

DERBY NEWS



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Mayor's Award of Excellence to Vicki Decarsky

Mayor Randy White has named Vicki Decarsky as recipient of the 2021 Mayor's Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual, family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the Derby community. The award will be presented at the January 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

"When I think about generous people laser focused on enhancing the Derby community, Vicki Decarsky is who I think of," said Mayor Randy White. "For the past decade, when she saw a need, she put energy and resources into addressing it and often inspired others to do the same."

Decarsky Park was named in honor of Vicki and her late husband, Tomp. The donation of 63 acres in 2013 (valued at \$800,000) for the park features four ballfields, two batting cages, Derby's first dog park, and land for additional ballfields in a future phase 2. In addition, Mrs. Decarsky's foundation funded \$73,000 for the agility course and dock features. In October 2020, the dog park opened, and the ballfields will open in 2021.



Giving to the community is not a new endeavor for Vicki Decarsky:

- In 2010, she and her late husband, Tomp, established the Decarsky Scholarship with the Derby Community Foundation (DCF). Since then, 29 Derby High School seniors have received the Decarsky Scholarship, which is the largest local scholarship awarded in Derby.
- Vicki is an advocate of continuing education in all forms, supporting the DCF's Career Technical Education Assistance Fund which provides financial support to Derby High School students pursuing technical certifications at area community/technical colleges.

- Through a Donor Advised Fund she established with DCF, Vicki has supported the Derby Giving Circle, Women For Women, Circles Derby, Derby Historical Society and many other local causes.
- Vicki is active in Rotary Club of Derby and serves as Treasurer.

Mayor's Award of Excellence Past Recipients

2020	Bill Fales, David Peebler & Barney Tull
2019	Jeff & Rhonda Cott
2018	Don & Mary Myers
2017	Woodlawn United Methodist Church
2016	Pat & Susan Swaney
2015	Gary & Colene Read
2014	Betty Wilken
2013	John & Linda Bode
2012	Bill & Reba Smith
2011	Bob Cook Homes
2010	Ken & Judy Greteman
2009	Darrell Butterfield
2008	Glen Goering & Ross Hearn
2007	Derby Community Foundation
2006	Peggy Unkel
2005	Jack & Dayle Pulley
2004	Charles & Rebah Hubbard
2003	Ray & Virginia Warren
2002	Larry & Wanda Gould

Holiday Lights Contest Winners

We hope you enjoyed the Holiday Lights Tour & Contest held in December. Thank you to all who participated in either decorating their home, taking a tour or voting on Facebook.

We'd like to congratulate our winners. To see photos of the winning homes, visit DerbyKS.com/holidaylights.

Traditional

Paul & Jeanene VanEtten, 1506 E. Blue Spruce Rd.

Most Creative

Mark & Echo Staats, 1307 Meadowhaven Ln.

Neighborhood

Jim & Marilyn Leiszler, 1112 E. Post Oak

Business

Calvary Baptist Church, 1636 E. Patriot Ave.



It is never too early to start making your plans for decorating your house for next year.

Volunteers Needed for Board Openings

With the transition to a city of the first class, Derby now has a seat on two Sedgwick County boards. Volunteers are needed. Are you ready to serve? (Meetings are online during the pandemic. Need not be a Derby resident.)

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Meets 8-9 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month
2-year term

To ensure diverse views are represented, a woman is needed to fill this position.

- Plan adult correctional services in Sedgwick County
- Alternative programs (drug court, pretrial services)
- Residential services, work release & field services
- Grants & events



Team Justice – Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board

Meets 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Friday of each month
3-year term

The best volunteers are those who have experience with a social service agency, who are ex-offenders, health care professionals, ethnic minorities, or members of the general public who are ready to learn and use their time and talent to invest in our youth.

- Oversee community planning for juvenile offenders
- Improve networking of services to youth & families
- Residential & detention services; alternatives to detention
- Grants, programs & advocacy

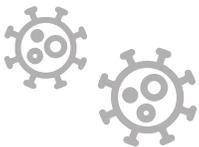
Fill out our online application at DerbyKS.com/boards or pick up an application at City Hall (M-Th 7:30 – 5:30; F 7:30 – 1 p.m.). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021.

Local Resources for Testing, Employment



Get Trained Get Paid

A new website for unemployed people is designed to be a connecting point to help people find their next job or training opportunity in the greater Wichita area. Learn more at GetTrainedGetPaid.com.



COVID-19 Testing

The state of Kansas teamed up with GoGetTested.com to provide free testing in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Find testing location and book your testing time at GoGetTested.com/Kansas.



Sign up for our online water customer portal. Easily track your water usage and set up alerts once you hit your desired threshold. DerbyKS.com/water

Tree Recycling

Now thru Jan. 24

High Park Chip Site, 2801 E. James St.
6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
DerbyKS.com/chipsite

Christmas tree recycling is available at the High Park Chip Site located in the northwest corner of the park near the ball fields.

Drop off your undecorated tree in the area marked for Christmas trees. The trees will be mulched by Sedgwick County, and the wood chips will be available for Derby residents to take free of charge.



Uncorked 2021

The Derby Community Foundation will not hold a gala in February 2021. Instead, they are holding an “un-event” which supports good works in the community and provides “un-ticket” holders (raffle tickets) with opportunities to win one of four “Support Derby”

prize packages which include gift certificates and items from local businesses (valued at \$500 or more).

On Feb. 27, 2021, Uncorked 2021 will celebrate its sponsors, provide a Year In Review, and draw “un-tickets” (raffle tickets) for “Support Derby” prize packages. Look for updates on the DCF Facebook page.

Un-Event tickets are available for \$30 each from any DCF board member or at derbycf.org. Questions? Call 788-9815 or email admin@derbycf.org.

