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NEWS

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Landscape Conversion Rebate Program

The City of Derby is offering a rebate of \$1 per square foot for removal of irrigated, well-maintained cool-season grass and replacement with a more water-efficient, drought-tolerant landscaping or artificial turf. There is a minimum 100 square feet, \$1,000 maximum rebate per residential or business customer.



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Guidelines

You must be currently maintaining a healthy, irrigated cool-season yard or planting bed to qualify. Simply removing the cool-season grass or planting bed will not make your yard eligible. Your yard

must be replaced with approved drought tolerant plantings or landscape type. Rebates are available for up to six months after the pre-inspection date.

Eligibility

Properties with well-maintained cool season lawns being irrigated with City water are eligible for this FREE program. Lawns and landscapes irrigated with well water do not qualify.

How to participate

Call 788-0301 to schedule a pre-inspection. City staff will meet with you to discuss your plans. The owner will then be given authorization to proceed with changes. Once the project is completed, call 788-0301 to schedule a post-inspection.

Applications are due May 31, 2016. Funding is available on a first come, first served basis. The City has dedicated \$40,000 for this program. Find more information at www.derbyweb.com/landscapeconversion.

Rebate-eligible conversions include:

- Replacing portions of irrigated cool-season lawns to xeriscape beds or mulched planting beds.
- Converting all or parts of irrigated cool-season lawn to artificial turf, as long as the material used is listed for outdoor use and is water permeable.

Art Exhibit

"A Cut Above"

Feb. 1 - March 18

Gathering Space Gallery at the Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove Rd.

Nationally recognized cut-paper artist, Angie Pickman, includes intricate art, which combines paper cutting and collage. Her work is



inspired by her observations of nature and features birds, animals and rural scenes.

Her tools of trade are a rubber-gripped X-Acto knife, acid-free paper, mechanical pencils and a self-healing cutting mat. See examples at www.ruralpearl.com. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Severe Weather Training

Severe Weather Safety

Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove Rd.

Cody Charvat with Sedgwick County Emergency Management will present a program developed by the National Weather Service to educate citizens about severe weather and ways to stay safe.



This training is free for Sedgwick County residents. Sponsored by the Derby Police and Derby Fire & Rescue departments.

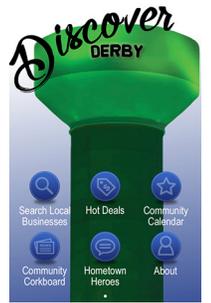
Chamber News

Check out the latest initiatives by the Derby Chamber of Commerce.

Discover Derby App

Available for download on Android and Apple devices, search "Discover Derby". The app has the following features:

- Local Chamber business search
- Coupons and promotions
- Community Calendar
- Community Corkboard – Chamber businesses can email special events to lindi@derbychamber.com.
- Hometown Heroes – Participating businesses and discounts. See more information below.



Hometown Heroes

Hometown Heroes is a voluntary program that identifies Chamber businesses that offer discounts to military, police and fire personnel. Businesses can offer any discount they like, whether it is a percentage off, gift with purchase or a freebie.

Participating businesses receive a window cling and a listing on the Chamber website and Discover Derby app. If you would like to participate, call 788-3421 or email lindi@derbychamber.com.

Go Paperless

Sign up to receive your water/sewer bill and Derby News electronically each month. To enroll, fill out a form at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. or fill out an online form at www.derbyweb.com/gopaperless. Questions? Call 788-1424.

Swaneys Receive Mayor's Award

Pat and Susan Swaney are the recipients of the 2016 Mayor's Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual, family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the Derby community. The award was presented at the Jan. 26 City Council meeting.

The Swaneys have been longtime Derby residents and have been committed to serving their community in many ways.

- Pat served the Derby Volunteer Fire Department from 1968 to 2014. He was chief from 1985 to 2005 and assistant chief from 2005 to 2014 when he retired.
- Pat currently serves as president of the board of the El Paso Cemetery Association.
- Pat was president of the El Paso Water Company until he retired in 2008 and was a long-time member of the Rotary Club, serving on its Board of Directors.
- Susan served as executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the City Council (1982-1997), and City Treasurer (1997-2009).



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The Swaneys have also been involved with the Derby Historical Society. Susan was a founding member and currently serves on the board of directors, while Pat serves as a volunteer.

"Pat and Susan have taken on many leadership roles in the community over the years," said Mayor Randy White. "It is wonderful to see their commitment to Derby through their service."

Report to Community



In October 2015, the City of Derby asked residents "how are we doing?" Surveys were sent to 400 residents (100 in each ward.) There were 176 responses, which is a 44 percent return rate. This is the highest return rate since the survey began in 2008.

Survey responses were compiled to create a Report to the Community. The report is designed to provide a summary of survey results and other meaningful measures and data. The content of the report changes as our community grows, but the purpose remains the same: to ensure citizens are informed about the performance of their city departments.

Performance measures are standards used by cities to help measure the effectiveness of services they provide. Good performance measures help the city improve efficiencies and justify resources.

To view the 2015 Report to the Community, visit www.derbyweb.com/survey.

Connect With Your Beat 2 Team Leader



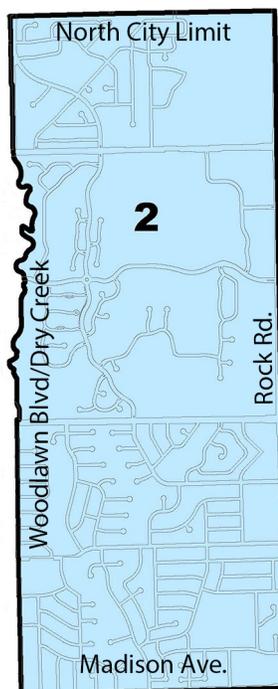
MPO Andrew Storey

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

This month, we are featuring the Beat Two Team Leader, Master Police Officer Andrew Storey. Officer Storey oversees the area from Madison on the south, Woodlawn/Dry Creek on the west, the north city limit and Rock Road on the east.

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

Beat Teams 3 & 4 will be featured in upcoming newsletters. To learn more about ways to connect with the Derby Police Department, visit www.derbyweb.com/police.



What's NextDoor?

Nextdoor is a private social network for neighborhoods. Citizens create private groups for their neighborhoods where they can ask questions, get to know one another, and exchange local advice and recommendations.



The Derby Police Department is also using NextDoor to communicate important news to residents.

Learn more about NextDoor at www.nextdoor.com.

There are currently 650 members in these neighborhoods: Amber Ridge, Ashborough/Bel Arbor, Broadmoor Hills, Derby Hills, Dry Creek, Tall Tree, Glen Hills, Madison-Kay, Morningview, Oakwood Valley, Park Hill, Pleasantview, Riley Place, Southeast Derby, Spring Creek, Spring Ridge, Tanglewood, The Oaks, and Woodlawn Heights.