

## Severe Weather Awareness

Severe Weather Awareness week is held every March in Kansas. This is a great time to review your severe weather plans, both at home and your place of work.



photo by Garry Brownlee

During severe weather season, the City of Derby encourages residents to “shelter in place” if possible. Residents are advised to create a storm plan as a family and follow this plan in the event of severe weather. The plan should include evacuation, which includes gathering things such as medications, insurance documents, clothes, bedding, bottled water and non-perishable food before the need to evacuate arises. Residents also need to consider plans for pets, and bring pet food, water,

and a travel kennel if possible.

If you live in Derby, but do not have a basement or a place to seek shelter during severe weather, there are two public shelters where you can seek refuge.

One is at Derby Fire Station #2, 1401 N. Rock Rd. Park in the north parking lot and enter the east door. The other shelter is at Pleasantview Baptist Church, 1335 N. Buckner. Enter the church at the south entrance.

If you have animals you plan to bring with you, animal crates are available at Fire Station #2. Animals are not allowed at the church.

## Vote

The April 5 General Election will be here soon. Here is information you’ll need in order to be ready for election day.

### City Council Candidates

Mayor - Dion Avello, Frank Blake, Chuck Warren; Ward 1 - James C. Meidinger, Randy White; Ward 2 - Heath Horyna; Ward 3 - Cheryl Bannon; Ward 4 - Mark Staats

### School Board Candidates

Matthew Joyce, Jose Martinez, Don Parks, Andree Sisco

### Advance Voting

March 31-April 4: Derby residents can vote in advance at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn Blvd. Hours vary each day.

### General Election

April 5: Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Check your voter registration card for your voting location. Questions? Call 660-7100.

## Volunteer

The City of Derby is looking for volunteers to serve on city boards and commissions. Most of the following boards meet once a month, with the exception of the Planning Commission.

- ADA Advisory Board
- Construction Trades Board
- Derby Recreation Commission Board
- Economic Development Board
- Library Board
- Ordinance Review Advisory Board
- Parks & Urban Forestry Board
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Appeals Board

Applications are due April 13 and are available at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com) or at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

For more information, visit [www.derbyweb.com/government/boards-commissions.cfm](http://www.derbyweb.com/government/boards-commissions.cfm) or call Carolyn at 788-3132.

## News Briefs

### Arbor Day Celebration

Kick off the spring season by attending the City of Derby’s Arbor Day Celebration at High Park on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be fun activities for the kids, giveaways, refreshments, the planting of the Arbor Day Tree, meet Sprig the Squirrel, and much more!

This event is being organized by the City of Derby and the Derby Parks & Urban Forestry Board.

### Public Works Day

In honor of National Public Works Week, the City of Derby is hosting a Public Works Day and invites residents to High Park to check out heavy equipment and have a chance to sit in the operator’s seat.



The event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you have questions or would like to bring a group to the park, call the Public Works Department at 788-0301.

### Derby Days - New Date!

Derby Days is scheduled for June 17-19. The event has been moved to a new date since Wichita Riverfest is being held June 3-11.

Be on the lookout for more news and event information coming next month or visit [www.derbydaysks.com](http://www.derbydaysks.com).

### Citywide Garage Sale

The Crime Stoppers of Derby Citywide Garage Sale will be held Saturday, June 25. If you have questions, contact Fred Wilken at 788-1705 or [fwilken@cox.net](mailto:fwilken@cox.net).

### Mayor’s Award of Excellence

Ken and Judy Greteman were named the recipients of the 2010 Mayor’s Award of Excellence.

## Community 'Run with the Law' Event

Do you like to run, walk and raise money for a great cause? If so, Run With the Law is the event for you.

This event, scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m., is affiliated with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Kansas.

Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$30, with all proceeds going to Special Olympics of Kansas. Participants will receive a T-shirt. If participants raise

more than \$150, they will also receive a mono-sling shoulder bag.

The run/walk will be approximately 1.6 miles, starting and ending at the Rock River Rapids parking lot.

You can register for this event online at [www.firstgiving.com/ksso](http://www.firstgiving.com/ksso). This event is open to everyone.

For more information, contact School Resource Officer Callie Tilson at 788-1557 or [ctilson@usd260.com](mailto:ctilson@usd260.com).

## National Bar-B-Que Derby

Don't miss the biggest event in Derby this year - National Bar-B-Que Derby is coming to High Park over Patriot Day Weekend, September 9 and 10, 2011.

Many exciting activities will happen in conjunction with this event, including a 5K run, city wide spelling bee, pie baking contest, backyard BBQ cook-off and the national BBQ cook-off where the winner goes straight to the Best of the Best Invitational in Georgia!

Not only will it be a fun event, funds will go to a great cause. McConnell Air



Force Base has teamed up with the National Bar-B-Que Derby, and profits will go to support our airmen and their families. McConnell personnel will participate

in many of the events - including presenting some exciting performances of their own!

Help us honor our heroes by joining us for this great community event. If you'd like more information, call the Derby Welcome

Center, 788-9003, or email [NationalBarBQueDerby@derbyweb.com](mailto:NationalBarBQueDerby@derbyweb.com).

## Health Collaborative

The Derby Health Collaborative (DHC) is a community effort designed to engage young children and their families in increased physical activity and nutrition awareness.

Here are a few upcoming activities offered by the Derby Recreation Center that are endorsed by the DHC.

### Start Smart Class

Teaches basic motor skills necessary for sports participation in a non-competitive atmosphere for children 3-6 years of age.

Mondays: April 11-May 16  
6:00-7:00 p.m., DRC

### Strong Moms Fitness Class

Designed for pregnant & new mothers.  
Tuesdays: April 11-May 16  
9:00-10:00 a.m., DRC

### Fit Families

Teaches families to work out together in a fun and challenging environment that incorporates a different workout every class.

Tuesday/Thursday: March 29-May 19  
6:00-7:00 p.m., DRC

### ZumbAtomic

Designed for kids ages 4-12 and their parents. These high-energy classes include choreographed, kid friendly routines with fun music.

Wednesdays: March 30-May 18  
4:15-5:00 p.m., Oaklawn Activity Center

For more information on these classes, see the DRC's Spring Program Guide or visit [www.derbyrec.com](http://www.derbyrec.com).



Welcome Center  
788-9003

611 Mulberry Rd. Suite 200  
[www.derbyks.com](http://www.derbyks.com)

## Derby Dash Public Transportation

Available Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
\$2 for a one-way ride and \$4 for a round-trip

Perfect for late start Mondays, trips to the store or doctor's office, or a visit to the Library or Derby Recreation Center.

Call 788-RIDE to schedule your ride today!