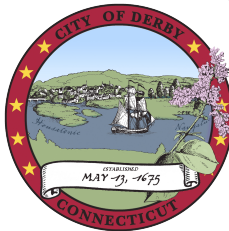


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NEIGHBORHOODS

CLEAN & LIEN: AT WORK AGAIN IMPROVING DERBY'S NEIGHBORHOODS



Hawthorne Avenue was the latest neighborhood to benefit from Derby's "Clean & Lien" program after long-blighted properties at 125 and 226 Hawthorne Avenue were cleaned up. "Clean & Lien" was initiated through an ordinance adopted by Derby's Board of Aldermen under Mayor Dugatto. The program allows the City to clean up the exterior of a blighted property and pass the expense on to the property owner. It's just one tool Derby's blight committee is using to combat blight.

DERBY ON TRACK FOR NEW FIELDS



Derby is on track to receive nearly \$3 million from the State Bond Commission for a new track and athletic fields at the Leo F. Ryan Athletic Complex on Chatfield Street. The upgrades mean Derby's high school and middle school athletes will have a useable track to host home meets for the first time in over a decade. Upgrades will also include a new field house as well as a new baseball field at a site to be determined with input from residents.

TAX DOLLARS

PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUES IMPROVEMENTS

Derby's Public Works Department continues to make improvements to public spaces throughout the City - all within the department's existing budget. Some of the most recent projects include improvements to the picnic grove and basketball courts at Coon Hollow Park, the installation of new guard rails along Old New Haven Avenue, and new light pole banners on display downtown featuring the City's promotional slogan, [Discover Derby](#).



ENVIRONMENT

DERBY HONORED FOR COMMITMENT TO GREEN ENERGY

Derby will be honored on October 11 by United Illuminating for its continued commitment to clean energy. Officials will be showcasing Derby's achievements which include seven municipal buildings in its benchmarking portfolio. These efforts have saved the City an estimated \$27,891 in annual energy costs and reduced its carbon footprint by 112 metric tons.



BUSINESS

BUSINESS IS GROWING IN DERBY



Commercial investment continues to take place throughout Derby. The City is welcoming new businesses such as Kasia Eatery and Catering on Main Street and an AT&T store, Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen, and Pet Value on Pershing Drive. Existing businesses are investing in Derby, too - like McDonald's on Division Street. Owner Joseph Rodriquez is spending \$2.5 million to construct a new modern facility at the existing site. The expansion is expected to bring 60 new jobs to Derby.

MOVING FORWARD

DOWNTOWN PLANNING SUCCESSFULLY UNDERWAY

Stakeholders packed The Ballroom on Elizabeth Street on September 22 to share their vision for a vibrant downtown Derby. Through small group discussions and an interactive mapping exercise, participants pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of the area and shared their ideas for development. The workshop is part of a comprehensive planning initiative called ***Downtown Now!***, which is putting citizens in the driver's seat for the first time. The next public event is October 26. Details can be found on the City's website [derbyct.gov](#).

Downtown Now!
Derby's Blueprint for Progress



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.