public Works will begin clearing the primary streets (main streets and emergency routes) and then the secondary streets (streets around schools, public facilities and high traffic businesses). The goal is to clear streets only one time, which generally takes 48 hours to complete.

Have You Heard?

...Did you know that traffic fines double in school zones? Please slow down and watch for students as they walk to and from school. *The safety of our students is a high priority, please obey the law.*

...Recycle your e-waste (TVs, VCRs, PDAs, cell phones, computer equipment, etc.) on Saturday, January 24 at the Kansas Coliseum from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by Sedgwick County Environmental Resources. For more information, visit www.sedgwickcounty.org.

...Are you a business owner? Have you renewed your business license? If not, stop by City Hall at 611 Mulberry Rd. or download a business license on the city website.

...Come visit the City of Derby booth at the 2009 Home Show at Century II Convention Center on February 12, 13, 14 & 15. You can preview the latest and greatest products for in and around your home. For more information visit www.wabahome.com.

...Coming Soon: A.C.E. (Artistic, Cultural, Entertainment) Grant applications will be received in early 2009. Learn more at www.derbyweb.com under the Community tab.

...Watch live construction of the new Derby Public Library located at Walnut Grove and Sumac, just east of Tanglewood Elementary School. Visit www.derbyweb.com/camera.cfm to view the live streaming video of the construction site.

To view a map of the primary and secondary routes and to download the policies and procedures for treating streets, visit www.derbyweb.com and go to the Public Works department page. If you have additional questions, please call Derby Public Works at 788-0301.