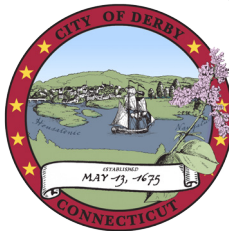


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NEIGHBORHOODS BATTLING BLIGHT



City officials continue to improve Derby's neighborhoods – this time with the demolition of a blighted structure at 182 Derby Avenue. The vacant home was in bad condition and on and off the blight list for years; there were also back taxes due on the property. Since Mayor Dugatto established the City's blight subcommittee in 2014, five structures have been torn down and \$100,000 has been raised through tax liens.

SAVING DERBY'S HISTORY



Recently one of Derby's historic landmarks, "Brownie's Castle" on Academy Hill Road, was lost to demolition despite community efforts to save it. The event has prompted Derby's Board of Aldermen to evaluate the City's current ordinances with the goal of identifying, proposing, and adopting legislation to better protect Derby's rich history. Follow their progress on Derby's website at derbyct.gov.

TAX DOLLARS

COMMERCIAL GROWTH IN DERBY CONTINUES



Growing Derby's grand list is another way to balance the City's budget without having to compromise services or raise taxes. Mayor Dugatto welcomes the recent expansion of The Edge Fitness Clubs and the opening of Connectikidz Pediatric Dentistry. Ongoing commercial investment shows that Derby is an attractive place to do business!

ENVIRONMENT

HELP KEEP DERBY'S WATERWAYS CLEAN

Think twice before picking up those extra bags of lawn fertilizer this spring. You can use less fertilizer, reduce pollution, and still keep your lawn healthy and green – all while saving money. Many lawns need as little as one-half of the fertilizer recommended on fertilizer bags. Visit Derby's website at derbyct.gov for more ways to keep Derby's waterways clean.



BUSINESS

SELECTION TEAM APPOINTED



Derby recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a multi-disciplinary consultant team to develop and steward a credible, detailed development plan – with input from the community – for the revitalization of Derby's downtown area. 11 proposals were received from firms as far away as Florida and Texas. To aid in the selection process, Mayor Dugatto appointed a bi-partisan committee to recommend the most qualified consultant to the Board of Aldermen. This will be the most comprehensive planning project ever to involve the south side of Main Street.

MOVING FORWARD

POCD DRAFT SOON AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW



Derby will soon have a modern planning tool to guide the City's daily decision-making toward community-defined goals. The final draft of the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) – last updated in 2002 – is underway. A public hearing is planned for May, and the City is on track to adopt the final plan this July in accordance with state statutes. A draft copy will be made available in advance of the May hearing for public review and input. Consult the City's website at derbyct.gov for updates.



OPEN DOOR SESSIONS

Join Mayor Dugatto at City Hall on Thursdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm to talk all things Derby. Derby is **YOUR** city. Have a **VOICE** in its future.