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<p>The Graymoor-Devondale News is published and paid for by The City of Graymoor-Devondale for the residents of the city. © 2006.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor John Vaughan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council Members Michael Allen Alan Bryant Drew Martin David Meiners Mark Sites Yvette Winnette</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER STAFF Council Member/Editor Yvette Winnette Printed by: Derby City Litho</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER</u></p> <p>Greetings everyone. I would like to bring you up to date on a major change in our city. Effective July 15th of this year the Graymoor Devondale Police Department was transferred to the City of Lyndon. For several years the Graymoor-Devondale Police provided police services to several of our neighbor cities on a contract basis. These contracts provided revenue to the City that allowed us to develop one the most respected police departments in the Metro Louisville Area.</p> <p>Over the past two years the support provided by Metro Louisville Police to all Home Rule Cities in Metro Louisville has required the Home Rule City police departments respond to most of the calls in their areas. In-order-for Graymoor-Devondale to provide the desired level of protection and service this required hiring more officers and the purchase of more police vehicles and equipment. This was rapidly becoming a financial burden to Graymoor-Devondale. After several meetings with the city of Lyndon, it was determined that Lyndon as the much larger city, with five times the population and six times the tax revenue of Graymoor-Devondale, could better finance the police department.</p> <p>The City Councils for both cities were able to work out an agreement where all of the police department's assets were transferred to Lyndon. In return Lyndon will provide full police services to Graymoor-Devondale for a period of four (4) years. At the end of that period Graymoor-Devondale will contract with Lyndon for continued service. The Police Department will continue to operate from the Graymoor-Devondale City Office for several months as Lyndon develops a plan for new police offices.</p> <p>All Graymoor-Devondale officers were retained by Lyndon and in the short time Lyndon has had the police force they have increased the number of officers and added a new Assistant Chief. They have also added six (6) new patrol cars. The existing cars, officers' badges, uniforms and patches will be re-branded with the Lyndon name.</p> <p>Graymoor-Devondale will still have the same great officers patrolling that we have always had. The phone numbers are the same too. We truly feel this is a win-win for both cities and look forward to working with the Lyndon for many years in the future.</p> <p>I would like to remind everyone that on November 8th it will be time to elect six (6) City Council members and a mayor for new terms. Council members serve for two years, and the mayor serves for four (4) years. The new terms will start January 1, 2023.</p> <p>Traditionally the Graymoor-Devondale elected Council members have been active Council members beyond just attending the monthly Council meetings. Each of the Council members assist in city operations by overseeing such functions as Public Works, Sanitation, Beautification, Insurance/Finance, Ice/Snow Removal, and Public Information. As Mayor I truly appreciate the time and effort all the Council members put into keeping the city running smoothly.</p> <p>Residents interested in taking advantage of the city's Tree Planting Program should act quickly as this year's planting program's application due date is October, 14, 2022. Program details are in this newsletter.</p> <p><u>Quick Project Updates:</u></p> <p>Waste Management is currently distributing a new larger Recycling Bin to residents.</p> <p>VA Hospital – In full construction mode now. Blasting is expected to continue through mid-September. Large cranes are being assembled on site and concrete is being placed most days for the hospital building.</p> <p>Bull Run (KABA Property) – Developer filed plans with Metro Planning and Development and expects a review hearing to be scheduled in September.</p> <p>Lastly, I would like to thank everyone that participated in the city's annual Fourth of July Parade. It was a great day for a parade! Be sure to check out the parade's photos posted on the city's website, graymoor-devondale.com.</p>	
<p>Holiday Decorating Contest - December 10, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 - 8:30 PM</p> <p><i>Best Use of Holiday Lighting</i> <i>Best Holiday Door</i></p> <p><i>Most Traditional Lighting</i> <i>Most Festive</i></p>		<p>Blessing of Animals</p> <p>St. Albert the Great</p> <p>1395 Girard Drive</p> <p>Sunday, October 2nd 4 pm</p> <p>Front of the church</p>

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The current Mayor of Graymoor-Devondale, John Vaughan, is the only candidate that filed the required forms and payment to be on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Candidates seeking election to the Graymoor-Devondale City Council will appear on the ballot in the order listed in this newsletter. Candidates were given the opportunity to provide information about themselves, their experience and reasons for seeking election to the City Council. Residents will have the opportunity to vote for six (6) City Council members.

Due to the changes in how and when the Jefferson County Board of Elections releases ballots and administers elections, steps were taken to provide candidate information to voters as early as possible while still allowing write-in candidates to be included in election communications from Graymoor-Devondale.

Should a resident file the required declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, their information will be posted to the city's website. To date, no resident has submitted the forms and payment required by the Jefferson County Board of Elections to run as a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates must email their candidate information to cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com by October 28th to be added to the city's website.

Residents should visit <http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/> to learn more about registering to vote, absentee ballots, see a sample ballot, voting sites and voting dates.

Graymoor-Devondale City Council Candidates (Ballot Order)**Angela COAN**

Hello, I'm excited to introduce myself as I seek my initial term with the Graymoor-Devondale City Council. As a native Louisvillian, who also attended Kammerer, my family and I have lived in Graymoor-Devondale for over 5 years. We love this community, the beauty of the area, and the many amenities it offers.

Living on one of the streets closest to the VA Hospital and future townhomes/apartments at Providence Point, I want to ensure everyone has a voice for these upcoming changes and the future impact it will have on our community. With lots of development occurring around us, our residents should be involved in how this impacts our daily life with increased traffic and safety. I want to ensure the safety for all our city residents is prioritized, our voices are heard, and our concerns addressed so that all parties are happy.

With my background in accounting and business management, professional roles at both the University of Louisville and Humana, I look forward to bringing these skills to my role as a new City Council member. I would be honored to receive your vote and serve as your new Council member.

**Alan BRYANT (Incumbent)**

My name is Alan Bryant, and I am asking you to vote for me for re-election to the City Council of Graymoor-Devondale.

We live in a really great little city. We have a clean, safe city, with good schools, churches, shops, and restaurants. We have reliable garbage pick-up and recycling services, police protection, street-lighting, and snow removal.

I want to continue to help our city government keep Graymoor-Devondale a wonderful neighborhood for all our citizens.

**Mark SITES (Incumbent)**

As a long-time Council member, I have enjoyed serving the City of Graymoor-Devondale for many years and would love the opportunity to continue in this role. I raised my family here and am this September celebrating my 30th year as a resident.

Our two grown children loved their years at Wilder Elementary where my wife also worked for 20 years. Throughout my tenure on the City Council, I have managed the waste pickup contract and have used my professional background as an engineer in infrastructure and land development to assist the city.

I would appreciate your vote and hope to see you at the polls!

**David A. MEINERS (Incumbent)**

Candidate chose not to provide information for voter consideration.

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I love Graymoor-Devondale. My family moved to Applewood Ln. from Winchester, KY when I was eight years old. I grew up in this city, graduated from Waggener, and moved to UofL for college. After getting my Mechanical Engineering degree and traveling the country establishing a career in the energy industry, I knew there was only one place I wanted to raise my own family – here. Now, along with my wife and two boys (ages 7 and 4) that is exactly what we are doing. We take walks, visit with neighbors, and enjoy the sense of community that this city offers - the same things I did growing up here.



The things we all love about this community don't happen by accident. Walking around our neighborhood I see the pride we take in our homes. Working with our neighbors I have heard the passion we have for this place, and in serving on the City Council these past two years I know the important work that gets done to help make this all possible.

It has been an honor to serve on the City Council during this eventful term. In addition to the monthly meetings and road sign repairs, I have collaborated with our city engineer to conduct annual condition surveys of every city road and continue to work on refining and funding our city's long term Sidewalk Plan. For the past year, I have been overseeing the Greenlawn Road repaving and curb upgrade project. I also recently started organizing the remote access portion of our City Council meetings. Above all, I have been listening and responding to the needs and concerns of my neighbors. I have enjoyed being of service to a community I love so much, and I hope to continue working to make Graymoor-Devondale a place you are proud to call home. I would be honored to have your vote for city council.

Joseph F. MEINERS

Candidate chose not to provide information for voter consideration.

Yvette WINNETTE (Incumbent)

As a current City Council member seeking my eight term to serve the residents of Graymoor-Devondale, I thank you for your votes in previous elections and would like to ask for your vote in this election.

Since being elected to the Council I have continued to work on improving what our city offers residents. In addition to publishing the city's newsletters, I worked to improve our residents' experience when using the city's website, graymoor-devondale.com. Enhancements made several years ago to support residents using smart phones and tablets when visiting the city's website has increased website use significantly. During the difficult times caused by COVID-19, the website allowed the city to release information to residents as it became available to the city. The enhanced website allows residents and businesses to download and print building and fence permits forms, easily access additional information and event photos. I also manage the email communications to residents that sign up on the city's website to receive their newsletter city communications in their email address.



As a Council member, I coordinate the annual Citywide Yard Sale, Fourth of July Parade and recruit new judges annually (unfamiliar with Graymoor-Devondale) and escort them throughout the city to select the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest.

Before retiring, I worked with city, state and federal agencies in the banking, healthcare, human resources, technology and customer service industries. I held management positions responsible for operations, administration, development and service. I graduated from the University of Louisville, the Neighborhood Institute and attend Ambassador Institute Classes offered by the Ambassador Institute.

Since moving into Graymoor-Devondale in 2002, I have had many opportunities to meet neighbors and experience the value of being a part of our community. Your vote in this election and support for the next two years will be greatly appreciated.

Fourth of July Parade (By: Yvette Winnette) Usually, when July 4th falls on Monday, I expect our city's annual Patriotic Parade to be a little bit smaller because residents go away for the long weekend. That was not the case for this year's parade. Several residents mentioned to me that it was the parade that brought their family members and friends from out of town to our parade because it's a great neighborhood celebration. Not sure, but it may have been our biggest turnout of participants and spectators.

Once again, **N+1 Bikes** sponsored the parade by donating water bottles to the winners and offering a \$75 Raffle Prize for a bike tune-up. I would like to thank this Westport Village business for being such an active neighbor in our city. Congratulations to each of our winners for upping the decorations on their bike helmets, outfits, wagons and floats for this year's parade. I would like to thank the judges, Lindsey Matthews and her children for selecting this year's winners.

If you have not visited the city's website, graymoor-devondale.com to see the really cute and fun photos of the parade's winners, participants and spectators, please take a moment and take a look at these fun photos.

Lastly, I would like to thank Police Chief, Grady Throneberry and officers that lead our parade.

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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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CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

By: Drew Martin



The Graymoor-Devondale City Council is once again offering the Tree Planting Program to residents, now in its fourth year. This is a first come, first served program. Due to increased pricing of trees, this year the city will not be able to plant as many trees as in years past. When the budgeted money is allocated, no further applications will be accepted. Program highlights include:

- > Residents must request, complete and submit the City's required Tree Planting Program Application:
 - Request: The application can be obtained by downloading the application from the Permits and Licenses section of the city's website at www.graymoor-devondale.com; emailing Drew Martin at drew@drewmartinrealtor.com or by visiting the City Office at 1500 Lynn Way during office hours to pick up the application.
 - **Submission: The application must be submitted by October 14, 2022** by email to drew@drewmartinrealtor.com or delivered to the City Office at 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222.
- > Resident may apply for only one tree per lot. The planting location will be in an agreed upon location by the resident and City Contractor to ensure trees do not encroach on easements when fully mature.
- > Residents will choose their tree species from the City's approved tree list included with the application.
- > Graymoor-Devondale will pay the City's Contractor directly for trees planted on a resident's lot.
- > No upgrades or additional trees will be allowed through this program.
- > By signing the application, residents agree to grant the City and its Contractor access to plant the tree on property as well as to care for and water the tree for the first year.

Trees will be planted late Fall of 2022. The Contractor will contact residents prior to planting.
 The Graymoor-Devondale City Council thanks you for participating!