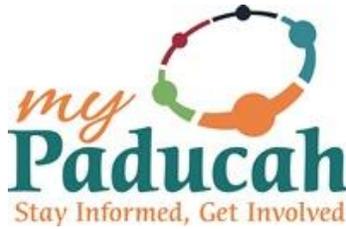


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## Demolition Process Featured on *Your City at Work*

PADUCAH, KY— On the latest episode of *Your City at Work*, Public Information Officer Pam Spencer interviews Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention Greg Cherry about the demolition process in the City of Paducah. The new episode of *Your City at Work* can be seen on Government 11 starting Monday, October 5 at 9 p.m. It also airs next Wednesday, October 7 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 10 at 9 a.m.



When the Paducah Fire Department absorbed the responsibilities of the former Inspection Department in 2012, one of the first projects involved compiling a working list of homes and other structures considered unsafe. Many of those structures were in need of demolition. Since that list was first created, dozens of unsafe structures have been demolished. Deputy Chief Cherry says Paducah is not unique in targeting unsafe structures. Cherry says, “Cities across the country have started this process. It is another way for us to protect emergency responders.” Cherry outlines the public safety concerns regarding vacant and unsafe homes or structures. He also explains the neighborhood benefits of removing these structures.

Much of the episode is focused on the process the City of Paducah initiates with property owners who have unsafe structures. Cherry discusses notification procedures and the general timeline in addition to the foreclosure process and the associated costs. Cherry says in some cases, homes slated for demolition get a new future. “We do have some people who will buy one of these houses and want to rehab it. If that happens, which is a good thing, we won’t enforce the demolition order. We will give them time to repair the house. Everybody wins.” Cherry encourages the public to inform the Fire Prevention Division if there is a vacant structure in their neighborhood to make sure the Division is aware.

In addition to airing on Government 11, the episode also is online at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov) and the various social media outlets for the City of Paducah including Youtube and Facebook. Check the website for program information, videos, news releases, and broadcast schedules. *Your City at Work* is hosted and produced by Public Information Officer Pam Spencer through the television production facilities at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. For more information about *Your City at Work* or other Government 11 programming, call WKCTC Television Production Coordinator Tom Butler at 270-534-3208 or Pam Spencer at 270-444-8669.

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