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Hampton Inn Approved For Derby

Hampton Inn is coming to Derby! Raju Sheth, hotel developer, has successfully negotiated an agreement with Hilton Hotels to open a Hampton Inn near Rock Road and Patriot Avenue.

Final approval of the bond documents went before the City Council at its May 13 meeting. The Planning Commission is expected to review the site plan at its May 15 meeting.

Construction is set to begin this summer, with a projected opening date of May 2009.



“We look forward to a ground breaking for this project in the coming months,” said Allison Moeding, Economic Development Director.

The three-story building will have 62 rooms, including six suites, and will feature amenities like an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, business center and a combination

breakfast/meeting room space to accommodate about 60 people.

Derby Days 2008

Derby Days is scheduled for May 30, 31 and June 1. This year is the 30th anniversary of this entertaining community festival.



Event Schedule

Thursday, May 29

Ottawa Carnival - open at 6 p.m.

Friday, May 30

Ottawa Carnival - open at 6 p.m.

Derby Days Parade - 6:30 p.m.

Music by Seasons Diminished

Music by Show at the Ballroom (Band times TBA)

Saturday, May 31

Ottawa Carnival - open at 9 a.m.

ShopFest - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (New event combining the Business Fair and Craft Fair)

KidFest - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library Groundbreaking Event, 10 a.m. to Noon, Walnut Grove and Sumac

Sunday, June 1

Parade of Breeds & Dog Show - 12:30 p.m.

Ottawa Carnival - open at 1 p.m.

Music by The Benders - 2:30 p.m.

Sporting Events

Derby Days Softball Tournament

Dodge Ball Tournament

The Derby Days Golf Tournament will be held on June 7 at Hidden Lakes Golf Course. Register for tournaments through the Derby Recreation Commission.

For a complete list of events, visit

www.derbydaysks.com.

If you would like to volunteer during the event, please contact Doris Queen or Judy Roberts at 788-1519. Volunteer duties include selling buttons, working at the information booth, directing traffic and performing light maintenance duties.

Knebel Hired as Assistant City Manager

In April 2008 Stephanie Knebel began working as the new Assistant City Manager. She directs municipal court services, senior services, and the public information division; manages legislative relations and performance measurement; oversees community programming and two advisory boards; and serves as acting city manager as needed.



Knebel previously served as the Manager of Project Services for Sedgwick County, where she managed major facility projects like the Intrust Bank Arena and the National Center for Aviation Training at Jabara Airport,

as well as smaller facility remodels and leases. She began her employment with Sedgwick County in 1992.

Knebel is an active member of the International City/County Management Association and the Kansas Association of City/County Managers.

“I am thrilled about the opportunity to be a part of the Derby community and look forward to working with the professional staff and elected leaders,” said Knebel.

Knebel earned her bachelor of arts in political science at Fort Hays State University, and earned a Master of Public Administration at Wichita State University.

The position was vacated in January by Mandy Wagner, who accepted a position in Topeka with the Kansas Health Policy Authority. More than 50 applications were received.

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Message from the Manager

Taxes in Derby Among Lowest

A part of Derby's history is that over the decades, many people have moved to Derby for our good schools, low property taxes, and great proximity to major employers in the metro area. Others came for our reputation for quality housing, low crime, and top-notch recreation.



Our schools are still good, as are our location and public services, but what about our tax rates?

A comparison of the total property tax rates (including city, school, county, and special district taxes) in the 20 cities in Sedgwick County plus Newton, Andover, and Rose Hill (just outside of the county but in the Wichita metro area) shows that

Derby ranks eighth in lowest taxes in the 23 cities compared.

Derby's 2007 rate of taxation (mill levy) was 133 mills, which is much lower than Andover, Rose Hill, and Haysville. As noted in the list to the right, our tax rate is less than Mulvane, Maize, Bel Aire, and many other cities.

Of course, taxes pay for public services. Each city could also be compared by its quality of streets, parks & recreation, schools, and other services that add value to our lives. Obviously, such a comparison would be subjective, and results would be somewhat "in the eye of the beholder."

Visitors to our city are often impressed by the visual appearance, including the tree-lined bike paths, the quaint waterfall on Rock Road, and the impressive Panther Stadium. The people of Derby get great value from the taxes we pay.

2007 Property Tax Mill Levy

(ranked lowest to highest)

1. Wichita	118
2. Colwich	119
3. Sedgwick	124
4. Goddard	126
5. Newton	126
6. Kechi	130
7. Viola	132
8. Derby	133
9. Mt. Hope	135
10. Bel Aire	138
11. Clearwater	138
12. Mulvane	138
13. Valley Center	139
14. Park City	141
15. Eastborough	147
16. Cheney	148
17. Andale	148
18. Bentley	148
19. Maize	149
20. Andover	151
21. Garden Plain	154
22. Haysville	158
23. Rose Hill	163

Newsletter Update

There are several changes to the Horizon newsletter that the City of Derby would like residents to know about.

First change: This newsletter is now being printed on recycled paper. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, the City of Derby is emphasizing recycling and the use of recycled products. The cost of the paper is slightly higher, but the City believes it's worth the long-term investment.

Second change: There will not be a newsletter in August. The next Horizon newsletter should hit your mailboxes in early November. With rising postage and

printing costs, the City is always looking for ways to decrease costs. Reducing the number of newsletters reduces costs and ensures each issue is full of current and helpful information about the city.

The City views the newsletter as an important tool to get news to residents, but has decided to send out only three newsletters per year rather than four.

If you have comments or questions regarding the Horizon newsletter, please contact Public Information Officer, Kristy Bansemmer, at 788-1519 or via e-mail, kristybansemmer@derbyweb.com.

Arbor Day Fun



Sprig the Squirrel helps Dr. Jason Griffin plant a tree at High Park during the City's Arbor Day Celebration on April 25.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

When you're finished reading your Horizon newsletter, please share it with a friend, take it to a doctor's office or recycle it.

New Fence Regulations

In March 2008, the Derby City Council approved new regulations for fence construction in the city. All fence construction (both new fences and replacements) now require a \$25 permit.

For wood privacy fences, cross-bracing and posts will no longer be allowed to be visible from the public street. The "finished" side of the privacy fence should face the street. Fences facing a public street may be constructed with boards on both the exterior and interior of the supports in an alternating pattern, commonly referred to as a "shadow box" fence.

Code Enforcement personnel continue to have the authority to cite homeowners whose fences are hazardous or in ill-repair, so residents are encouraged to periodically inspect and repair fences as needed.

The ordinance amendments will result in a more aesthetically pleasing appearance along public streets and allow City staff to effectively address violations that threaten public health or safety.

Questions concerning fence construction issues can be directed to Code Enforcement by calling 788-6632.

Microloan Program Targets Small Business Owners

Small business owners, listen up! The Sedgwick County Microloan Program has immediate funds available for qualified projects. This popular loan program offers funds to small business owners who are in the low- to moderate-income category and are seeking resources to start a new business or to expand an existing one.

By definition, micro-loans are small. The maximum loan amount is \$15,000. However, micro-loans are often supplemented with funds from other

Council Passes Rain Sensor Ordinance

At its April 8 meeting, the City Council passed a new ordinance requiring mandatory use of rain sensors in automatic irrigation systems in Derby.

Beginning May 24, 2008, rain sensors will be required for all new residential and commercial irrigations systems. Residents who already have automatic irrigation systems (both well and city water) will be required to be in compliance with the law by July 1, 2009.

What's a rain sensor?

A rain sensor is an electronic device that measures rainfall and interrupts the irrigation cycle. The sensor turns off automatic irrigation systems when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen. Sensors are mounted above ground in an open area outdoors in a location well-suited for gauging rain. According to the ordinance, rain sensors should be set to turn off the automatic irrigation system when 1/2 inch or more rain has fallen (although residents can adjust it to a lower setting).

Why is this being required?

economic development programs depending on the borrower and the project itself. The business can be located in Derby or any other place in Sedgwick County except in the city of Wichita.

Since most small business owners have to wear many different hats, the Micro-loan Program offers a wide range of technical assistance to borrowers. To give you the tools for success, help is available in this program with accounting, payroll, marketing, advertising, inventory

As a public water supplier, the City of Derby is making water conservation a priority. Water is an increasingly valuable commodity that should not be wasted.

The City of Derby and the El Paso Water Company encourage residents and business owners to conserve water whenever possible.

Where can I buy a rain sensor?

Rain sensors can be found at most area garden centers. You may also research the different products available online. If you use a landscaping company, you may also ask them for assistance.

How much do they cost?

Rain sensors generally cost between \$20 and \$60. Installation can be performed either by the property owner or by engaging the services of a sprinkler system service provider. You may choose between a wireless or hard-wired rain sensor.

If you have questions, please call the El Paso Water Company at 788-1424.



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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:

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

Upcoming Events at the Senior Center

Senior Health & Fitness

Get ready for the 5K at Botanica! Setting a goal can be a great motivator for starting a walking routine. What better goal can you have than joining friends in a springtime walk through a lovely park, followed by a party with plenty of food and music? The 5K course (3.1 miles) begins in the beautiful gardens of Wichita's Botanica, winds through Sim Park, and ends at Botanica where the party begins! Sign up at the Senior Center by May 23.

Wednesday, May 28

Depart from the Derby Recreation Center at 4:30 p.m.

\$23.00 per person

Discover Topeka

Learn the fascinating story of John Steuart Curry's murals, see the spectacular chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and gaze upward to view the marble and glass panels

of the dramatic capitol dome.

We will also visit Topeka's First Presbyterian Church, the site of a unique and breath-taking presentation of 10 Tiffany windows installed in 1911. This church is one of the few churches in the nation to have its sanctuary decorated exclusively with Tiffany stained glass windows.

Lunch will be at a 1927 brick dairy barn converted into a delightful bed and breakfast. After a relaxing lunch, we will relish the aroma and beauty of a lavender farm where we will learn about the lavender fields, enjoy a walk, see demonstrations, sample foods made from lavender, take home fresh cut flowers, or purchase lavender products.

Thursday, June 12

Depart from the Derby Recreation Center at 7:00 a.m.

\$47.00 per person

Catch the Reading Bug at the Derby Library

"Catch the Reading Bug" at the Derby Library this summer. The summer reading program begins May 27 and runs through July 18. Participants may pre-register at the library web site, www.derbylibrary.com, beginning on May 1. Registration begins May 27 during library hours.

The "Catch the Reading Bug" program is open to all children from infancy through 5th grade. Registered participants can pick up their book bag, reading log and prize when they visit the library between May 27 and July 3. Children who read (or are read to) for a total of 10½ hours and complete their reading log will receive a book, certificate, and an invitation to the Summer Reading Fun Fest to be held July 19 at Rock River Rapids.

"Metamorphosis @ your Library" is the teen reading program open to all students who have completed 5th grade or beyond. Completed reading logs for both reading programs must be turned in to the Library by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18.

The Derby Library will have a variety of storytimes and special programs for different age groups. Storytellers, magicians, a yo-yo champion, and musicians will provide entertainment throughout June and July. Visit the library to pick up a complete schedule of summer activities or visit the library web site. All events are free and open to the public. Some programs have limited seating and require advance registration.

Biggest Loser Results

The Senior Center's Biggest Loser 8-week program began March 3 with an initial weigh-in and measurements. The program had 39 participants with a total weight loss of 197 pounds.

The group met for a weekly meeting, weigh in and blood pressure checks. Participants took five field trips during the program including healthy dining and a workout at WSU.

Winners were determined by the most body fat percentage lost.

Top 3 Winners:

1st place - Pat Kimrey: One-night stay and dinner for two at the Wichita Hyatt Regency
2nd place - Jean Berg: \$50 American Express Card
3rd place - Judy McKee: One-hour massage from Health & Serenity Massage Therapy

Come Celebrate With Us: Library Groundbreaking

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Derby Public Library will be held Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the corner of Walnut Grove and Sumac. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a fun-filled morning.

Following the ceremony, Radio Disney will provide music, games and prizes from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Renderings of the new library building will be on display. Refreshments will also be provided.

Bring the whole family and celebrate the new library being built for our community.

Community Development

development update

New Housing Options Abound in Derby

Many people, including Derby residents, may not be aware of all the new housing options available in Derby. This article provides a brief overview of the neighborhoods that are currently being developed.

Most developments have model homes and/or spec homes available. Refer to the map to see the approximate location. Numbers have been assigned to each development.

New homes in Derby range from \$110,000 to over \$300,000. In **The Brooks at Stone Creek (#6)**, homes range from \$110,000 to \$150,000. Another Stone Creek Development, **Parkside (#7)**, offers homes from \$155,000 to \$250,000.

The **Springcreek Addition (#4)**, located at the southeast corner of Rock Road and Madison, offers homes in the \$140,000 to \$200,000 range. **Bel Arbor/Ashborough (#1)**, located east of Rock Road between Madison and James, offers new home living between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

A new addition springing up this summer, the **Tall Tree Addition (#13)**, will be located behind Derby Marketplace at Rock Rd. and Tall Tree. Homes will be offered in the \$160,000

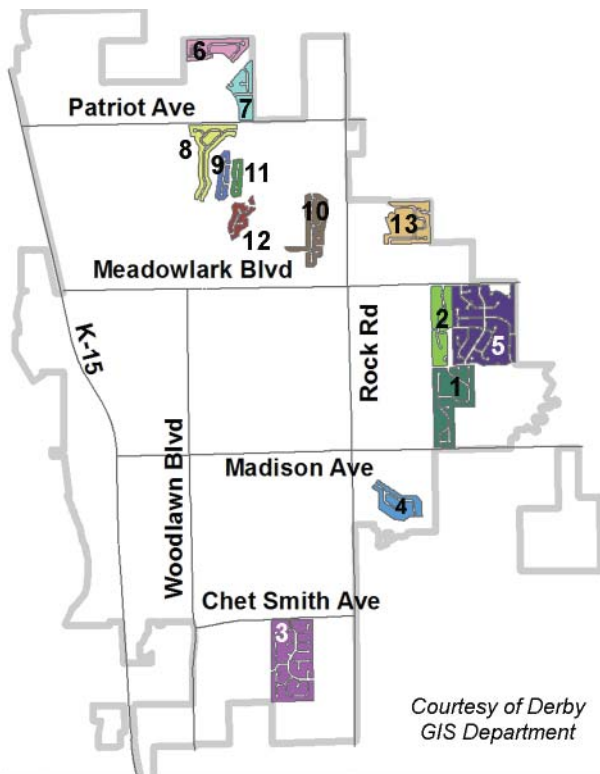
One of the newest developments in town, The Oaks, has several neighborhoods to choose from. Homes are located on the southwest corner of Rock Rd. and Patriot Ave. **Crooked Creek (#8)** offers

homes for \$275,000 and up. **Longview (#9)** offers homes for \$200,000 and up. **Morningside (#10)** features homes ranging from \$170,000 to \$250,000. **Sawgrass (#11)** has maintenance-free patio home options for \$250,000 and up. And **Waters Edge (#12)** will have homes available in Summer 2008 for \$350,000 and up.

Senior housing has also been a hot topic, and **The Reserve at Hamilton Estates (#2)** is in the works. Located 1/2 mile east of Rock Road

off Meadowlark, this development offers senior housing for \$180,000 and up and single family housing for \$175,000 and up. Lots will be available Fall 2008.

More information on the developments can be found at www.derbyweb.com/finding-a-home.cfm.



Courtesy of Derby GIS Department

to \$250,000 range. **Park Hill (#3)**, located off Chet Smith just west of Rock Road, has homes ranging from \$160,000 to \$250,000. **Spring Ridge (#5)**, located behind Derby Marketplace off Meadowlark has homes in the \$140,000 to \$200,000 range.

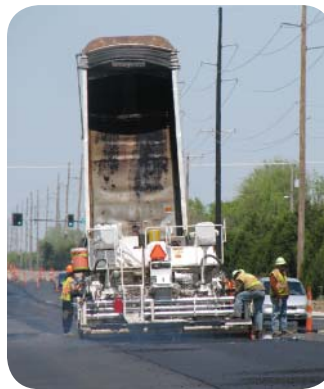
Rock Road Construction Progresses

Work continues on Rock Road. This spring, the contractor switched traffic to construct the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Meadowlark and Rock Road and has completed milling and resurfacing.

As of this writing, traffic signals were planned to be installed, and pavement markings (paint) were

in the process. All lanes of traffic will soon be open, although temporary closures will occur as sidewalks are constructed and storm sewer work is completed.

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



On May 2, Equity Ventures Commercial Development announced a list of businesses for the Derby Marketplace addition located at Rock Road and Meadowlark.

- Alltel Wireless
- At the Beach Tanning Salon
- Capitol Federal
- Dillons Marketplace
- Dress Barn
- Eric Fisher Salon
- Famous Footwear
- Goin' Postal
- Great Clips
- Hibbitt Sports
- Maurices
- Petco
- Specs Eyewear
- Sport Clips
- Target
- Verizon Wireless

More than 90 tenants are anticipated in the 600,000 square foot development. A broad range of restaurants and retailers have expressed interest in the development. The tenants range from junior anchors (such as Petco) to small shop users in a variety of categories, including soft goods/fashion apparel, office supplies, electronics, arts & crafts, beauty supply/services, home furnishings, book store, ice cream, cafe/breakfast oriented concepts, quick serve/fast casual restaurants, full services sit-down restaurants, fast food users and an upscale sports bar and grill.

Equity Ventures Commercial Development is planning an October 12, 2008 grand opening. The company anticipates over 370,000 square feet of shopping and dining options upon opening with additional tenants opening later in 2008 and throughout 2009.

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assaulting another or is physically resisting arrest. Every time a TASER is used, a "Use of Force" report is prepared and the event is reviewed to ensure proper policy and procedure was followed.

Chemical sprays, such as mace, are indiscriminate because it is impossible to control sprays. Innocent bystanders are often affected by mace. TASERs only affect the person being administered the charge.

The TASER may not be a perfect tool, but in my 30 years of experience I believe it is the most effective and safest non-lethal tool available. If you have questions about TASERs or their use by Derby police officers, please contact me at 788-1557 or jayreyes@derbyweb.com. If your civic group would be interested in receiving a briefing on the TASER, please contact me to schedule a time.

Sparky the Fire Dog says:

Follow these fireworks safety tips this 4th of July:

- Read and follow label instructions.
- Make sure an adult is present when shooting fireworks.
- Have a water source close by.
- Never try to light a "dud." Wait 15-20 minutes and then soak it in water.
- Light one firework at a time.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of all fireworks properly by soaking them in water.
- Don't throw or point fireworks at others.
- Don't shoot fireworks in glass or metal containers.



Public Safety

TASERs Better Than Alternatives - by Jay Reyes, Police Chief

TASER! TASER! TASER! Three words I can guarantee you don't want to hear, especially if they are directed at you. Why? Because those are the warning words that police officers shout prior to firing their TASERs. Having experienced the effect of a TASER, I can attest to its incapacitating effectiveness.

TASER is the commercial name for the non-lethal weapon in a police officer's inventory of defenses. Research on the TASER began in 1966 by NASA scientist Jack Cover. He discovered that direct current in short pulses was non-lethal, but had a profound physiological and psychological effect on humans and animals. An avid reader of Tom Swift comics, Cover named his invention T.A.S.E.R. a tribute to "Thomas A. Swift's Electronic Rifle."

Today's TASER is a conducted energy device that disrupts the sensory and motor functions of the central nervous system. Shaped like a handgun, the TASER fires two dart-like probes that

remain connected to the weapon by thin wires. The probes are propelled by non-flammable nitrogen gas at a speed of 1,800 feet per second. The TASER emits a five-second charge when the trigger is pulled. TASERs are equipped with an activation management system that stores the time, date, number and length of activation.

A jolt from a TASER is painful and induces uncontrollable muscle contractions. Amazingly, though, for as painful as the jolt and resulting muscle contractions are, when the energy source stops so does the pain. Contrary to urban legend, there is no residual electricity or pain associated with a jolt from a TASER. Because TASERs induce involuntary muscle contractions that typically cause a person to tense up and fall to the ground, secondary injuries resulting from the fall sometimes occur.

When I began my career in law enforcement, officers used wooden night sticks. This tool was an officer's primary non-le-

thal defense. In some cases when the presence of a police officer wielding a night stick failed to deter an aggressive behavior, the night stick often proved effective at inflicting bruises, cuts and in some cases broken bones. The TASER is not a perfect tool, but having endured the effects of a "big stick" and a TASER, I would choose the TASER because when the engagement is over, the pain is over.

Thanks to supportive elected officials, the City has School Resource Officers (SROs) in the middle and high schools. The officers not only watch over and protect our most precious resource, your children, SROs function as counselors, teachers and police officers. They are armed and carry a TASER. Before TASERs were carried in the schools, educational presentations were made to school officials and parents.

TASERs are used to subdue someone who is physically

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Fire & Rescue Department Increases Staffing

In April, the City of Derby received notification that it received a SAFER Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. (SAFER stands for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response).

This grant will assist with the hiring of an additional four firefighters, which will in turn create full-time staffing at Fire Station No. 1 and Fire Station No. 2. Hiring of the new firefighters will begin this summer.

The approved project costs total \$825,106, with a federal share of \$396,853. Grant funding will be spread out over four years, decreasing in percentage each year.

"With the additional personnel that the SAFER grant will assist in providing, Derby Fire &

Rescue can provide even better services to residents," said Fire Chief Brad Smith. "Having full-time firefighters located at both stations will allow for quicker responses. This is especially helpful in our medical first response. When a person is having a medical problem such as a stroke or heart attack, fast intervention can make a difference for both survival and recovery."

Fire Station No. 1 was remodeled to accommodate full-time staff. The station has a bunk room, kitchen, dining area, and day room. There will be two firefighters assigned to each fire station.

For more information, contact the Fire & Rescue Department at 788-5819.

Glaves Promoted

Firefighter Seth Glaves, who has been with the Derby Fire & Rescue Department since July 2005, was promoted to lieutenant in April.

Glaves is responsible for directing daily activities, training, inspections, maintaining records and coordinating public education activities.

"Glaves has been a dedicated employee that has worked very hard to develop the skills necessary to become a lieutenant," said Bill Pater, Fire Captain.

Glaves also serves as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Douglass, where he is Deputy Chief.

Public Works & Parks

Disc Golf Course Grand Re-Opening

The Disc Golf Course at Stone Creek Park, located at Patriot Ave. and Woodlawn, will be bustling with activity on Saturday, June 21.

A grand re-opening event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents are invited to come out and see the updated 9-hole course and try it out. Two free clinics, held at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., will provide guided instruction with a professional. There will also be free food and disc giveaways.

This event is free and open to the public. If you have questions, call Derby Public Works & Parks at 788-0301.

For more information about local disc golf events, contact the Air Capital Disc Golf Club at info@aircapdiscgolf.com.

Derby Honored

For the 15th straight year, the City of Derby has been recognized as a Tree City USA. The City has also been a Growth Award recipient for the past nine years.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.



Rock River Rapids Opening Soon

The summer fun will begin on Monday, May 26 when Rock River Rapids opens its gates for the summer season.

Here's an overview of what to expect:

Park Hours

Monday-Friday
12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday
12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

2 years and under: Free
3-17 years: \$5.50
18 and over: \$6.50

Groups of 20 or more receive a \$1 discount off the daily rate.

Season Passes

\$60 per person
A 10% discount will be given on passes purchased before May 24. Passes can be purchased at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market, prior to opening day.

Private Rentals



Entire Facility: \$675
Shallow Pool: \$375
Lap Pool: \$275
Shallow Pool & Lazy River: \$575

Party Packages

Otter Birthday Pack: \$90
1 hour shelter rental
10 park passes

Super Otter Birthday Pack: \$120

1 hour shelter rental
20 park passes
(Additional 1 hour shelter rental is \$35).

Private party reservations are made through the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market.

Rules to Remember

- No jewelry of any kind is allowed on the slides
- Swimwear with buckles, zippers, rivets or any other metal is not allowed on the slides
- No outside food or drink is allowed.
- Children under 8 must be accompanied with someone 16 years of age or older.

For more information, visit www.rockriverrapids.com.

Derby Garden Tour: May 31

The 2nd Annual Derby Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 31. The 2007 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 are \$5 to tour all six gardens. Tickets are available at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. (Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) through May 30.



The gardens include:

- Shannon Michaud, 11015 E. 63rd Street South
- Tom & Nancy Garrett, 1330 Dry Brook
- John & Diane Dorsch, 1332 Dry Brook
- David Peebler, 1024 Wisteria
- Jim & Suzanne Craig, 1328 Armstrong Ave.
- Adam Hamilton, 1018 Wisteria

If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Public Works & Parks at 788-0301.

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

upcoming events

Crime Stoppers of Derby Citywide Garage Sale

June 7
Register at any financial institution in Derby or at *The Derby Informer* or *Derby Reporter* through May 31.
Contact Fred Wilken at 788-1705 or fwilken@cox.net for more information.

4th of July Celebration

Friday, July 4
Time TBD
Bring the whole family to High Park to enjoy a night of entertainment, including live music and fireworks.

Sports Night at Rock River Rapids

Thursdays in June and July
6:30-7:30 p.m.
All ages
Water polo and underwater hockey are just two of the fun activities available. Sign up on Mondays at the front desk of Rock River Rapids.

Rock River Rapids 500

Thursday, July 10
Race time: 6:00 p.m.
All ages
Come to the park to decorate your styrofoam race car for the big race. The race will start at 6:00 p.m. in the lazy river. (Cars must be purchased for \$3 by 5:30 p.m.). There will be winners in several prize categories.

Pooch Pool Party

Saturday, August 16
2:00-4:30 p.m.
\$5 per dog
Bring your dogs to the Pooch Pool Party at the end of the swimming season at Rock River Rapids. Door prizes will be given throughout the event as well as prizes for biggest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and more!

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 Services Advisory Board

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

Youth Advisory Board

1st Wednesday @ 10 a.m., High School

News Briefs

Summer Concert Series

The second annual Derby Recreation Center Summer Concert Series will feature three bands at the High Park Amphitheater, 2700 E. Madison, this summer.

Saturday, June 21

7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Third Hill opening for Head East

Saturday, August 9

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Matt Engles Band

Pick up your free tickets at Verus Bank or at Native Lights Casino 12375 N. Hwy 77 in Newkirk, OK. You will also get a chance to win a VIP Backstage Pass.

The Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Derby Recreation Commission, City of Derby A.C.E. Grant, Verus Bank, Native Lights Casino, 97.1 Bob FM, 100.5 The Wolf and Wichita State University South Campus.

To learn more about the concert series or to hear music samples, visit www.derbyrec.com.

City Sponsors Derby Twins Parent's Week



The Derby Twins summer baseball team is back for its third summer playing ball in Derby. The City of Derby is sponsoring Parent's Week, July 1-7, which provides free admission for all spectators.

Games, which are played at the Derby High School baseball field at Woodlawn & Market, include the following:

July 1 vs. Junction City, 7 p.m.

July 3 vs. Newton, 7 p.m.

July 4 vs. Hays, 5 p.m.

July 5 vs. Hays, 7 p.m.

July 6 vs. Hays, 7 p.m.

July 7 vs. Joplin, 7 p.m.

The Twins team is a member of the Jayhawk League. The Twins were league champs in 2007 and were runners-up in the National Baseball Congress Tournament in 2006.

For a complete season schedule, visit www.derbytwins.com.

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

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