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Mayor's Award of Excellence

Bob Cook Homes received the 2011 Mayor's Award of Excellence on December 13, 2011.

This award recognizes Bob Cook Homes for its generous commitment to service for the larger metro-area community. The company served as the primary contractor for the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* house that was built for the Carl Hall family. Bob Cook Homes coordinated the major task of gathering volunteers and donations and constructing a new home to meet the accessibility needs of Mr. Hall in a very short timeframe and under the microscope of a national television show's production team.

Bob Cook Homes has been in business since 1977 building custom homes around the metro area, and has been a mainstay of



Deb and Bob Cook accept the Mayor's Award of Excellence from Mayor Dion Avello at the December 13 City Council meeting.

the Derby business community since 2006. Bob Cook Homes is a member of the Derby Chamber of Commerce, the Wichita Area Builders Association, and the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor's Award of Excellence was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual,

family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the community.

Previous recipients of the Mayor's Award of Excellence include Larry and Wanda Gould (2002), Ray and Virginia Warren (2003), Charles and Rebah Hubbard (2004), Jack and Dayle Pulley (2005), Peggy Unkel (2006), the Derby Community Foundation (2007), Glen Goering and Ross Hearn (2008), Darrell Butterfield (2009), and Ken and Judy Greteman (2010).

Reasons to Call 9-1-1

When to Call 9-1-1

- 1) To report a medical emergency.
- 2) To report a fire.
- 3) To report a crime.
- 4) To report any activity that is harmful to a person, animal or property.
- 5) To report a suspicious activity that might result in harm to any person, animal or property.

United Way's 2-1-1

An easy way to find help

Dial 2-1-1 toll free across Kansas to talk with trained specialists (to find help or to volunteer). All phone calls are confidential. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When NOT to Call 9-1-1

- 1) To report power outages (unless medical equipment depends on power).
- 2) To report downed tree limbs that don't pose not an immediate threat to life or property.
- 3) To report loud noises or other nuisances - especially during peak times, such as holidays.
- 4) To report the use of legal fireworks.
- 5) To ask for driving directions.

If you have questions, please contact:
Sedgwick County Emergency Communications
660-4977
www.sedgwickcounty.org

Citizen Police Academy

The City of Derby is holding a Citizen Police Academy February 21 through May 8, 2012. This free course will give residents an idea of what it's like to work as a police officer.

Classes will be held each Tuesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Police & Courts Building, 229 N. Baltimore.

Participants are required to be a resident of Derby, work in Derby, or own a business in Derby and be at least 18 years of age.

Applications for the Citizen Police Academy may be picked up and submitted at the Derby Police Department, or downloaded from the city web site, www.derbyweb.com.

For more information, contact MPO Matt Liston at mattliston@derbyweb.com or by calling 788-1557.

Auction, Wine & More

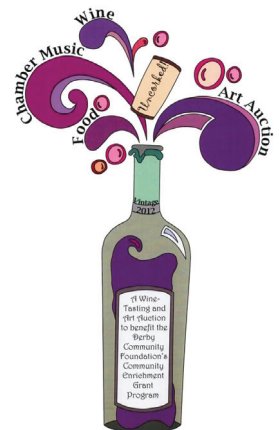
You're invited to attend "Uncorked!", a fundraiser for the Derby Community Foundation's Community Enrichment Grant Program.

The event is Saturday, February 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove.

It will feature a wine-tasting, artisan chocolates by Cocoa Dolce, silent/live auction, art, weekend-get-aways, drawings, music and more. Tickets are \$35 each.

To date, the Derby Community Foundation has funded nearly \$40,000 in grants to local nonprofits. Grant funds are raised through this event.

If you have questions, contact Theresa Hearn at 788-9815 or admin@derbycf.org.



Money Available through ACE Grant

The Artistic, Cultural, and Entertainment Grant (ACE) is a grant program offered by the City of Derby to encourage diversity in Derby's entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. ACE grants assist programs and events that contribute to Derby's quality of life by drawing people to Derby for activities and events.

Grant proposals will be accepted through February 24, 2012. For more information, including program guidelines and a grant application, visit www.derbyweb.com/departments/ace-grant.cfm.

A maximum of \$2,500 per application will be awarded. Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee and approved by the City Council.

Examples of events and organizations that have received ACE Grants include the Derby Historical Museum, Derby Twins, CJ Memorial Golf Tournament, Summer Concert Series organized by the Derby Recreation Commission, Summerfest, and Rock 'N Route Triathlon.

If you have questions, please contact Janae' Prunier at 788-1519.

Christmas Tree Recycle

The City of Derby, in cooperation with Sedgwick County, is accepting undecorated Christmas trees at High Park, 2700 E. Madison, through January 23. The recycle lot, also known as the Chip Site, is located northwest of the lighted ball fields.

Trees can be dropped off from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. Only Christmas trees will be accepted during this period. Free mulch will also be available to Derby residents.

If you have questions, call Amy Akers, Public Works Coordinator, at 788-0301.

Operation Holiday Thank You

This holiday season the Derby community proudly supported Operation Holiday Derby.

This community wide initiative serves those in need who live in the Derby Public school district. Operation Holiday Derby provided

non-perishable food items, food vouchers, and toys to children and youth.

More than 1,000 individuals were helped:

- 243** Families/individuals served
- 30** Families adopted through Adopt a Family
- 273** Total families/individuals served



Operation Holiday Derby volunteers would like to thank to the many individuals, businesses, schools, churches, small groups, and other organizations items to help others. The level of contributions and volunteer

time given shows that the Derby community is a place where you can count on others to reach out and support. Together, the community and Operation Holiday were able to make the holidays brighter for those in need.

If you would like to assist with Operation Holiday next year, email operationholidayderby@gmail.com.

Veterans Memorial

Do you know a Veteran you would like to honor with a brick in the Derby Area Veterans Memorial? The memorial, located along the walking path at Garrett Park, was dedicated November 11, 2011.

Forms are available at the Derby Welcome Center (611 Mulberry Rd.) or at www.derbyweb.com (under the "community" tab). Bricks are \$120.

Turn your order in by August 1, 2012 to ensure recognition at the 2012 Veterans Day ceremony. Space is still available to sponsor a bronze statue or a bench.

If you have questions, contact Theresa Hearn at 788-9815 or admin@derbycf.org.



Water Conservation Tips

- ◆ Choose shrubs and groundcovers for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- ◆ Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap.
- ◆ Monitor water bills for unusually high use.
- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks to save water.
- ◆ If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the shower head with a water-efficient model.
- ◆ Check indoor and outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
- ◆ When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient.
- ◆ Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
- ◆ Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- ◆ Look for products bearing the EPA Water-Sense Label for items that have been certified to save 20% or more without sacrificing performance.

www.wateruseitwisely.com

Pay Your Water Bill Online

Water customers can now pay water bills online. Visit www.derbyweb.com and click on the water payment button on the home page. There is a \$1.25 fee for each online transaction.

Other payment options include paying over the phone, mailing or dropping off a check at City Hall, or using the auto-pay plan to automatically deduct your bill from your checking account each month. Call the City at 788-1424 to learn more.