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NEIGHBORHOODS

A NEW TOOL TO COMBAT BLIGHT: DerbyCares



Blight is not always the result of people intentionally neglecting their property. Sometimes residents, particularly the elderly, have difficulty maintaining their homes due to illness, injury, or physical limitations. Derby's Board of Aldermen is currently working on creating a program that can bring help to these residents - DerbyCares. Under the proposed program, the city would act as a conduit, connecting volunteers with property owners in need.

FUN FOR EVERYONE

Warm weather brings plenty of opportunities to enjoy our community. Celebrate with Derby Day (June 27), an annual festival featuring food, vendors, and family fun. Take a hike at Osbornedale State Park, learn about Japanese woodblock prints at Kellogg Environmental Center, or enjoy a summer concert under the stars on the Derby Green. Derby's got something for everyone!



TAX DOLLARS

NO TAX INCREASE FOR RESIDENTS



Derby's Tax Board was able to fund the city's \$39 million 2015-2016 budget with no mill rate increase, meaning there will be no tax increase for residents. Department heads worked hard to deliver a responsive budget that did not compromise city services. Debt was refinanced at a lower rate to save money. A projected increase in revenue from building permit fees is also expected to help offset expenses. Building permits are an indicator of economic activity in the city.

ENVIRONMENT

got river? BE RIVER SMART!

Polluted runoff is a leading source of water pollution. Find out what you can do to help keep our local waterways clean - then make the River Smart Pledge. Look for the River Smart logo on Derby's website, www.derbyct.gov, to learn more.



BUSINESS



PARTNERING TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

On May 28, Derby's Board of Aldermen approved a contract with Citiesense, the host of an innovative economic development marketing platform. Derby will be joining Detroit, New York, Bridgeport, and New Haven in using this cooperative online service to market city-owned properties and chart development progress. Listing opportunities will also be extended, free of charge, to all Derby commercial property owners looking to sell or lease their properties.

MOVING FORWARD

WHAT DO RESIDENTS THINK?

In March, with help from Pace Land Use Law Center, several interactive public meetings were conducted to give residents an opportunity to share their opinions on what's good in Derby, what's not, and what strategies could be used to overcome the issues. An online survey was also conducted. This input will be used to inform Derby's Plan of Conservation and Development update. A full report of the findings is will be available later this month on Derby's website, www.derbyct.gov.



OPEN DOOR SESSIONS



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