

DERBY

NEWS

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Home Repair Grants Available

Interfaith Housing Services offers assistance with the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program, which allows homeowners in Kansas to apply for a grant up to \$3,000 to pay for a variety of home repairs.

Examples of eligible home repairs

include a new furnace, air conditioning, windows, roof replacement or repair, siding, porch repair, painting (inside and out), new flooring, bathroom or kitchen remodel, plumbing, etc.



Applications are available by calling Diane at Interfaith Housing Services, 620-662-8370 ext. 719 or at www.ihs-housing.org.

To qualify, applicants must:

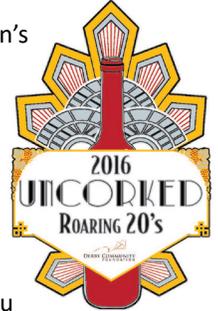
- Be the owner and current resident of the property
- Be current on mortgage payments and real estate taxes
- Meet income guidelines
- Agree to use licensed and insured contractors
- Agree to adhere to retention agreement requirements
- Complete and return an application to Interfaith Housing Services, along with requested documents

Uncorked

**Saturday, Feb. 27
7 to 10 p.m.**

**The Venue at Madison Avenue Central
Park, 512 E. Madison**

Uncorked is the Derby Community Foundation's annual fundraiser for its Community Enrichment Grant program.



Enjoy wine and beer tasting, fine foods and chocolates, and live music by The Blue Moon Jazz Quartet. You may also bid on unique items in the live and silent auctions, take your chance with a Mystery Box prize, and pose with props in the photo booth.

Find ticket information at www.derbycf.org.

Connect With Your Beat Team Leaders



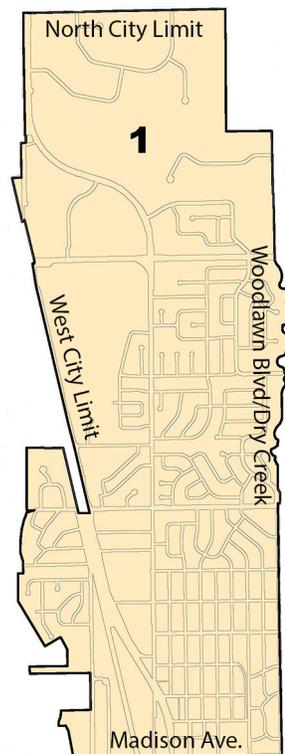
MPO Michael Hellman

The Derby Police Department strives to have open communications with citizens. One way this is accomplished is through the use of Beat Teams - groups of officers who work in assigned areas of the community. Each Beat Team has a Beat Team Leader.

This month, we'd like to feature the Beat One Team Leader, Master Police Officer Michael Hellman. MPO Hellman oversees the area from Madison on the south, Woodlawn/Dry Creek on the east, the north city limit (55th St. South) and the west city limit.

If you live in this area and have any non-emergency questions or concerns, please call the Police Department at 788-1557 or fill out an online form at www.derbyweb.com/beatteam. MPO Hellman can also be reached via email at michaelhellman@derbyweb.com.

The other Beat Teams will be featured in upcoming newsletters. To learn more about ways to connect with the Derby Police Department, visit www.derbyweb.com/police.



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Mayor White: Investing in Derby

The K-15 corridor is considered by some people to be the “heart of Derby,” “downtown Derby” or even “old town Derby.” While it is not a traditional downtown or entertainment district, the general area around K-15 is important to the vitality of the Derby business community. Known for its high traffic counts, affordable real estate and eclectic charm, the West End offers unique retailers and home grown restaurants that are at the top of the list to visit.



Randy White
Mayor

In the past decade, the City has spent millions renovating K-15, extending Madison Ave. west, replacing most sections of Buckner (one section behind Busters is still in bad shape and is on the list of planned and funded projects), repaving alleys, and making other improvements in public infrastructure. More streets need help, and several projects are planned.

I am proud of the City Council for approving a plan for redevelopment of the West End and for approving funding in 2016 for several projects (a new park and sidewalk, design of street renovations, and new signs). On Sept. 8, the City Council approved priority goals to “Remove barriers to promote infill development” and “Re-invent the K-15 corridor.” The City

Council also cut in half the cost of building permits for properties in the Buckner Business District and West End to reduce the up-front costs of new construction and renovations. The Council also waived permit fees for demolitions, permanent signs, plat filings, lot splits, vacations of alleys or street right-of-way, and site plan reviews in the West End and Buckner Business District.

This fee waiver shows the City’s commitment to cleaning up old structures to make land ready to build on or more likely to sell. The West End and Buckner Business District are vital to the business community in Derby. Waiving fees can make a difference for small businesses just starting out or looking to expand, and I commend the City Council for taking this step to encourage business growth.

Next time you drive the K-15 area, look around. Do you see the location for your next business venture in Derby? Call Tylour Tedder, Development Manager, at City Hall (788-1519 x266) with your questions about growing your business in Derby.



Check Out the Citizen Police Academy

Have you ever thought about a career in law enforcement? (Starting pay for Derby police officers is \$37,960 annually plus generous benefits.) Or considered volunteering to assist police in their duties? If you answered “yes” to either question, then the Derby Citizen Police Academy is designed with you in mind.

Derby’s Citizen Police Academy runs from Feb. 16 to May 3, 2016. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and be a resi-

Free 12-Week Class
Feb. 16-May 3
Tuesdays
6:30-9:30 p.m.

dent of Derby, work in Derby, or own a business in Derby.

Classes are held at the Police & Courts Building, 229 N. Baltimore. Applications may be picked up and submitted

at the Derby Police Department, 229 N. Baltimore, or filled out online at www.derbyweb.com/cpa. Applicants who have a felony or serious misdemeanor conviction will not be accepted. For more information, contact MPO Matt Liston at 788-1557 or mattliston@derbyweb.com.

Thank You Derby

This holiday season the Derby community responded with a tremendous showing of support for Derby Operation Holiday. More than 200 families received non-perishable food items, vouchers for perishable foods, and toys for the holiday season.



Police officer
Amanda Stitt
helps load items.

2015 Operation Holiday Results

- 873 people served (522 children & teens)
- 203 families served
- 14 families adopted

Thank you to all the individuals, businesses, schools, churches, small groups, civic groups, City of Derby, Derby Police and Fire departments and other organizations that donated this season.

Business Registrations

Attention Business Owners/Managers: if you have already renewed your business registration, thank you. If you missed the deadline, there is still time to renew without paying a late fee.

Renew your business registration by Jan. 31 for just \$20. After Jan. 31, there will be a \$10 late fee assessed. If your business has closed, contact Marcia Hartman at 788-6632, ext. 241 or marciahartman@derbyweb.com.



Police officer Kirk Brown works with a
Citizen Police Academy participant.