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John Vaughan Mayor's Letter

I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and hopefully, an early spring. Thanks to all the residents that participated in the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. I send a big thanks to Councilperson Yvette Winnette for her oversight of this event.

I am pleased to announce the City has signed a contract with George Stewart, operator of *Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation*. Mr. Stewart will work closely with the City Clerk, Nancy Perito and me, to assist with the enforcement of the City Ordinances. Mr. Stewart is contracted with many of the other cities in the Metro Louisville area and has developed an excellent working knowledge of the local ordinances. *Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation* has developed a system for investigating and tracking of ordinances and noncompliance issues. We expect residents and city officials to see faster response times, improved communication, and better documentation for all ordinance compliance issues or concerns. Residents are encouraged to visit the city's website, graymoor-devondale.com to learn more about our required permits and ordinances.

I would like to ask that all questions or concern related to ordinances, permits, or property maintenance be directed to Nancy Perito, City Clerk either by a phone call 502.429.0834 ext. 102,

email <u>cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com</u>, or just old fashion mail; 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222. By contacting the City Clerk first, the issue can be directed to the appropriate City official for review or action.

The long awaited Ormsby Lane sidewalk construction started in early December and will continue for several more weeks. The new sidewalk being constructed on the west side of Ormsby Lane from Westport Road to LaGrange Road is a joint project being funded by Metro Louisville, Lyndon, and Graymoor-Devondale. The sidewalk will provide a safer way for pedestrians to travel to bus stops located on the major roadways.

Also, I would like to use this issue of our newsletter to once again thank the men and women that serve on our city's police department and our city's support staff. Please see the article and photos of the Appreciation Dinner celebration in this newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our two new Council Members, Drew Martin (Write-in candidate) and Alan Bryant to the City Council. I would also like to thank Alice Shade and Jeff Morgenthau for their service to the Council for the last two years as well as the incumbent Council Members that were elected in November. While this Council will serve for the next two years, I will serve as Mayor for the next four years.

Council Member Drew Martin

Mr. Martin ran in the November 2018 election and was elected to join the City Council of Graymoor-Devondale. As a new Council member, he wanted residents to know he moved to the Graymoor-Devondale neighborhood in 2017 from another area in Louisville, and quickly fell in love with our neighborhood and all that is has to offer. After tackling a home renovation project, he and his two pups cannot imagine living any other place. He knows he will be here for many years.

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In addition to being one of the best neighborhoods in the heart of Louisville, Mr. Martin shared he has encountered the generosity and kindness of our residents first hand.

As a professional, he is a Realtor specializing in residential real estate. As your Council Member, his goal is to continue to make our neighborhood one of the most beautiful and desirable in Louisville and to be an advocate for our residents. Mr. Martin said, "I want to ensure that we make city improvements that will only help to increase home values and benefit homeowners."

He looks forward to serving as your Council Member.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The judges for this year's Holiday Decorating Contest were quite impressed with the creativity and decorating skills of our many residents that braved the elements and decorated their homes for the holiday season. The judges were also excited to learn about the much-deserved \$75 cash awards to the winners.

If you have not already visited the photos section at <u>graymoor-devondale.com</u> you want to take a moment and look at the photos of the many homes throughout the city that decorated for the holidays.

Best Door - 312 Carlimar

Best Holiday Lighting – 7012 Graymoor

Best Use of Traditional Lighting – 7009 Dartmoor

Most Festive - 1803 Girard

Our thanks to everyone for decorating and making Graymoor-Devondale a brighter and better place to live and visit during the holiday season.

Code Enforcement Information

The City of Graymoor-Devondale is diligently working towards being proactive on Code Enforcement violations; however, you are encouraged to contact the city with complaints, or concerns. Many times rubbish, mattresses and furniture or even poor property maintenance can become a neighborhood eyesore. These issues should be called into or emailed to the City Clerk at cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com who will forward it to the Code Enforcement Officer.

After the complaint has been verified, the offender could receive a Notice of Violation with a date of compliance, or a verbal warning. If the violation is not remedied within the allotted time for compliance, follow up measures including fines and clean up costs could be assessed to the property.

Common complaints include:

- Failure to obtain the required Building Permits from the City of Graymoor-Devondale prior to beginning construction
- Property Maintenance-Debris around the property, broken and hanging shutters and gutters, soffits detaching from the house
- Junk cars
- Parking on the grass or on unapproved surfaces
- Mattresses not bagged in plastic
- Failure to notify sanitation company about furniture
- Failure to mow lawns (excess of 10 inches)
- Excessive growth of vegetation.
- Household items stacked in carports or driveway
- Failure to remove limbs and branches from yard
- Failure to cut limbs hanging over sidewalk

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Graymoor-Devondale Appreciation Dinner By Chief Grady Throneberry

In late November, Mayor John Vaughan, sponsored an Appreciation Dinner to recognize our city's Police Department, City Clerk and Council members to thank them for their many years of service to the City of Graymoor-Devondale. It was the perfect time for me, as the city's Chief of Police to recognized and thank the police officers that serve our city. Lt. Col. John Mills was recognized for his 10 plus years of service with the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department. John has been a tremendous asset to this department as well as to me, in his capacity as our Deputy Chief. Well respected in the local law enforcement community, by agreement with the St. Matthews Police Department, he serves as the commander to the St. Matthews Hostage Negotiations Team.

Other officers recognized were Bill Lewis and Kenneth Jones, each serving ten years with GDPD, and Terry Link and Jenny Assef, each serving seven years. Most in our community and the other cities we serve aren't aware of the wealth of experience within our department. Fully half of our staff has served as commanding officers in other agencies. In addition, we have highly qualified, experienced investigators and instructors in a variety of disciplines. I am truly grateful for each member of our team and knowing that our city can rely on them every day.

Mayor Vaughan also recognized our City Clerk, Nancy Perito, for her work in managing the day-to-day operations of our City Office for over 14 years. In addition to assisting residents with permits, taxes and general questions, she assists the Mayor, city attorney, code enforcement, Awards and officer photos below:



















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Important

Phone

Numbers

This is a serious physical injury, emergencies.

Call this number for EMS, fire or police.

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Graymoor-Devondale Police cell phone for the officer on duty.

Sheriff's Department Dispatcher. Ask for the Graymoor-Devondale police.

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City Council Meeting: Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the City Office. Residents are welcome.

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