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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 Madison Avenue park property (Madison & Derby, former site of St. Mary School).



- What to expect:
- Photos with Santa by CLIX
 - Hot chocolate, cookies, and kettle korn
 - Music
 - Lighting of the City tree
 - Kid's activities and more!

In other holiday news...

Winter Wonderland

Funds are being raised to purchase new holiday decorations for the city. Fundraising efforts are being led by the Winter Wonderland Lights Committee. The goal for this year is to purchase a gingerbread house for the gingerbread children on K-15.

If you are interested in giving a tax-deductible donation, please send it to the address

Operation Holiday Derby

For 26 years, Operation Holiday Derby has helped many low-income individuals, families, and children needing food assistance during the holidays. It is a volunteer-based program that served more than 1,000 individuals in 2010.

Applicants must live within the Derby Public School district and provide proof of income, family size, address, photo ID, and a social security number for each family member.

Food distribution will be Monday, December 12, 2011 at Woodlawn United Methodist Church. Eligible recipients will be notified of the times to pick up their food.

Registration for this year's program will be held November 14-18 at these locations:

Oaklawn Community Center

2937 E. Oaklawn Drive

Nov. 14	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Derby Recreation Center

801 E. Market

Nov. 16	2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Derby Senior Center

611 Mulberry Rd.

Nov. 14	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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below. If you have questions, contact the Derby Community Foundation at 788-9815.

Donations of any amount can be sent to:

Derby Community Foundation
P.O. Box 372
Derby, KS 67037

Green Lights

The Derby Chamber of Commerce is "going green" again this holiday season by encouraging businesses to decorate their buildings and storefronts with green L.E.D.

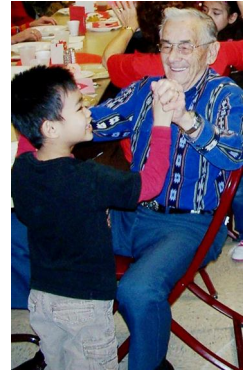
lights. This effort will help businesses stand out during the holiday season, encourage people to keep their "green" in Derby, and save energy (L.E.D. lights use 1/10 the electricity as regular lights).

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

If you have questions or would like to get involved in this community initiative, contact the Chamber at 788-3421.

Senior Center Open House

You're invited to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Derby Senior Activity Center and the center's National Accreditation on Tuesday, October 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 611 Mulberry Rd. The Senior Center



was recognized as the first accredited senior center in Kansas earlier this year.

The event will feature remarks by Shawn Sullivan, Kansas Secretary of Aging; facility tours; and refreshments.

The Derby Senior Center serves as a community resource for seniors and their families. Its mission supports positive aging where educational, physical, and cultural programs enrich the lives of individuals and the community.

If you have questions about this event, please call 788-0223.

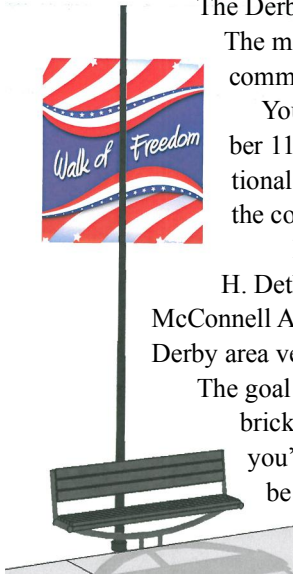
Consumption Junction

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 20 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Derby Chamber of Commerce's annual auction and food fest - Consumption Junction. This event showcases Derby area businesses and local restaurants and will be held at Mattox Arena, 4418 E. 83rd St. South.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Reserve a VIP table of eight for \$200. Call 788-3431 or stop by the Chamber at 611 Mulberry Rd. to get your tickets today!



Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony



The Derby Area Veterans Memorial Walk of Freedom will soon be a reality. The memorial, located at Garrett Park (1100 E. Chet Smith), has been a community dream for several years.

You're invited to attend a Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. The Derby High School Madrigals will sing the National Anthem, the McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard will present the colors, and the Derby Legion Riders will participate in this event.

Former Derby resident and Medal of Honor recipient Major Merlin H. Dethlefsen will be posthumously honored through a presentation by McConnell Air Force Base. Attendees will also hear stories about the nearly 200 Derby area veterans honored with memorial bricks.

The goal is to make this dedication ceremony an annual event as more bricks are added to the memorial. Bricks can be purchased for \$120. If you'd like a brick to be installed for the 2012 dedication, bricks must be purchased by August 1, 2012. Participation forms are available at the Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd., or by contacting Theresa Hearn with the Derby Community Foundation at 788-9815.

Recycling Idea

Have you ever thought about repurposing an empty toothpaste tube? Here are three useful ideas for reusing a cleaned, empty toothpaste tube:

Knife and Scissors Protector

This would be useful for the one-off knives lying in your kitchen drawer (as opposed to the ones in your knife block), and is especially handy if your kitchen drawers are prone to rummaging by little hands. To make your knife or scissors protector, cut off the cap end of your toothpaste tube. Wash and dry the tube completely. Place the open end of the tube over your knife and voilà - instant protection!

Pen Holder

Following the same instructions as above, you can turn a toothpaste tube into a pen holder that works well when tacked to a cork board in your office or a peg board in your garage.

Money Hider

This one gets the prize for most creative. The next time you have a need to hide a wad of cash, clean out an empty toothpaste tube (do not cut the tube - it must stay in tact). Once dry, roll up your bills and insert them into the empty tube and replace the cap. To retrieve your money, you'll need to cut off the end of the tube. This would be useful for travel or keeping a rainy day stash.

www.recyclebank.com

EMS Award

In August, Sedgwick County EMS received the 2011 Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service of the Year Award from the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association.

The award recognizes the high quality out-of-hospital care being delivered in Derby and across the county.

Sedgwick County EMS responds to 156 calls per day countywide and partners with Derby Fire and Rescue to respond to medical emergencies.

High Park Chip Site

The High Park Chip Site will switch to its off-season hours beginning November 1. The site, located at 2700 E. Madison, will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon.

Items accepted at the site include tree trunks/limbs up to 10 inches in diameter. Grass clippings, leaves, and thorny brush are not accepted.

The Chip Site is a service offered to Derby residents only. Free mulch is available for use by residents and may be picked up during regular operating hours.

Project Think Big

The Derby Education Foundation is currently running a fundraising campaign to raise \$50,000 to fund innovative projects for Derby Public School students.

The Derby Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising private funds to support programs within the Derby Public Schools. The Foundation's mission is to generate monies to promote and sustain innovative educational endeavors not otherwise funded by local, state, or federal governments.

The Foundation is asking for \$100 donations. If 500 people were to donate \$100 each the goal could be quickly reached.

To learn more, contact Claudia Peebler at 788-2140 or cpeebler@att.net, or visit www.derbyeducationfoundation.org



Upcoming Holidays

City offices will be closed on the following days:

Veterans Day

Friday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25

Christmas

Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26

New Year's

Monday, January 2, 2012



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