

DERBY NEWS



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City Council Elections

With one seat up for election in each ward of the city in 2021, Derby residents have an opportunity to file for election to serve. The term of office is four years beginning January 2022.

Registered voters living inside the city limits must file for office by noon on June 1. City Council elections are non-partisan, meaning candidates need not declare a political party.

“People find serving in city government to be a rewarding way to be a part of Derby’s growth,” said Kathy Sexton, City Manager. “City Council members represent residents in making important decisions about key services.”

The following people currently serve on the City Council seats to be voted on in 2021:

Ward I – Tom Keil
Plans to file for re-election

Ward II – Vaughn Nun
Retiring after 14 years of service

Ward III – Andrew Swindle
Plans to file for re-election

Ward IV – John McIntosh
Plans to file for re-election



Registered voters residing within the city limits must file their candidacy at the Sedgwick County Election Office in the Historic Courthouse in downtown Wichita at 510 N. Main, Suite 101 (M-F 8-5). The filing fee is \$20, or a petition with 25 signatures of qualified electors living in the council ward could be submitted.

Election information can be found at SedgwickCounty.org/elections or by calling 660-7100. Several forms are available on this county website and must be filled out, and one additional form must be obtained and signed in person at the Election Office.

The City Council meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Information about serving on the council is available at DerbyKS.com/Council or by contacting the City Manager at 788-3132 or KathySexton@Derbyweb.com.

City Seeking Storm Shelter Volunteers

Need a place to take shelter during a tornado? The City of Derby has public storm shelters but needs volunteers to open and operate shelters for the 2021 storm season (typically March -June).

The City’s Shelter Coordinator guides and communicates with shelter volunteers during a severe weather event. Shelter volunteers assist with unlocking/locking doors, checking

on those who take shelter, and communicating updates. Volunteers are vital to ensuring public shelters are able to open.

If interested, contact DaveFoster@derbyweb.com or fill out the application at Derbyks.com/shelters. Volunteer orientation and training will be held March 11 at 6 p.m.

Event Calendar

Uncorked

On Feb. 27, 2021, the Derby Community Foundation 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 at derbycf.org. Questions? Call 788-9815 or email admin@derbycf.org.

Easter Egg Hunts

Visit DerbyRec.com for dates and details.



April 25

Join the city for a fun, family event to celebrate the arts in Derby this spring.

The event will include live entertainment, art for sale, food trucks, art kits to go, the Kansas Grown Farmers Market and more.

Seeking artists and food vendors. Apply at DerbyKS.com/SpringIntoArt.

Kite & Bike Festival

May 15 at High Park
Visit DerbyRec.com for information.

Citywide Garage Sale

Dates TBA. Check the Derby Rotary Club Facebook page for updates: [Facebook.com/derbyrotaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/derbyrotaryclub).



June 10, 11 & 12 at High Park
Visit DerbyBBQ.com for event news and updates.

Volunteers Needed for Planning Commission



The community needs your help to guide Derby's future on the Planning Commission.

1 opening - 3-year term
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Applicants who represent the diversity of the community (age, ethnicity and gender as well as professional diversity)

enhance the commission. The most important qualifications are the ability to ask sincere questions in a respectful manner and the desire to continue to make Derby a welcoming and accessible community. Some duties:

- Review agenda packet in advance of meetings
- Vote on zoning changes, commercial site plans, subdivision regulations, and other matters that shape the built environment

Find an application at DerbyKS.com/boards or at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. (M-Th 7:30 – 5:30, F 7:30 – 1:00).

Contact Lynn with questions at 788-3132 or CityClerk@Derbyweb.com. Applications due March 18 at 5 p.m.



The City of Derby had an interesting 2020. While most events were canceled and the way we did business changed, we weathered the COVID-19 storm.

Here are a few highlights as we reflect on accomplishments and plan for the future.

- Swore in Nick Engle and Jenny Webster as members of the City Council
- City buildings closed to the public March 18 and re-opened June 17 due to COVID-19
- Implemented a new online water portal website
- Held a community photo contest with winners in three categories
- Approved Vision Derby 2040, a 20-year road map for the community
- Initiated Derby Sports Zone and RoKC climbing and BMX entertainment projects
- Recorded a 77.5 percent response rate in the 2020 Census
- Opened Decarsky Dog Park
- Inspected and cleaned 225,000 linear feet of sewer lines
- Became a City of the First Class
- Held two new events - the Drive-Thru Christmas and Holiday Lights Tour & Contest
- Hired new Deputy Fire Chief Dave Hersh

Thank you for 40 Years



Chief Lee with his command staff. L-R: Capt. Kevin Jones, Chief Lee, Deputy Chief Brandon Russell, Capt. Karensa Schiffel, Capt. Jimmy Queen.

Derby Police Chief Robert Lee was recognized for 40 years of service in law enforcement on Jan. 20. He began his career in 1981 with the Wichita Police Department. After a successful career in Wichita, he took the job as Police Chief in Derby in 2009.

We are fortunate to have an experienced leader running our police department and are proud of his accomplishments.

COVID-19 Testing

Sedgwick County will offer free COVID-19 tests on Tuesdays in February from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pavilion at Madison Avenue Central Park, 512 E. Madison Ave.

There are three types of tests available – nasal swab, oral swab and saliva test. Most test results are reported within 24 hours. Learn more at SedgwickCounty.org/covid-19.