



Derby Horizon



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City Council Approves Strategic Plan

In November 2007, the Derby City Council approved a new Strategic Plan for the City. The plan will serve as a guide for the Governing Body and City staff as Derby continues to grow and develop.

Derby's **VISION** is to be a community where dreams take root and thrive.

Derby's **MISSION** is to create vibrant neighborhoods, nurture a strong business community, and preserve beautiful green spaces.

The Derby community **VALUES:**
Tradition, volunteerism, and partnerships:

The Derby community is built on rich traditions, volunteers who are committed to making Derby a great place to live, and the understanding that by working together as partners, more can be accomplished.

Healthy living:

The Derby community is committed to providing a clean environment, recreational facilities, and opportunities for community engagement.

Education & recreation for all ages:

The Derby community supports our schools, library, and opportunities for continued learning; provides superb recreational and senior facilities, and assists the recreation commission as they bring quality programs to our residents.

Safety and stability:

Derby delivers police, fire, and rescue services to every part of the community. Good planning ensures stability in codes and community standards, as well as quality response to disasters.

Opportunities to thrive:

The City strives to assist residents and businesses in reaching their full potential.

Sustainable growth:

The long-term viability of our city depends on a strong and growing business community that provides the goods and services needed by the community, and thereby provides jobs for residents and tax revenue to support City services.

Civic participation & leadership:

Derby has strong leaders willing to serve on

civic boards and the City Council. As an important component of the Wichita metro area, Derby's leaders also recognize the importance of involvement in the regional community and in the state of Kansas.



Progressive thinking:

Derby's elected and appointed officials join the staff in continually seeking creative ways to enhance the community.

Stewardship of community assets:

Maintaining streets, drainage systems, and all types of community infrastructure is critical to keeping Derby an enjoyable place to live.

Quality services equally available to all:

Derby provides quality services on a fair basis to all residents regardless of where they live or what their situation in life may be.

Professional management of city operations:

City staff approach their work in a professional manner, ensuring that methods used will measure up well to peer review.

Time to Buckle Up

On July 1, 2007, a new law passed by the Kansas Legislature went into effect that states that anyone at least 14 years of age but less than 18 years of age must wear a safety belt at all times while riding as a passenger in a moving vehicle.

From July 1 to December 31, 2007, violators were only issued a warning ticket. Beginning January 1, 2008, anyone violating this law will receive a citation and be fined \$60 including court costs.

This law is a primary law, which means that a law enforcement officer may stop a vehicle based only on a violation of this law.

Exceptions include postal carriers or newspaper carriers engaged in delivery; a passenger with a physician's written statement that the person is unable to wear a safety belt for medical reasons; or children who are otherwise required to be in child restraints.

New Community & Visitor's Guide Available

There is a new marketing piece available that will promote the Derby community to potential new residents and visitors.

The Derby Community & Visitors Guide is available at City buildings, the Library, Chamber of Commerce; DRC and in the USD 260 Administrative Building.



The new brochure complements the community portal website, www.derbyks.com, which was launched in 2007. Both the website and the guide feature a wealth of information aimed at visitors, new residents and even our current residents!

These community marketing projects are a partnership between the City of Derby, Derby Schools, Derby Chamber of Commerce, Derby Recreation Commission and the Derby Community Foundation.

Derby's vision is to be a community where dreams take root and thrive.

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Message from the Manager

How the Strategic Plan Will Guide Us

Everyone knows the Derby community has changed a great deal this past year... new stores and restaurants, street construction, and even a new street sweeper machine out and about cleaning streets! I'm pleased to say that the City Council has also accomplished another big goal that is less visible... it has adopted its first strategic plan since 1995. The new vision, mission, and values are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

In adopting a new strategic plan, the City Council fulfilled its role of setting the direction for where it wants the staff, volunteer boards and commissions, and the Council itself to focus in carrying out their tasks and projects. The vision, mission, and values provide a guiding light for many tough decisions that make up the business of our thriving community.

What does it mean to Derby residents?

It means the community has a bright future, and your elected leaders are committed to building upon our historical strengths to continue developing the city into an even greater place to live, work, and play.

Whenever you are asked by a family member or friend where you live or why you like living in Derby, hopefully, some aspect of the City's vision, mission, or core values will smoothly roll off your tongue.

"Well, cousin George, I'm glad you asked. I live in Derby, where our community values education, recreation for all ages, and pro-



gressive thinking. What do you like about your city?"

So what's next?

This plan will not gather dust on the shelf. It will not only guide the work of City departments, it will be incorporated into our publications, our programs, and indeed our psyches. We are setting goals and budget priorities based on what it will take to achieve our mission. We are committed to creating vibrant neighborhoods, nurturing a strong business community, and preserving beautiful green spaces.

When considering *HOW* to achieve this mission, you might wonder what our priorities will be. Indeed, a priority list not only exists, it is reviewed and updated quarterly both by senior management and then by the governing body - those elected to represent the will of the people of Derby.

The priority list for 2008 projects includes implementing a **performance measurement system** for City services. Last year, measures were developed for each department so that this year data can be tracked and results reported to the public in October.

Another priority is updating the 1999 **Park Master Plan**. Work began in January on this planning process and will continue for several months. Many perspectives will be included in this process, including the school district, recreation commission, Parks & Urban Forestry Board, Planning Commission, City Council, and of course, our staff professionals. If you or your family members use the parks or have ideas for enhancing parks or recreational options, please let me know soon at kathysexton@derbyweb.com.

Developing a **marketing plan**

for the Derby community is a priority too. In 2007, we had a great deal of regional and national exposure for Derby, and we launched a new community portal site www.derbyks.com for learning about the entire Derby community.

Following that up in 2008 was the debut of Derby's booth at the Wichita Area Home Show (Jan. 31-Feb. 3 at Century II) and the launch of our new community brochure, which is a great introduction to Derby for visitors and potential new residents. (If you have visitors coming to town, stop by City Hall and pick up a brochure to share with them.)

These specific marketing efforts will be followed by development of a marketing plan in 2008. As you know, we cannot be content with past awards but must continually invent new ways to market our community to potential residents and visitors.

The fourth priority on our list of 19 priorities is **updating Derby's nuisance ordinances**. We made progress on this issue in 2007 with a comprehensive study of how other comparable cities regulate things like tall grass, bulky waste, and deteriorating privacy fences and with the Council adopting some updates to our ordinances. Phase two of the updates will be completed in 2008.

Because the City of Derby is a full-service municipal corporation, the strategic plan may seem broad. It is supposed to be. Our residents and taxpayers expect a great deal from the city, and they deserve quality services and a progressive community. We are committed to living up to the vision, mission, and values the City Council has set for us.



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City Council

Council Passes 2008 Legislative Agenda

As state legislators convened the 2008 Legislative session, the Derby City Council adopted its 2008 Legislative Agenda. In addition to the priorities of its legislative partners, the City Council prioritized the return of the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) program and passage of a statewide clean indoor air act as items for the local delegation to focus on during the upcoming session.

Legislative agendas are wish lists for legislators, and an effective way for municipalities and other constituent groups to give input to legislators. Throughout the year, City staff tracks legislative activities and maintains communications with legislators as guided by the legislative agenda adopted by the Council.

Issue #1: LAVTR

LAVTR is a revenue-sharing program which was established as a partnership between the state and local governments. Revenue sharing between the State of Kansas and cities and counties dates back to the 1930s.

In 1965, the current LAVTR formula was put into statute as part of a compromise. In that compromise, the old revenue sharing program and the local portion of the cigarette tax were eliminated. In exchange, cities and counties were to receive a

portion of the state sales and compensating use tax which became an important and reliable component of city budgets across the state.

Beginning in 1991, the State of Kansas started "capping" LAVTR dollars and abruptly quit appropriating LAVTR funds altogether by 2003. Since 1991, \$355,645,000 in LAVTR has been taken by the State and not allocated to cities and counties pursuant to KSA 79-2959. LAVTR is a dollar-for-dollar offset of property taxes that represents real property tax relief for all Kansas property taxpayers.

This has dramatically affected the City's last five annual budgets, leaving Derby and its sister cities with far fewer resources to provide services (police, fire, streets, parks, etc.) to its citizens. In dollars and cents, Derby has lost \$385,000 annually, which is equivalent to approximately three mills each year. Derby and its sister cities are asking for legislators to keep the promise made in 2002 to restore LAVTR funding to cities by 2010.

Issue #2: Clean Indoor Air

Secondhand smoke is an imminent threat to public health, causing as many as 65,000 American deaths each year (Source: National Cancer Institute). It is not only a public health hazard, it

is a vocational hazard, especially to the countless young people who rely on work in the hospitality industry. No length of exposure is safe. No amount of exposure is safe.

Government can no longer ignore the responsibility to protect the public from environmental tobacco smoke. In fact, the Kansas Health Policy Authority recommends a statewide indoor smoking ban as good policy for all Kansans. Government is the only entity that can create the level playing field that business owners need to make the smoke-free transition.

Derby has passed its own Clean Indoor Air Ordinance which will go into effect on January 1, 2009. While Derby respects state legislators who honor local control, this is an issue which demands statewide action. Piecemeal passage of local ordinances will not address the widespread health and economic drain of secondhand smoke exposure, nor will it provide a level playing field for businesses. Therefore, Derby asks state legislators to protect public health by joining the 28 other states that have already addressed clean indoor air.

For more information on City of Derby Legislative Relations, visit www.derbyweb.com.

Dream House for the Cure

An unprecedented home-building project to benefit breast cancer patients in Kansas has been launched by KSN Channel 3 and a group of leading Wichita contractors. Nies Homes, New Home Marketing, The Oaks Golf Course Community, Star Lumber & Supply, Fahnestock Heating & Cooling and other companies teamed up



to help KSN with Dream House for the Cure.

The "dream house" will be built in Derby in The Oaks Addition. The Derby City Council waived all associated building fees, which was approximately a \$4,000 value. Every person and business involved will donate materials, time, and human resources to the construc-

tion of a one-of-a kind single-family home.

Proceeds from the sale of the home, estimated at \$450,000, will be donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure™ Mid-Kansas affiliate to fight breast cancer.

The house is scheduled to be completed in September 2008.

To learn more about this project, visit <http://export.ksn.com/dreamhouse/about.html>.

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The Derby City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Meetings are broadcast live on Derby Channel 7.

You may also contact the City Council at (316) 788-3132.

channel 7

City Council Meeting

Live: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Rebroadcast Meetings

Sunday, Wednesday & Friday 2:30 p.m.

Thursday & Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sedgwick County Commission Meeting Rebroadcast

Tuesday & Saturday, Noon

USD 260 Board Meetings

Live: 4th Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Rebroadcast

Friday & Sunday, 7:00 p.m.

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derby library

Location

611 Mulberry Rd. Suite 200
(316) 788-0760
www.derbylibrary.com

Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Senior Center & Public Library

Senior Center Offers Arthritis, Wii Classes

The Derby Senior Center is offering additional classes this year, thanks to Wichita State University intern Ashley Bayer.

The WСУ senior is majoring in exercise science and pre-physical therapy. She is teaching an arthritis exercise class, and supervising the Nintendo Wii sessions, along with taking over duties teaching the strength and weight training class.

Arthritis Class

This class is designed to help seniors with arthritis. Bayer, a certified arthritis instructor, teaches participants how to do

everyday things to deal with arthritis. Learn about range of motion, movement activities, joint

mobility, endurance and overall health education.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$1 per class.

Nintendo Wii

The Senior Center is offering a fun and competitive new Wii class. The entertainment system has

proven popular with both kids and their grandparents.

Games include golf, bowling, boxing, tennis and baseball, among others. But unlike other video game systems, the Wii

makes you get up and take part in the action. You have to swing at the baseball, throw your bowling ball, and hit the golf ball.

Bayer supervises and provides instruction on how to play the Wii games.

These free classes are held on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the Senior Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.



DSAC intern, Ashley Bayer, teaches a strength class to seniors at City Hall.

Brown Bag Check Up

Did you notice a little brown bag in your newsletter? If so, please follow the directions printed on the outside of the bag. The "Brown Bag Check Up" is sponsored by the Derby Senior Center and Public Safety Education Fund.

Derby Library's 50th Anniversary: Come Celebrate With Us

The year 2008 marks a significant milestone for the Derby Public Library. It is the 50th anniversary of the library in the community. This anniversary also coincides with the 50th year for National Library Week. You're invited to celebrate both events with the Derby Library during National Library Week April 13 - 19.

"Every day libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities," said Judy Bennett, Derby Library Director. "At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together to read a local paper, find the latest best-seller, use the Internet to stay in touch with friends and family,

search for a new job, have fun in an after-school program, come to a storytime, or get a tax form."

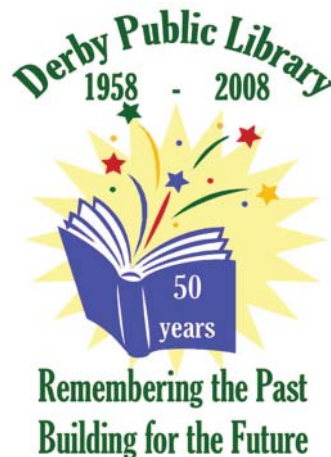
During National Library Week, the library will have promotional giveaways and a drawing each day for a 50th Anniversary commemorative library bag. Enjoy refreshments during your visit Monday thru Friday of the week of celebration.

On Tuesday, April 15, the Library will host a book discussion and movie viewing as part of Kansas Reads 2008 - *In Cold*

Blood by Truman Capote. A limited number of books will be available at the library for those who want to participate in the book discussion. Contact the Library at 788-0760 for details.

Other activities planned for the Derby Library 50th Anniversary include a contest to design a new logo for the library and a family sock hop in September.

Additional information on these events will be available soon. Visit www.derbylibrary.com to learn more.



Community Development

Hotel Update

Work toward the city's first hotel is continuing. The process of developing the bond documents for the Industrial Revenue Bond issue and creation of an agreement concerning the Guest Tax Rebate are both underway.

Final approval by the City Council is expected soon.

Developer Raju Sheth is pursuing franchise opportunities with both Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express. A final decision is expected by this Spring.

The process is on target to begin construction during the summer of 2008, with an anticipated opening date of March 2009.

The three-story building will have between 55 and 60 rooms and will feature amenities like an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, business center and a combination breakfast/meeting room space to accommodate about 35 people.

The hotel will be located on the west side of Rock Road, halfway between Patriot Ave. and Tall Tree Rd.

New Minimum Housing Code

The Derby City Council adopted new regulations to address housing standards. The new housing standards address maintenance requirements for all residential properties.

A residential dwelling may be deemed "substandard" if there is evidence of: inadequate garbage and rubbish storage and removal; infestation by insects, vermin or rodents; lack of or inadequate bathroom lavatory, flush toilet, washbowl, tub or shower, kitchen sink or water heater; lack of or inadequate plumbing fixtures; or lack of proper connection to a septic system or the City's sewer system.

A dwelling may also be deemed to be "substandard" if there is evidence of structural deficiencies in the foundation, walls, flooring or flooring supports, ceilings, roofs or roof supports, or fireplaces or chimneys. Deficiencies include defective materials or deterioration, or the inability of the structural member to carry the imposed

loads with safety. Broken windows and doors are also a violation.

All dwellings are required to have properly functioning heating equipment, smoke detectors, and electrical equipment and wiring. The City's building official, code enforcement officers, and law enforcement officers have the authority to cite an owner whose property is in ill-repair. Violations will be processed through Municipal Court and are punishable by a fine up to \$500, imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

Proper maintenance of all property, whether rental or owner-occupied, will result in stable property values, which are a benefit for neighborhoods and the entire city.

If you have questions regarding the Minimum Housing Code, contact the Community Development Department at 316-788-6632, or visit www.derbyweb.com.



Newberry Serves as New City Planner

Derby's new City Planner, Bud Newberry, assumed his duties in December 2007. He takes the place of Don Losew, who retired in September 2007.



In addition to planning and zoning administration, Newberry's duties include supervision of the Code Enforcement and Wastewater Divisions of the Community Development Department.

Newberry most recently served as the City Manager of Ulysses, Kan., after stints in

Elkhart, Kan., and Clinton, Okla.

Newberry was born and raised in Garden City. Prior to his career in public administration, Newberry worked in residential, commercial and industrial construction in Oklahoma and Kansas for 20 years.

"I am really happy to be working for the City of Derby," said Newberry. "I have felt very welcome by city employees."

Newberry has always had an interest in the planning and zoning aspect of construction, but has never had the opportunity to work directly in either field. He found the opportunity to work in Derby to be one he couldn't pass up.

Rock Road Update

Construction is progressing well. Work is underway on the east side of Rock Road between Meadowlark Blvd. and Patriot Ave.

The contractor is grading and placing reinforced rock base on the road and working on modifications to the intersection at Meadowlark for the installation of permanent traffic signals.

The newly constructed pavement on the west side of Rock Road provides for left turns at most locations. The traffic signal at Meadowlark is programmed to provide for left turns in all directions.

For more information, visit www.derbyweb.com/rock-road-construction.cfm.

development update

Derby Marketplace

Building plans for Dillons Marketplace have been submitted and reviewed by the City's building inspector.

Target's construction began in January.

Site plan review by the Planning Commission is complete for two additional buildings in Derby Marketplace. Site plan review is underway for a free-standing building at the southeast corner of Rock Road and Tall Tree.

Goodwill Store

Goodwill Industries announced that it will build a retail store and training center just west of Applebee's.

Grene Vision Group

Grene Vision is relocating to the Spring Creek Plaza shopping center at Rock Road and Madison.

McDonald's

The McDonald's on K-15 has been demolished and a new building is now under construction.

Quik Trip

Construction has begun on the Quik Trip at Rock Road and Patriot Ave.

Roof Replacement

The former site of Best Cleaners at Madison Ave. and Derby St. is undergoing structural roof replacement.

Wal-Mart Remodel

Wal-Mart has submitted site plans to remodel the Tire and Lube Express area.

WSU South Campus

The interior remodeling for the facility is complete. The building facade is being replaced as part of the Town Center Shopping Center project. Classes at the new site began in January.

commitment to service

In order to serve the community to the best of our abilities, the Derby Police Department wants to hear what we are doing right, and what we might be doing poorly.

Part of the Police Department's mission states that, "our mission is...to protect life and property, assure the preservation of human rights, and enhance the quality of life within the community through leadership, education and cooperation."

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for making sure the personnel of the police department make this a living statement.

If for any reason you feel like there was some kind of wrong doing on the part of the Derby Police Department, please contact Lt. Tim Brant at 788-1557 or timbrant@derbyweb.com. You can also visit www.derbyweb.com to fill out an online Citizen Complaint Form.

All submissions will be investigated by the Professional Standards Unit.

Sparky the Fire Dog says:

Please remember to store all flammable liquids, including gasoline and other household cleaners, in approved containers in your garage or shed. Don't bring or use gasoline indoors, and use as motor fuel only. Put the approved lid for the container back on after using. If gasoline or any flammable liquid is spilled inside, ventilate immediately. Any toxic or flammable liquids used inside the home should be in an area out of reach of children and away from possible open flame.



Public Safety

Ways to Avoid Identity Theft

In the course of a day, you may write a check at the dry cleaners, charge tickets for a movie, reserve a hotel room, mail your bills, call your doctor, order new checks, or apply for a bank loan. Chances are you don't give these transactions a second thought.

In the 1990s, a crime called "identity theft" began occurring. This type of theft is successful due to everyday transactions that require you to share personal information such as bank and credit card account numbers; social security numbers; and name, address and telephone number. An identity thief steals one or more pieces of your personal information and uses it to commit fraud or theft. A common tactic is to use your personal information to open a credit card in your name and without your knowledge.

An estimated 500,000 Americans have their identities stolen each year. According to the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse,

which works with identity theft victims, it takes a victim an average of two years to clear his or her credit rating.

It is not entirely possible to prevent an identity theft from occurring if someone is determined to commit the crime. But, you can minimize your risk of being a victim by managing your personal information with greater awareness. Here are tips for dealing with your personal information:

- Shred credit card applications, receipts, bank and billing statements.
- Avoid using or giving your social security number unless it is absolutely necessary – use other identifiers.
- Pay attention to billing cycles and save ATM and credit card receipts to check against your statements.
- Guard your mail from theft by putting it in a secured mail box.
- Put passwords on credit card,

bank and personal accounts.

- Don't give personal information over the phone unless you initiate the call.
- Don't carry your Social Security card and limit the number of credit cards you carry.
- Don't open links you receive in a suspicious email - delete immediately.
- Do not respond to email asking to validate or provide personal information – financial institutions and other companies do not send emails asking for account information.
- Never click on unsolicited pop-up ads online.
- Avoid putting your e-mail address on public web pages.
- Keep virus software and patches up to date.
- Never forward chain letters or virus warnings.

For more information on avoiding and reporting identity theft, visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

Free Smoke Detector Program Offered to Residents

To ensure that all Derby residents have early warning in case of a fire in their residence, the Derby Fire & Rescue Department offers this program to all residents to provide them with free installation of a smoke detector for each level of their home.

Fire Department personnel

will come to your home and install smoke detectors where they are needed. The smoke detector and service are provided free of charge by the City of Derby.

An estimated 20% of U.S. homes do not have working smoke detectors. In nearly all of these homes the reason for smoke detectors not working

properly is due to dead or missing batteries. Nearly one-third of residential fires and two-fifths of residential fire fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms.

For more information or to have a smoke detector installed, call the Derby Fire & Rescue Department at 788-5819.

Building Inspections Begin Soon

The Derby Fire & Rescue Department is beginning its annual business inspection process. The goal is to prevent fire damage to businesses and neighbors.

In 2006, the department took on the task of commercial building inspections.

When inspecting businesses, some of the fire safety code

violations that firefighters look for are electrical wiring, fire extinguishers, exit signs, emergency lighting and storage.

For more information on building inspections, call the Derby Fire & Rescue Department at 788-5819 or visit www.derbyweb.com.

Coming in 2008

The City of Derby plans to hire four new firefighters this year. The additional staffing will provide for improved fire and EMS response times.

The goal is to have Fire Station No. 1 and Fire Station No. 2 staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Public Works & Parks

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

The City of Derby, Derby Recreation Commission and USD 260 School District are

working together on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. The plan is a tool the City uses to determine its long- and short-term recreational goals.

This includes programming, facilities, and land needed to support the desires of the community.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is not just a plan for City government. There is

a valued partnership between the City, DRC and USD 260. All three entities work together to

provide programming and facilities for the community as a whole. Collaborating on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan ensures that our resources

are being used wisely and for the benefit of all residents.

The City hired PROS Consulting to assist with the plan update. The benefit the City receives from the consultant process is that information is gathered from

many different sources, which creates a community point of view towards recreation. It is important that we look at the many types of users of our park and recreation system and provide amenities which benefit the city as a whole.

Derby must begin to look at the future of its park system. As the city grows, the need for recreational programs and facilities increase. This plan will direct our spending and determine our goals for the future.

The plan is expected to be completed by April 2008 and will be available to the public. Visit www.derbyweb.com/parks-recreation-master-plan/home.cfm to learn more.



Members of the Steering Committee discuss options at Crane Park.

Re-Thinking Buckner Street

Residents who frequently travel on Buckner Street (from K-15 north to Meadowlark), know that the roadway needs some work. The City of Derby is in the process of determining the extent of future reconstruction of the roadway.

Reconstruction of the street is in the 2008 capital improvement program, and the engineering firm of Ruggles & Bohm was hired to develop several design options for how the street could better meet the heavy traffic demands and the needs of the neighborhood.

Options might include expansion of the street to four lanes (rather than the current two lanes) or expansion to three lanes (including a center turn lane). Future land use of the properties along the east side of Buckner will be taken into consideration with the design.

Currently, this area of the city is unique in that the property west of Buckner is commercial and the property east of Buckner is residential. If the zoning were changed to neighborhood business or office uses, the owners of the homes on the east side

of Buckner could maintain the residential usage or convert the buildings to small business uses like professional offices, insurance offices, alteration shops, or hair salons.

Public meetings are planned for late February to present the options for Buckner and to hear from property owners affected as well as other members of the public. Invitations will be mailed directly to adjacent property owners, and the public is invited to attend. Visit www.derbyweb.com for future updates.

2008 Garden Tour

The 2nd Annual Garden Tour is set for Saturday, May 31. Last year, the Garden Tour drew more than 700 participants.

Plans include six Derby homes showcasing their do-it-yourself gardens or professionally designed gardens. Features range from Koi Ponds and Asian

themes to native prairie grasses.

Tickets will be available for \$1 per garden or \$5 for all six gardens at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd., and other locations to be announced at a later date.

If you would like to feature your garden or volunteer to help with this fun community event,

contact Robert Mendoza, Director of Public Works & Parks, at 788-0301 or robertmendoza@derbyweb.com.

The Garden Tour is sponsored by the Derby Parks and Urban Forestry Board. For more information, visit www.derbyweb.com.

upcoming events

Chip Site Hours Extended

Beginning in March, the Chip Site, located at High Park, 2700 E. Madison, will be open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. (From November through February, the Chip Site is only open on the first Saturday of the month). Weekday hours are from 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Storm Spotter Training

Monday, March 10
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Derby Police Department
229 N. Baltimore
Sponsored by Sedgwick County Emergency Management
Free and open to the public

USD 260 Spring Break

March 17-21

Arbor Day Celebration

April 2008 (date TBD)
High Park, 2700 E. Madison

Rock River Rapids

Opening Day
Monday, May 26
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Derby Days

May 29, 30, 31 and June 1
Derby High School
920 N. Rock Rd.
www.derbydaysks.com

Garden Tour

Saturday, May 31

Crime Stoppers of Derby Annual Garage Sale

Date TBA
Contact Fred Wilken at 788-1705 for more information.

city meetings

ADA Advisory Board

1st Monday @ 4 p.m., City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals

case-by-case basis

Thursdays @ 7 p.m, City Hall

City Council

2nd/4th Tuesdays @ 7 p.m, City Hall

Construction Trades Board

case-by-case basis on Tuesdays,
City Hall

Economic Development Board

3rd Monday @ 5:30 p.m., City Hall

El Paso Water Company Board

4th Tuesday following the City Council
meeting

Library Board

4th Wednesday @ 7 p.m., Derby Library

Ordinance Review Advisory Board

3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m., City Hall

Parks & Urban Forestry Board

2nd Thursday @ 11 a.m, City Hall

Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7 p.m, City Hall

Senior Center Advisory Board

1st Wednesday @ 1 p.m., Senior Center

News Briefs

Library Construction Update

In October 2007, Derby voters approved the construction of a new public library. The library will be financed using a half-cent sales tax, which will begin after the aquatic park half-cent sales tax ends, which will likely be in 2010.

The official groundbreaking will be this summer. The Library Steering Committee is working with architects at Gossen Livingston to finalize the details of the new library design. The committee discussed access issues and how the various spaces will be used (gathering space/ lobby, community meeting room, restrooms and library rooms). The Committee established the style to be used for the facility, such as ceilings, color schemes, furniture, etc.

The programming/concept design phase is complete, and schematic phase is underway. This will be followed by construction documents.

In February, zoning and permitting issues will go to the Planning Commission.

Steering Committee Members:

Ted Austin, Director of Operations, City of Derby; Dion Avello, Mayor; Cheryl Bannon, Ward III Council Member; Judy Bennett, Library

Director; Frank Fanning, Library Board Chair; Sheila Korphage, Assistant to the Library Director; Kathy Sexton, City Manager; Debbie Thomas, Library User Support Services Coordinator; Linda Wood, Library Board Vice-Chair.

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Derby's mission is to create vibrant neighborhoods, nurture a strong business community, and preserve beautiful green spaces.

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