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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

Greetings to all and welcome to the post pandemic "New Normal" and what that means for the city. I am excited to report the city's Patriotic Parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Parade information is included in this newsletter and updates will be posted as needed to the city's website, graymoor-devondale.com.

The City Council returned to "in person meetings" at the City Office starting in June. Also, we will continue to offer virtual meetings. The link to City Council meetings will be posted on graymoor-devondale.com in the *City News and Events* section.

A quick update on some of the major projects in or near the city:

Parks Real Estate: Construction of their new office on Herr Lane is progressing and the building should be completed by the end of the year.

Providence Point: The project was approved with variances pending. The developer has said there will be no construction for a year or two.

Robley Rex VA Hospital: The VA is in the process of evaluating the bids for construction and anticipates awarding a contract in July with construction starting later this year.

NEW PROJECT: The KYTC (KY Transportation Cabinet) will be rebuilding the US 42 Hwy 22 I264 interchange. This project has been in the planning stages since 2017 and has now been funded for construction that may start late summer or early fall.

The City Council is working on finalizing the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Currently, we plan on milling and paving some streets in the Graymoor section of the city. If the budget

is approved the paving would be completed prior to the start of the school year. The Council will work on and evaluate plans for the monies the city will be receiving from the 2021 - 22 American Recovery Act. At this time, we are waiting for the spending guidelines to be finalized by the Federal and State governing agencies.

Please have a safe and healthy summer.

Considering the "Likes" and "Don't Likes" of fireworks celebrations?

Yvette Winnette

Every year I hear many discussions about fireworks. For some residents, there is, others there is not, a middle of the road opinion about the use of fireworks in residential areas. After researching several websites and blogs, I thought the following information might be helpful when considering the use of fireworks over the July 4th holidays.

Why I like fireworks?

- · I like bright colorful lights in the night sky.
- · Loud booms are fun.
- · I like shooting off fireworks all weekend long..

Why don't I like fireworks?

- > I suffer from PTSD and the lights and booms upset me.
- > My pets are terrified of booms.
- > The booms continue late into the night over several nights.

I want to light fireworks. What can I do?

- Staying within the July 3-4 window for fireworks can help keep the element of surprise to a minimum. Fireworks are inevitable but knowing roughly when to expect them can help veterans with PTSD and pet owners prepare themselves for what's to come. It's also important to be aware of what time you are setting off your fireworks. It's probably safe to say that combat veterans and pets are not the only ones who may be bothered, on some level, by all hours of the night fireworks. A good rule is to stop at-home fireworks to two hours past dusk.
- Make sure your firework celebration is respectful to your neighbors and consider the type, quantity and time of day or night fireworks are exploded.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area, away from homes, buildings and vehicles.

I'm not a fan of fireworks. What can I do?

- For those suffering from PTSD Invest in noise-canceling headphones or heavy-duty earplugs. Invest in a white noise machine. Paired with headphones or earplugs this machine may be helpful to you.
- Pet owners should bring pets inside for the whole day and night leading up to the 4th.
- Be sure your pet is wearing a well-fitting collar with up-to-date ID tags so you can identify your pet (or let whoever finds it find you) if it does manage to get out of the house or fence.
- > Tire your dog out. Preempt any jitters by taking your dog on a long walk, run, or fetch session before the fireworks start.
- Surround your dog with comforting things, like a white noise machine, a Thundershirt (proven to comfort anxious dogs), or a distracting treat, like a Kong stuffed with peanut butter or a new bone. If your dog is distracted and happy, it may not notice the fireworks booms.

July 3rd Patriotic Parade Route and Schedule

Bedford Lane The "meet and greet place" to START the Parade will 9:30 be in the Gym Parking Lot near the Playground on Miri-Girard Drive AM mar at St. Albert's School. Judging starts at 9:45 am. The Parade will begin in the gym parking lot and move onto Herr Lane Sidewalk **10:00** Miramar, turn right on Graymoor, left at the Herr Lane Sidewalk, left on Bedford, left on Girard and right on AM Techny Lane where refreshments will be available. Spectators are welcomed to set up their lawn chairs along the parade route or under the shade trees at 1415 Techny Lane. In case of rain go to www.graymoor-devondale.com for parade updates. Graymoor Road Graymoor Road Techny Lane Most Patriotic Prize Categories Winners will Kid be announced Miramar Road Grown-Up Kid and given Pet Retromments prizes before Safety Helmet; Kid & Adult the parade Float starts Wagon Parade Parking Parade Parking Area

Parade participants should use Miramar Lane to enter the parking lot and park vehicles near the playground.

For safety reasons, vehicles are not allowed in the Gym Parking Lot while the parade assembles.

PARADE STARTS HERE

St. Albert the Great

Gym Parking Lot

Playground

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Parade Day is Saturday July 3 red!

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 10:0 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 should be in the line-up and ready to begin walking 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 Road
- * Graymoor Road
- * Bedford Lane
- * Girard Drive
- * 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!

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☆ Important ☆ ❖ 911 Life-threatening or serious physical injury, emergencies. ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Call this number for EMS, fire or police. ☆ Graymoor-Devondale Police cell phone for the officer on duty. 327-2677 $\stackrel{ riangle}{\sim}$ Numbers ☆ ☆ 574-5471 Sheriff's Department Dispatcher. Ask for the Graymoor-Devondale police. ☆ ☆ M

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City Council Meeting: 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222 Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. For online meetings Details visit graymoor-devondale.com.

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Changes to the city's 2021 Patriotic Parade

- Instead of being held on July 4th, this year's parade will be on Saturday, July 3rd.
- To encourage Grown-Up Kids (adults) to wear bike safety helmets too, a new prize category has been added.
- Refreshments will be limited to individual juice packets and bottled water.
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 - ⇒ Westport Village; 1201 Herr Lane, Suite 115
 - ⇒ In addition to donating a \$75 value Raffle Prize, they are donating a water bottle and 20% coupon for bike services or accessories to this year's parade winners.
 - ⇒ Raffle tickets will be given to parade participants and the winner will be selected at the end of the parade.

Raffle Prize: (1) FREE Weekender Bike Tune-Up (Value \$75)* Includes:

- · Safety Inspection
- Adjust Shifting
- Inspect for Wear
- Adjust for Brakes
- Wheel True on Bike
- Lubricate Chain

*Does not include replacement parts, if needed.

The day after Independence Day, July 5, is often the busiest day of the year for many animal shelters, as they work to safely catch, identify, and return scared pets spooked to their owners.



For some, fireworks
bring joy and excitement, for others,
they can be a cause of stress and
anxiety. Veterans suffering from
post-traumatic stress disorder
(PTSD) can easily be triggered by
the sporadic booms and bangs that
go along with fireworks, as they may
remind them of gunfire or explosions
experienced on the battlefield.