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First, let me start with a few updates on what is happening this spring in Graymoor-Devondale:

- * The Graymoor-Devondale section of the Ormsby Lane Sidewalk project has been completed. The Metro and Lyndon sections will not be completed until late 2019 or early 2020 due to some right of way issues that need to be worked out.
- * The Graymoor Road sidewalk project is on hold while the City Engineer works on some storm water drainage issues with MSD.
- * There are no updates for the VA Hospital project. However, it is possible they may start construction sometime in 2019. An exact start date has not been announced.
- * The dentist office building at the corner of Lyndon Lane and Westport Road has been demolished to make way for a Taco Bell. The only access to the Taco Bell will be from Bob Farnon Way.
- * The City Engineer and Council member Dave Beaudoin have completed the annual survey of the City's streets, sidewalks, and signage. Their recommendations for street milling and paving will be reviewed at the May Council meeting.

June and July are busy months for Graymoor-Devondale residents. First, there is our annual Citywide Yard Sale on June 8th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and then we will celebrate with our 4th of July Parade and prizes. More information about both of these events are included in this newsletter and on our website, graymoor-devondale.com. We hope you have the opportunity to enjoy both of these events.

Another June event in our city is the St. Albert the Great Viking Dash Fun Run and their two-day picnic. Both of these events will increase vehicle and pedestrian traffic throughout our city. Additional details about these events are in this issue. St. Albert's would like to welcome residents to join in the fun.

Also in this issue is an informative article from our Police Chief, Grady Throneberry, regarding speeding, a "hot button issue" in most suburban cities.

I would like to remind residents with drainage issues to contact MSD at 502-540-6000 directly. While, from time-to-time, our city officials may work with MSD on residential concerns, MSD is responsible for drainage issues in our city and should address resident concerns.

While this season's weather has been somewhat unpredictable, I want to remind residents our city has an ordinance regarding excessive weeds and grass that are 10 inches or higher. Everyone's cooperation in keeping his or her yard maintained is appreciated.

In closing it has been brought to my attention that recently some residents were concerned when they noticed a vehicle parked along our city streets with an individual walking up and down the streets. The resident notified the Graymoor Devondale police and they were able to verify the identity of the person. Observations and reporting to the police are by far one of the best ways we help maintain a safe and secure city.

The police never consider this to be a bother and will always make sure to investigate any time, night or day. Keep in mind that the city has a solicitation ordinance that requires any group or individuals to register and obtain a permit from the City of Graymoor-Devondale, at the City Office, before soliciting residences.

Citywide Yard Sale Saturday - June 8th 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Graymoor-Devondale's Citywide

As a city event, all residents are invited to participate as sellers, buyers or both. There are always lots of goodies at bargain prices and numerous opportunities to visit with neighbors.

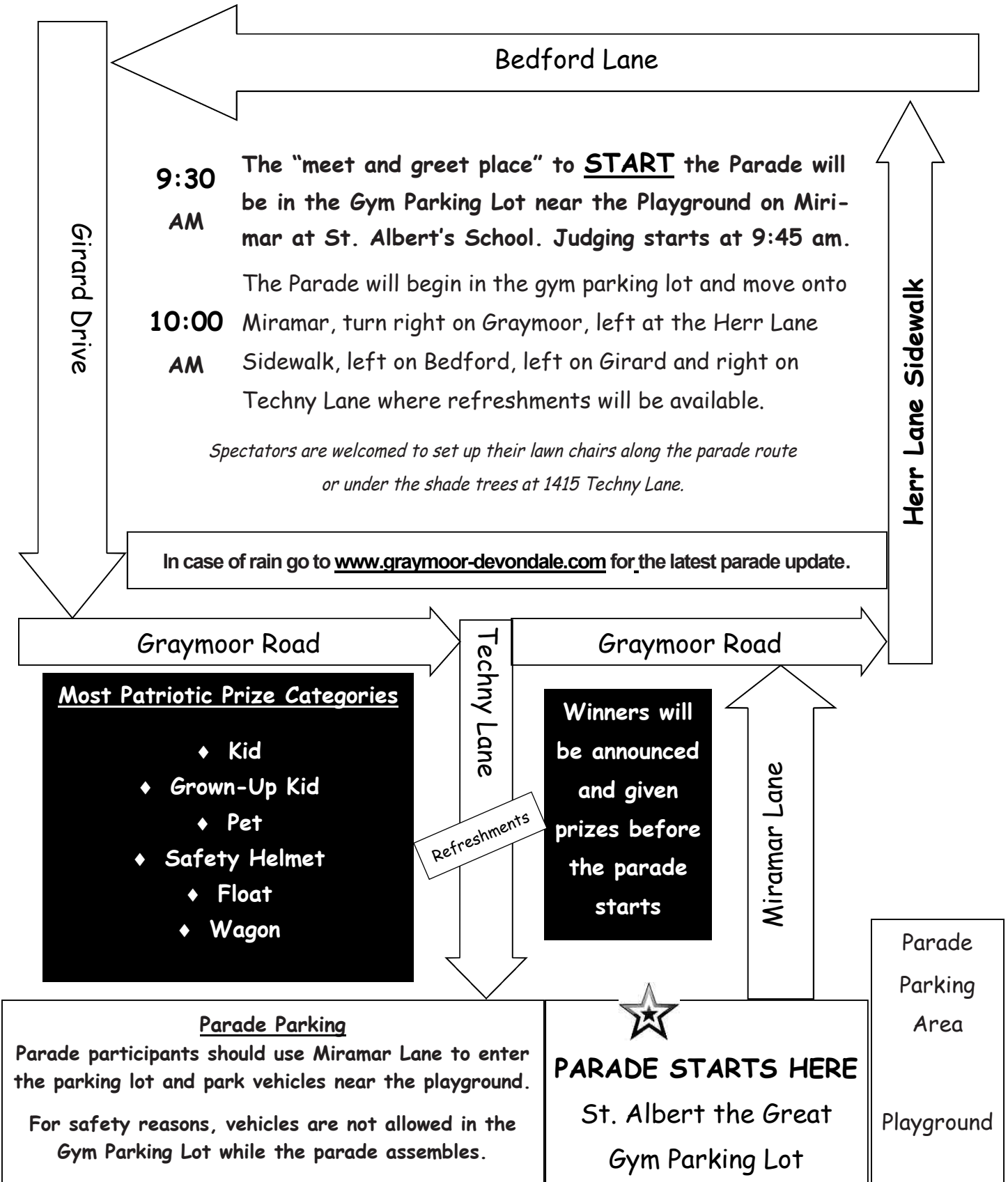
Residents wanting to promote their participation in the Citywide Yard Sale are more than welcomed to put signs out on their own to promote their address. However, it is the resident's responsibility to remove their signs Saturday afternoon.

The city's Yard Sale signs will be placed at various locations throughout the city the Sunday before the Yard Sale. Since these signs are city property, residents should not move the signs to other locations. These signs will be picked up by the city on Saturday afternoon and saved for next year.

Ads promoting the city's Yard Sale will be posted with numerous online sites and newspapers.

We would also like to remind residents that items leftover from your Yard Sale should not be taken to the curb until after 6:00 pm on Sunday, for Monday's Waste Management pick-up.

July 4th Patriotic Parade Route and Schedule



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Parade Day is Thursday July 4th!

Things to Know For the Parade:

Parade participants should arrive at St. Albert's Gym parking lot by 9:30 AM. This gives parade organizers enough time to set up the parade and the judges time to see everyone and select a winner for each category. Judging starts at 9:45. Winners will be selected and photographed before the parade starts at 10:00 AM.

- * Since the parade will travel along the sidewalk on Herr Lane, Herr Lane will not be closed for motorized vehicles
- * For judging, parade participants will be asked to line-up and walk in front of the judges at 9:45 AM
- * Winners will be photographed and given their prizes before the parade starts at 10:00 AM
- * Our Graymoor-Devondale Police Department will lead the parade
- * Sunscreen and sunglasses are suggested
- * Wear comfortable shoes and clothes
- * Decorations should be safe and fun
- * Encourage family and friends to join us in the parade, as spectators along the route or at the end of the parade under the shade trees on Techny Lane. Just bring a chair or a blanket!

The following streets and parking lot entrances will be closed during the Parade:

- * Mirimar Lane
- * Graymoor Road
- * Bedford Lane
- * Girard Road
- * Techny Lane
- * St. Albert's Gym parking lot will be closed. As a safety precaution no traffic will be allowed through this parking lot while the parade assembles at St. Albert's. Cooperation is appreciated!

Speeding, A Hot Button Issue By Chief Grady Throneberry

Most suburban communities, like Graymoor-Devondale, have "hot button issues"; and for many it is speeding on residential streets. Families are rightfully concerned that children and walkers are at risk from traffic offenders. We regularly hear from residents about speeding on various Graymoor-Devondale streets and we take those concerns seriously.

In order to address those concerns, in addition to individual officers running radar and stopping offenders, we acquired two "smart" radar speed signs; one is trailer mounted and the other is pole mounted. These smart signs have been well-received by our residents; we move them periodically and randomly, and we also move them when residents in particular areas voice concerns about speeding.

Since we believe the signs have been effective, I want to explain why we believe they are effective. Our "smart" signs not only alert drivers about speeding, but they also capture some revealing data. Here are a few items of interest from the information we have collected:

While we certainly have some speeders, most people driving through Graymoor-Devondale tend to obey the speed limit.

Almost everyone, upon seeing the radar sign, taps the brake and slows down, even when they weren't speeding to begin with.

Of the very few drivers who are speeding excessively (15 mph or more over the speed limit), most will slow down to the designated speed limit upon seeing the sign; rarely will a driver just continue at an excessive speed.

We've also conducted some informal, non-scientific tests with a few residents and officers using handheld radar units. The resident will estimate the speed of an approaching vehicle while the officer checks actual speed by radar. Invariably the resident (on foot) will guess the speed much higher than the actual speed. In one particular case our resident insisted that our radar unit was malfunctioning, certain her estimate was accurate.

What does all of this tell us? First, yes we do have some speeders on our streets. We are a convenient cut through for folks trying to save time and avoid lights and traffic congestion, so we are always going to deal with this issue. Second, our new technology (the "smart" radar units) has been helpful in terms of safety information. And third, our speeding problem isn't quite as bad as it may seem, however, the axiom "perception is reality" applies in almost all situations, meaning that we want to hear from you when you are concerned about traffic or any other issue. If traffic is the issue we are happy to place one of the radar signs in any area of interest.

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☆☆ Important ☆☆		911	Life-threatening or serious physical injury, emergencies.
☆☆ Phone ☆☆			Call this number for EMS, fire or police.
☆☆ Numbers ☆☆		327-2677	Graymoor-Devondale Police cell phone for the officer on duty.
☆☆ ☆☆☆☆☆		574-5471	Sheriff's Department Dispatcher. Ask for the Graymoor-Devondale police.
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City Council Meeting 6:30 PM
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ST. ALBERT THE GREAT SUMMER PICNIC

The St. Albert the Great Summer Picnic is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22 this year. Graymoor-Devondale streets will get a little crowded, but as usual, the church will post no parking signs along the south and west sides of the streets.

Free bus transportation will also be available from the Wilder Elementary School. The bus will run continuously throughout the picnic, from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Again this year we will have several "limo" golf carts to take people to and from their cars parked in the neighborhood.

All our neighbors are invited to come out and enjoy the festivities. Highlights for this year's picnic include:

- * THURSDAY EVENING 5K FUN RUN THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD Hours: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- * THURSDAY EVENING CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
- * LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
- * HOLE IN ONE CONTEST
- * GAMING BOOTHS
- * SILENT AUCTION
- * LARGE INFLATABLE TOYS – FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY ON
- * FOOD BOOTH – PORK SANDWICHES, BRATS, FISH, CHICKEN
- * BEVERAGE AND BLACKJACK TABLES – FOR THE OLDER ONES

Please contact Larry Brunner at 502-425-3940, ext. 102 or lbrunner@stalbert.org to sign-up for the 5k Fun Run, Cornhole Tournament or to get more information about this year's event. You can also go to storestalbert.org to sign-up or purchase raffle tickets.