



Derby News Update

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Back to School August 12

USD 260 students should start thinking about getting out their pencils, school books and back packs. The first day of class is Tuesday, August 12.

For more information on school supplies, enrollment dates, school start and end times and more, visit

www.derbyschools.com or call the Administrative Center at 788-8400.

Did you know?

The second school board meeting of the month is held at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd., and is broadcast live on Derby

Channel 7 at 6:30 p.m. You can watch a rebroadcast of the meeting the following Friday and Sunday on Channel 7 at 7 p.m.

New to the District?

You can sign up for Derby Alerts to receive important information about the school district sent as text messages directly to your cell phone, PDA or pager.

Information sent to you will include emergency notices, school closings, early dismissals, and event reminders. Visit www.derbyschools.com to sign up.

Safety Reminder

With the start of school, more traffic is expected in the mornings and mid-afternoons on the streets of Derby.

Please remember to obey speed limit signs and school zone speed limits. Slow down and use caution as students walk and ride their bikes to school.

Have You Heard?

...Beginning July 8, 2008, the City Council meetings start at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

...The City Council will adopt the 2009 Budget at its August 12 meeting. To provide input, please contact your City Council member or attend a meeting to speak during the Public Forum on July 8 or July 22.

...The Derby Twins will finish their regular season at the end of July and prepare for the National Baseball Congress Tournament the first two weeks of August. The tournament will be held at Lawrence Dumont Stadium.

...The Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices is holding Summerfest on Saturday, August 23 from 5 to 11 p.m. at High Park. Visit www.derbycc.org to learn more.

...The Target store is scheduled to open October 12, 2008.

...An Artists' Reception will be held at the Art Gallery at City Hall Tuesday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. The Art Gallery features artwork by outgoing Derby High School seniors. It will be on display through the end of July.

...On August 16 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Rock River Rapids will host a "Pooch Pool Party" for your furry companions. The cost is \$5/dog. Door prizes will be awarded for biggest dog, smallest dog, best-dressed dog, swimsuit competition and more!



Fire Station #1 Open

The City of Derby will host a Grand Re-Opening of Fire Station #1 at 128 W. Market Street on Friday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Dion Avello and members of the City Council will cut the ribbon celebrating the full-time staffing of the station, which was made possible by a federal grant. Congressman Todd Tiahrt is our featured speaker.



Fire Station #1

Fire Station #1 opened in 1988 and was renovated in early 2008 to accommodate full-time staffing. The station now has a bunk room, dining area and day room. It is now staffed with two firefighters 24 hours a day, 7

days a week. The station was previously only used by volunteer firefighters.

"The City is pleased to partner with the federal government to provide enhanced public safety to the people of Derby," said Mayor Dion Avello. "24/7

staffing at Station #1 will improve response times for fire and medical calls to the south and west parts of the city."

The Grand Re-Opening event will include hot dogs and refreshments for all firefighters and their families. The public is invited. Parking is available at the Police & Courts Building next door on K-15 & Main Street.

City, Chamber to Hold Job Fair

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 2, for Derby Job Fair at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The Derby Job Fair will feature more than 40 Derby businesses with job opportunities in the manufacturing, service and retail industries. Job seekers from around the area should come to the event prepared to talk with these companies about their skills, interests and education.

There is no cost to attend. Derby businesses interested in reserving a booth at the job fair or in becoming an event sponsor can contact the Derby Chamber of Commerce at 788-3421.

Additional information is available at www.derbyks.com.

Summer Concert Series

The Derby Recreation Commission will host a concert on Saturday, August 9 featuring the Matt Engles Band from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Listen to a sample of the band's music at

www.derbyrec.com.

The concert will be held at the High Park Amphitheater. It is free and open to the public. Sponsors include the DRC, City of Derby A.C.E. Grant (Artistic, Cultural, Entertainment), Verus Bank, Wichita State University - South Campus, Native Lights Casino, 97.1 BOB FM, and 100.5 The Wolf.



Hotel Breaks Ground

The groundbreaking for the new Hampton Inn was held on



June 17. The hotel will be built at 1701 Cambridge (between Patriot Ave. and Tall Tree on Rock Rd.). Hotel construction is scheduled to begin in August.

The hotel will feature 63 rooms, pool, fitness room, business center, meeting space/training room for 30 people. Learn more about Hampton Inn at www.hamptoninn.com.

Medicare Provides Prescription Drug Cost Relief

Did you know that Medicare will pay 75% or more of prescription drug costs for people with limited incomes? People with limited income/limited resources may have a more difficult time paying for medicine, but help is available through Medicare.

If you need assistance paying for your prescription drugs, apply now. There are three ways to apply:

- 1) Visit www.socialsecurity.gov;
- 2) Call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778);
- 3) Or visit your local Social Security Office for assistance. You can call the

Wichita Social Security Office at 636-5884.

Individuals who make less than \$15,600 and married couples who make less than \$21,000 per year may qualify for Medicare assistance for prescription drug premiums, copays and deductibles.

To learn more about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-4227, TTY 1-877-486-20478) or visit www.medicare.gov.

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

City Forms Trash/Recycling Committee

The Derby City Council approved the formation of a Trash/Recycling Committee at its June 24 meeting.

The mission of the board is to learn about options available to franchise residential trash collection and recycling collection services and to make recommendations to the City Council about how to proceed.

Appointed committee members include Rebecca Faulk, Larry Gould, John Halldin, Heather McCreight, Orpha Parish, and Becky Robinson.

The board will help determine the level of service desired by the community, create the



RFP (Request for Proposals), and evaluate the proposals.

Currently, Derby residents pay varying rates for their trash collection to several different private companies. If the City entered into a franchise agreement with one company, then one truck would pick up all trash on the same day and another truck would pick up recyclable items. Rates could be evened out, meaning that *some* Derby residents could have lower trash bills. Residents who are members of a homeowner's association may not see a reduction in costs.

Visit www.derbyweb.com to stay informed about this issue.

August Event Calendar

- 5: National Night Out at Rock River Rapids, 1900 E. James, 6-9 p.m. Free admission!
- 9: Historical Museum Open 710 E. Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 11: Last day to enjoy Rock River Rapids
- 16: Community Breakfast at the Senior Center, 611 Mulberry Rd. 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$4/person
- 23: Historical Museum Open 710 E. Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 23: Summerfest sponsored by the Derby Community Coalition High Park 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Submit your community event at:

www.derbyks.com