

Derby News Update



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Derby Health Collaborative

The Derby Health Collaborative (DHC) is a program made possible by a \$35,000 grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, a philanthropy based in Hutchinson.

The DHC will engage young children and their families in increased physical activity and nutrition awareness. It aims to cross-market existing recreation programs and add programming designed specifically for young children and their families. The goal is to target residents of the USD 260 school district, which includes an estimated 2,735 children ages 0-4.

The Derby Recreation Commission (DRC) will implement preschool games, preschool sports readiness, caregiver fitness, and family fitness activities. Toddler nutrition classes and breastfeeding public

awareness campaigns will also be implemented.

In addition, the project will support ongoing screenings for young children, such as hearing and vision screenings, and cross-sell existing programs such as parenting skills classes, tobacco education, and nature tours.

The DRC is managing the DHC with assistance from a number of local organizations such as Derby Public Schools, City of Derby, Derby Public Library, Sedgwick County Health Department, Wichita State University, Parents as Teachers, Communities in Schools, area doctors, and churches.

If you have questions, contact Kathleen Avitt, Director of Programs for the DRC, at 788-3781 or kathleen@derbyrec.com.

News Briefs

Welcome!

The new Derby Welcome Center, located in the old library space at 611 Mulberry Rd., has officially opened its doors. The phone number for the Welcome Center is 788-9003.

The Derby Welcome Center will serve as the front door to the community for visitors, newcomers, residents, and businesses to be greeted and provided with community information. It will showcase the community's amenities and history.

Art Gallery @ City Hall

The newest exhibit at the Art Gallery at City Hall features work by students from Derby Middle School. The gallery is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come check out the new artwork by talented local students.

ACE Grant Application Available Online

The Artistic, Cultural, and Entertainment Grant (ACE) is a grant offered by the City of Derby to encourage diversity in Derby's entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. ACE-sponsored programs and events contribute to Derby's quality of life by drawing people to Derby activities and events for their leisure time.

Grants up to \$2,500 may be awarded to community organizations. The 2011 application process begins January 17 and applications will be due February 25.

For more information, visit the city website at www.derbyweb.com or call Janae' Prunier-Billman at 788-1519.

Water Bill Update

Due to new software for processing water bills, past water usage will not be reflected on monthly bills until a history is built up in the new system. Once the system has been in use for one year the account history will be included on bills.

It's an emergency! When to call 911

In a medical emergency, should you call for paramedics or drive to the nearest hospital?

911

It may not always be an easy question to answer. Here's what the American College of Emergency Physicians recommends. When faced with an emergency situation, ask yourself the following questions. If you answer "yes" to any of them, call 911 immediately.

- 1) Could the condition be life-threatening? (chest pain, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled bleeding, or sudden, severe pain).
- 2) Could the condition get worse and become life-threatening on the way to the hospital?

- 3) Could moving the person to the car cause further injury?
- 4) Could paramedic skills or emergency equipment be needed?
- 5) Could distance or traffic conditions delay you getting to the hospital?

When in doubt, call 911. Make sure you remain calm and give your name, address, the phone number you're calling from, and the specific location of the person in need. Try to stay calm and describe the emergency. Stay on the line until the dispatcher says you can hang up.

If you decide to drive to the hospital, take the most direct route to the nearest emergency room.

*Information from Holiday 2010
Healthy Lifestyles for Women
Wesley Medical Center*



HOME Grant Funds Available

The City of Derby has been awarded a HOME Rehabilitation Partnership Program grant from the Kansas Housing Resources



Corporation (KHRC). This grant will enable the city to rehab approximately 15 owner-occupied homes, replacing items such as windows, siding, doors, roofs and making safety improvements to plumbing and electrical systems.

Eligible homeowners must reside within the established target neighborhood

bounded by Meadowlark, Woodlawn, 87th Street South and the west city limits. Applicants also must meet income guidelines and be willing to provide substantial

documentation of income and other assets.

This is the third HOME grant the City has received through the KHRC.

Applications will be accepted starting February 1. The application packet and eligibility information are available on the city's website, www.derbyweb.com or by calling Allison Moeding at 788-3081.

Fire & Rescue Receives Enrichment Grant

The Derby Community Foundation awarded seven organizations nearly \$4,000 in the most recent round of Community Enrichment Grants. Derby Fire and Rescue received a \$1,000 grant to make repairs to the Fire Safety House, which is used to educate Derby students about fire safety.

Community Enrichment Grants are awards of up to \$1,000 made to grassroots non-profits and government entities doing innovative and meaningful work that fits within the Derby Community Foundation's mission, "to inspire vision and generosity," and that enriches the Derby community or responds to immediate needs within the community.

Nelson Drive Corridor Study

The City of Derby received a report in January 2011 analyzing traffic patterns and presenting options for improving traffic flow and safety along Nelson Drive. The report primarily focuses



on locations where Nelson Drive intersects with Patriot Avenue (63rd Street), Red

Powell Drive, and Meadowlark Boulevard.

You can read the Nelson Drive Corridor Study in its entirety at www.derbyweb.com/nelsondrive.cfm.

The City Council would like your feedback about the Nelson Drive Corridor. What do you think are the best options presented? Contact the Mayor and Council via the home page of the city website.

If you have specific questions about the Nelson Drive corridor study, please contact Allison Moeding, Director of Economic Development, at 788-3081 or allisonmoeding@derbyweb.com.

Vehicle Safety

Protecting your personal belongings is your job, and the Derby Police Department would like to help you by offering these simple reminders:

- Lock your vehicle and take your keys with you.
- Completely close car windows.
- Remove valuables.
- Engrave expensive accessories.
- Install an audible alarm.
- Take out removable radios and face plates.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- If possible, park in a garage. Lock the garage and shut the garage door.

Items you should avoid leaving in your vehicle include phones, pagers, cigarettes, credit cards, CDs, DVDs, radar detectors, laptops, weapons, and anything you consider valuable.

If you have questions, contact Officer Callie Tilson in the Community Education Division of the Derby Police Department at 788-1557.

April Elections

It's election year in Derby with our local election set for Tuesday, April 5. This election will determine new City Council and School Board members.

There are four open City Council seats (one in each ward) along with the Mayor's seat. There are four at-large seats open on the school board.

Candidates for both city and school elections must be at least 18 years old and a resident of Derby for the City Council election and live in the Derby School District for the school board election.

More information can be found on each entity's website:

www.derbyweb.com and www.derbyschools.com.

City Council questions should be directed to Jean Epperson, Director of Finance/City Clerk, at 788-1519. School Board questions should be directed to the administrative office at 788-8400.