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## Tree Lighting Set For November 17

Mark your calendars for the City of Derby's 6th annual tree lighting on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at a new location - the new park property located at Madison Ave. and Derby St. (former site of St. Mary School).

Here's what you can expect at the event:

- Lighting of the City tree
- Live music
- Photos with Santa
- Hot chocolate, cookies, and kettle korn
- Kid's activities and more!

The event is free, and donations for Operation Holiday Derby are encouraged. Please bring one non-perishable food item or toy to donate to families in need who live in the Derby Public School district.

Parking is available in the lots and on side streets. If you have questions, call Amy Akers at 788-0301.



## Visit Santa's Village at the Library

The Derby Public Library and the Derby Arts Council are hosting Santa's Village on December 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove.

Activities will be held throughout the library and photos with Santa will be available from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Kids will have the opportunity to visit Santa's Workshop, the Polar Train Depot and Snack Shop, and to create an ornament, and listen to Christmas stories. The Wichita Train Club will have two large train displays set up for all to enjoy.

Don't forget to bring your cameras for pictures in front of Derby's largest indoor tree. Elves will assist you in snapping the perfect picture for your Christmas card.

Santa's Village is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library website at [www.DerbyLibrary.com](http://www.DerbyLibrary.com) or call 788-0760.

## Go Green This Holiday Season

The Derby Chamber of Commerce is "going green" again this holiday season by encouraging businesses to decorate their buildings and storefronts or windows with green L.E.D. lights. This effort will help businesses stand out during the holiday season, encourage people to keep their "green" in Derby, and save energy (L.E.D. lights use 1/10 the electricity as regular lights).

The City of Derby will decorate several of its city facilities with green lights as well.

Green lights are available for purchase at Dillons, Lowe's, and Wal-Mart (quantities are limited). If you have questions or would like to get involved in this community initiative, contact the Chamber at 788-3421.



Example of L.E.D. lights at the Rock Road waterfall.

## DRC Holiday Events

### ART FAIR

#### DECEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$1.00 admission (under 12 free)

Come see the work of more than 120 local and regional artists and craftsmen specializing in painting, ceramics, sculpture, wood-working, fibers, glass, jewelry, and gourmet foods. Dine at the Wonderland Cafe, get your picture taken with Santa, make a craft in the Kids ArtSpot Make-it Take-it, and enjoy holiday music from local performers. Call the DRC at 788-3781 for information.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

#### DECEMBER 10

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

For ages 2 to 9

\$6.00 early registration/\$7.00 at the door

Santa Claus is coming to town! Breakfast with Santa participants will eat breakfast, make a craft, and get their picture taken with Santa. This event is co-sponsored by the Derby Kiwanis Club.



### SWIMMING WITH SANTA

#### DECEMBER 17

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

For ages 4 to 12

\$4.00 early registration/\$5.00 at the door



Santa will be at the pool to welcome holiday swimmers as they enjoy water play while mom and dad do their last minute shopping. Santa's

helpers will accompany children under eight years of age in the pool.

Milk, cookies and a talk with Santa will finish off an afternoon of fun.



## Community-Wide Chili Cook-Off

Pleasantview Baptist Church is holding its first ever Fall Roundup and Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, November 20 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event will be held in the church auditorium and parking lot at 1335 N. Buckner.

To sign up for the Chili Cook-Off, visit [www.pbcederby.com](http://www.pbcederby.com). The \$10 entry fee is payable the day of the event. Members of the Derby Fire and Rescue Department will serve as judges for the Chili Cook-Off.



The roundup will include a worship rally followed by games, horse rides, chili, hotdogs, and dessert.

The Derby Police Department will have its Ident-A-Kid available and the Derby Fire & Rescue Department will have a fire truck on site.

This event is free and open to the public. If you have questions, please call Jenny Long at 788-3784.

## Operation Holiday Volunteers Needed

Operation Holiday Derby is designed to help those individuals and families in our community in need this holiday season. It takes hundreds of volunteers to accomplish the work of this mission.

Help is needed in a few areas. Please call Carol Jones at 788-6814 or email [operationholidayderby@gmail.com](mailto:operationholidayderby@gmail.com) with dates and times that you are available to help.

### Dates

November 14-18 and December 12  
December 9  
December 10-11  
December 12

### Volunteer Opportunities

Bi-lingual translators (Spanish/English)  
Donation in-take/sort and move food items  
Food shoppers/packers and toy sorting/set-up  
Santa's helpers, client assistance, clean-up

## Winter Wonderland Donations

The City of Derby was presented with a \$5,800 check from the Winter Wonderland Lights Committee at the September 27 City Council meeting.

This donation will go towards the purchase of a gingerbread house for the gingerbread children along the K-15 corridor.

The Winter Wonderland Lights Committee is comprised of Emma Lou Atherly, Sue Nun, Darlene Clark, Sharon Price and Nola Gulliams. This is the second year they've dedicated their time and talents to raise money for holiday decorations.

Community groups are encouraged to help with fundraising efforts in future years. If you're interested in this initiative, please call Theresa Hearn at 788-9815 or email [thearn1@cox.net](mailto:thearn1@cox.net). All funds are held by the Derby Community Foundation.



## Seasonal Reminders

**This is the time of year to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and have your furnace checked to make sure it's running efficiently. Ever wonder what causes the smell when you first turn on your furnace? Dust settled on the heat exchanger over the summer, and when you turn on the unit for the first time it burns off the dust. If you use your fireplace on a regular basis, you might also want to have your chimney checked or cleaned.**

## Christmas Parade

The community Christmas Parade is back, and this year's theme is "Kansas 150th Christmas."

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. The Parade Grand Marshal is Chuck Fields, retired Derby Fire Department volunteer. He will ride in Fire Hose 1.

The parade will start at Panther Stadium, proceed west on Madison to Georgie, south on Georgie to Market, and east on Market back to Panther Stadium.

If you would like to enter a float, contact Cliff Helms at 788-4422. The parade is sponsored by the Derby Optimist Club.



## Chip Site Hours

From November to March, the High Park Chip Site operates during its winter hours. The chip site is located at 2700 E. Madison in the northwest corner of the park.

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday**  
**7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**  
**1st Saturday of the month**  
**8:00 a.m. to noon**

The Chip Site is closed on all city holidays and holiday weekends, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Chip Site accepts tree limbs and branches from Derby residents. Tree limbs should be 10 inches in diameter or smaller.

If you have questions, call Public Works at 788-0301.

## Upcoming Holidays

City offices will be closed on the following days:

**Veterans Day:** November 11

**Thanksgiving:** November 24 and 25

**Christmas:** December 23 and 26

**New Year's:** January 2, 2012