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PRESS RELEASE

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DERBY IS SPRING CLEANING

DERBY – Derby Public Works is continuing its work to repair, clean, and beautify city streets after a long, hard winter.

Pothole repair is well underway. Public Works Director, Anthony Defala, said his crew is working diligently to repair potholes that have formed in city roadways from the freeze-thaw cycles that are typical of New England winters.

Street sweeping has also begun. In the event a street sweeping notice is posted in your neighborhood, Mr. Defala is asking for cooperation by moving parked vehicles from the roadway. This will insure maintenance vehicles have adequate access to curbs. Additional information on Derby's street sweeping schedule can be found on the city's website, www.derbyct.gov.

Not only does street sweeping clean sand and other debris from city roads, it keeps it from entering stormdrains, where it is transported to Derby's local waterways. Sand and other debris contribute to water pollution, which wreaks havoc on local ecosystems. Because of this, Public Works is also asking residents not to sweep into neighborhood streets and stormdrains. Sand and other debris should be picked up and disposed of with household trash.

The City of Derby recognizes that keeping the city's neighborhoods clean and environmentally healthy is a community effort.

To assist residents with their spring cleaning, Public Works is offering bulk pickup of oversized items not eligible for weekly curbside collection. **Bulk pickup is by appointment only.** Any items left at the curb, without a scheduled appointment, will not be picked up. Please call Public Works at (203) 736-1468 for an appointment.

Mr. Defala is likewise urging residents to use care when disposing of hazardous household materials such as used motor oil, leftover paint, and household cleaners. These items pose a threat to our local waterways if disposed of improperly. Please consult the city's website, www.derbyct.gov, for guidance on how to properly dispose of these and other hazardous household items.