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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

This edition of the city newsletter is focused on the upcoming November elections. In this newsletter you will find information on the eight residents that will be on the ballot for City Council. It is certainly easy to become distracted in a Presidential Election year, however, remember that government starts at the grassroots level and the Council is made up of your friends and neighbors. In my term serving as Mayor I have always been proud of the fact that Graymoor-Devondale has always had an active Council dedicated to maintaining and improving the wonderful city we live in.

Mayor
John Vaughan

Council Members
Michael Allen
Alan Bryant
Drew Martin
David Meiners
Mark Sites
Yvette Winnette

Please take a few minutes to review the information on each candidate and most important cast your ballot for the November election. For many, you may want to vote via mail if you are concerned about exposure during the pandemic. If you choose to cast your ballot in person, please remember that many of the traditional polling places will not be open and the Board of Elections has established regional polling locations throughout Jefferson County. For additional information about voting, you can visit elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org.

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In other news the Council will continue to conduct monthly council meetings online via Zoom. The connection for each meeting will be posted on the city's website graymoor-devondale.com a few days prior to the meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 pm.

At the September meeting Council Member Michael Allen presented a draft of the long-range sidewalk plan. This was the Council's first look at a plan to install sidewalks on some of the main streets in the city. A priority of the Council will be improving safety for pedestrians along with providing connectivity to the city's existing sidewalks. In other news the City will be holding the annual Holiday Decorating Contest on Saturday, December 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

- Quick updates on local development projects:
- Robley Rex Veterans Hospital project is once again showing some signs of life with site plans being prepared. There has not been an official schedule for construction released.
 - Providence Point (Herr Lane across from Ballard High School) - The developer has submitted a revised plan to Metro Louisville Planning and Design. The proposal is for 10 multistory apartment buildings for a total of 500 plus units.
 - KABA Property (directly behind the homes on Crossmoor Lane) - KABA is in negotiations to sell this property to a developer. Proposed plans would be to develop upscale patio homes and apartments.
 - Tax bills for the 2020-2021 tax season were mailed in mid-September. If you have questions about the Homestead Exemption please call the PVA at 502-574-6380. All other questions can be directed to the City Clerk at 502-429-0834.
 - It looks like the Brownsboro Road – Herr Lane area may be in for a lot of development activity over the next few years.

In closing I encourage everyone to please exercise your right to vote in the November elections. As always stay safe and healthy.

Graymoor-Devondale City Council candidates seeking election to service for a two (2) year term.

Candidates seeking election to the Graymoor-Devondale City Council will appear on the ballot in the order they are listed in this newsletter. Each candidate was given the opportunity to provide information about themselves, their experience and reason for seeking election to the City Council. Candidates listed on the ballot submitted their required forms and fees to the Jefferson County Board of Elections on or before the deadline of June 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

When voting, residents will have the opportunity to vote for six (6) City Council candidates.

Due to the changes in how and when the Jefferson County Board of Elections will release ballots and administer the upcoming election, steps have been taken to provide candidate information to voters as early as possible while still allowing anyone that may want to run as a write-in candidate 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

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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. While steps have been taken to allow as much time as possible for write-in candidates to have their information included in this newsletter, unfortunately, due to the additional time required for publishing and mailing the newsletter, residents wanting to know more about any write-in candidates should go to www.graymoor-devondale.com. Information received from write-in candidates will be added to the city's website after October 23rd, the deadline for write-in candidates to file.

If you are interested in seeking election as a Write-in candidate, the last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate is October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Please 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
(Listed in the order as they appear on the ballot)***

Yvette WINNETTE (Incumbent)

As a current City Council member seeking my seventh 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 worked to improve what our city offers residents. In addition to publishing the city's newsletters and postcards, I lead the efforts to improve our residents' experience when visiting the city's website, www.graymoor-devondale.com. Resident using smart phones and tablets will find the site much easier to navigate. Improvements made to the enhanced website allows residents and businesses to download and print forms like building and fence permits as well as the House Watch form used by our police department. I also manage the email communications to residents that signed up on the city's website to receive their newsletter, postcards and other city communications in their emails.



In my council member role, I coordinate the annual Citywide Yard Sale. After joining the council, I brought back and continue to coordinate our Fourth of July Parade. I also recruit new judges every year (unfamiliar with Graymoor-Devondale) and escort them throughout the city as they select the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest.

Before retiring, I worked in city, state and federal agencies in the banking, healthcare, human resources, technology and customer service industries. While working in the public and private sectors 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 so many wonderful opportunities to meet our neighbors and experience the value of being a part of our community. Your vote in this election will be greatly appreciated.

Alan BRYANT (Incumbent)

Hello, my name is Alan Bryant. I would like to have your vote for re-election to the City Council of Graymoor-Devondale. I am a semi-retired lawyer. My family and I have lived in Graymoor-Devondale for 42 years.

We have a great little city. It is a wonderful family place to live. We are close to grocery stores, restaurants, schools, and churches. We have wonderful neighbors, green trees, and places to walk and ride bicycles. We have a hardworking city government, a great mayor, and a dedicated city council.



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We get more benefits and services from our City taxes than we do any other taxes we pay. With our tax dollars, City government provides the security of a great police force; garbage, yard waste, and recycling pick up; streetlights; snow and ice removal; a tree planting program; street signage; a city engineer to review improvements; limited power regarding zoning matters; and much more.

We are living in a very difficult time – pandemic, social unrest, climate change, but let's continue to work together to make our City better for everyone. Please vote for me.

Mark A. SITES (Incumbent)

We moved to Graymoor-Devondale in 1991 from the Highlands. I had gotten to know the city when I was designing the MSD sewers for the portion of the city south of Westport Road between Lyndon and Ormsby Lanes, and when the time came, we moved here and have never regretted it.



For more than 30 years my professional work has been in civil engineering and land planning in both the public and private sectors. I have been a member of the City Council for over 15 years and believe my background has been beneficial in many matters that have come before the Council. Since joining my Council role has been our waste management, with good service from our contractor and negotiated contract extensions for which rates have not been raised in over 10 years.

I am proud to participate in making our City a great place to live and raise families. I respect the good work done by all of our council members, and the efforts we undertake to continue to protect and enhance our community. I am looking forward to more remodeling at our home, to get our values going up, and many more years here in our City.

David A. MEINERS (Incumbent)

I grew up in Devondale. My parents raised six children in this city and my father still lives in the house on Devondale Drive purchased in 1970. Several of my siblings live here as well. I attended University of Kentucky.



After working several years in Lexington, I realized I missed this community. My wife, Susie and I moved back to Graymoor-Devondale in 1994. We raised two children (Caroline and Lucas) here and hope they will buy houses in our neighborhood as well. I have had the unique opportunity of experiencing my childhood and most of my adult life in this neighborhood. I feel this will help me to continue making wise decisions for our city.

I have many fond memories of this community. I've enjoyed my terms on the City Council. I am responsible for snow and ice removal. I look forward to serving for many years.

David WILSON

I'm excited for this opportunity to introduce myself to the residents of Graymoor-Devondale as I am seeking your vote to join the City Council. This is my inaugural political candidacy.

My family and I live on Glen Arbor Road and are active members of the community. We believe in enriching the lives of others, and I look forward to the opportunity to expand the scope of making a difference by serving on the City Council. I'm currently the Vice President of the Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce. We work tirelessly to raise funds for the Coalition for the Homeless, Wellspring, KFOV, Girl Scouts of America and many other charitable organizations.



I'm the co-owner of a small business that started in the Graymoor-Devondale community. Our business is a full-service offering where we auction personal property, provide updates to the home and sell the home through our brokerage, while honoring the Legacy of the families we service. As your Council Member, I will bring my service-oriented mindset to the community. We look to develop community through healthy discussion and active listening and to put action behind the words with development, planning and budgeting. We get things done.

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I care passionately about where I live, and I want to ensure that I leave it in a better place than when I arrived. I look forward to receiving your vote and serving as your City Council Member.

Sincerely yours, David Wilson

Michael ALLEN (Incumbent)

I love Graymoor-Devondale. My family moved to Applewood Lane from Winchester, KY when I was 8 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 5 and 2) 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 neighborhoods I see the pride we take in our homes. Watching the zoning change and MSD hearings last year I heard the passion we have for this place and attending the city council meeting this past year I know the important work that gets done to help make this all possible.

In April, I was elected by the city council to fill an open seat. For the past six months I have been fixing and upgrading broken road signs and stop signs. I have collaborated with our city engineer to plan additional sidewalks and road paving as necessary. In September I presented a long term "Sidewalk Plan" to the council that will improve safety and convenience for walkers in our city. 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 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.

Drew MARTIN (Incumbent)

I currently serve as a member of the City Council of Graymoor-Devondale and am seeking my second term. My family moved to the neighborhood in 2017 and quickly settled in. The friendly community, beautiful homes, wide streets and convenient location are all reasons we love living in Graymoor-Devondale.



As a newer member on the City Council, I have learned a lot and have enjoyed working alongside the other council members to help make our community better. I am currently responsible for the area of Beautification for the City. During my time on City Council, I have initiated the first Tree Planting Program where we offered a variety of tree species for residents to choose from to be planted in their yards by our specified contractor, free of charge. This Fall is our second year for the program, and it has been successful with twice as many residents applying for trees than the first year. I believe this program will improve the beauty of the neighborhood and long-term quality of life for our residents for years to come.

As a business professional, I am a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 specializing in residential home sales in the Louisville area. I strive to protect our home values and ensure we make decisions that will continue to make our city a desirable area to live.

I would like the opportunity to continue serving the residents of Graymoor-Devondale and am asking for your continued support on election day.

Robert S. REISHMAN JR.

Hello, my name is Robert Stark Reishman Jr. and I am running for City Council in the upcoming election. My wife and I moved to Graymoor-Devondale in 2014 and we fell in love with this community.

I love our family; I love our neighbors and I love this city. That is why I am running for City Council of Graymoor-Devondale. I want to give back to this great community and I want to make sure we



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are all safe.

A true community is not just about where you live, it's not just about your zip code and it isn't just about being part of the same social network. It's about feeling connected to and being responsible for what happens.

I look forward to serving you and representing our community as your next member of City Council.

City of Graymoor-Devondale Councilmember (Vote for up to six candidates)	
Yvette WINNETTE	●
Alan BRYANT	●
Mark A. SITES	●
David A. MEINERS	●
David WILSON	●
Michael ALLEN	●
Drew MARTIN	●
Robert S. REISHMAN JR.	●
Write-in	●
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Write-in Candidate City Website Updates

At the time of the publication of this newsletter no Graymoor-Devondale residents have filed to seek election to the city council as a write-in candidate.

Any resident that has registered as a write -in candidate and is seeking election as a write-in candidate, should contact the Graymoor-Devondale City Clerk at cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com so your information added to the city's website.

Just like the candidates on the ballot, write-in candidates will be given the opportunity to submit a color photo, information about themselves, their experience (300 words) and reason for seeking election to one of the six (6) open City Council positions.

To ensure residents are given the opportunity to learn more about any write-in candidates that file the required forms and submit the required fees to seek election, residents should visit graymoor-devondale.com before voting.

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Preparing for Fall and Winter.

By George H. Stewart

Graymoor-Devondale Code Enforcement

Cooler temperatures and falling leaves in the inevitable future will certainly serve as a reminder that the fall season is quickly approaching. As the seasons change, so do our activities and home needs. Even though summer is not quite over yet, it's a good time to do some seasonal maintenance to keep your home running smoothly. As we all know all too well, the weather in the Ohio Valley changes quickly. A bit of attention now will save costly repairs and aggravation later down the road.

Interior Maintenance

Check for drafts. Feel for drafts around the edges of windows and doors. If necessary, replace seals and repair caulking around window and door frames. Consider buying heavier or insulated drapery for especially drafty windows.

Have your furnace inspected. Hire an HVAC professional to test for leaks, check heating efficiency, and change the filter. They can also do a carbon monoxide check to ensure air safety. It's also a good idea to stock up on extra air filters and change them every few months.

Winterize air conditioning. If your home has central air conditioning, it may be necessary to cover your outdoor unit for winter. If you use window air conditioning units, remove them or cover to prevent air leaks.

Programmable thermostat. Buy a programmable thermostat, if you don't have one. If you already have one, check the temperature settings. Setting your thermostat to lower the temperature automatically at night and when you're not home, can result in substantial cost savings.

Test home safety devices. Replace the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide devices and test to make sure they're working properly.

Clean humidifiers. Replace old filters and clean inside compartment. Vinegar is inexpensive and works well.

Exterior Maintenance

Do a roof check. You should be able to do at least a visual inspection of the roof from the ground. Grab some binoculars to get a closer look or if you're able and can do so safely, climb on up for a better view. Look for missing, damaged, or loose shingles. If your roof is flat, you may need to remove leaves and debris.

Check the chimney and fireplace. If you have a wood fireplace and use it often, have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional.

Stock up on firewood. Order enough firewood for the season. If you gather your own firewood, make sure it's dry and ready. It's best to cover firewood and store away from the house for safety reasons. Make sure you keep it stacked and not thrown into a pile!

Inspect siding. Check home exterior for cracks or holes. Repair them yourself or hire a professional.

Clean the gutters. Hire a service to clear your gutters or do it yourself. Remove leaves, nests, and debris from gutters and check for leaks.

Check water drainage. Rainwater downspouts need to be clear of obstructions and direct water away from foundations, walkways, and driveways. Add extensions to downspouts if necessary.

Reinforce windows and doors. Remove screens and install storm windows and doors if you use them. Check caulk and seals around all doors and windows.

Turn off faucets and store hoses. Drain garden hoses and disconnect from the outside spigots. Shut off exterior faucets, and if you have an older home, you may need to turn off the valve inside your home. Store hoses in a dry place so any residual water won't freeze.

Service sprinklers and irrigation system. Your irrigation system may need to be drained and checked. Have a professional perform any necessary repairs and mark sprinkler heads near snow removal areas.

Inspect trees. Check for damaged limbs that may break or that are too close to power lines or the roof.

Trim landscaping. Cut back bushes, shrubs, and flowers as recommended for your climate zone.

Bring in flowerpots. If you keep plants or flower in pots year-round, bring them inside. If you replace plants every year, empty, clean, dry pots and put away for next spring.

Plant bulbs. If you plant bulbs for spring, now's the time to get them in the ground.

Leaf removal. Rake and remove leaves from the yard. Put into a compost pile if you have one. Alternatively, put into

yard garbage bags and leave at the curb for community pick up. Check with your local city or town for requirements and pick up schedules.

Fertilize lawn. Applying fall lawn fertilizer will help prevent winter damage and spring weeds. Ask a local garden center or check online to find out which type of fertilizer you need and when to apply it. If you have a lawn service, they should do this for you.

Put away seasonal furniture. Clean and store seasonal outdoor furniture. Remove and clean cushions. Wash and dry furniture and store in a dry place over winter.

Close the pool. If you have a pool and live in an area where temperatures dip, schedule a service to come and close it for the season or if you know how, buy the supplies and do it yourself.

Organize the shed. As your shed is filling up with summer items in storage it's a good time to organize and clean out the shed. Move summer items to the back and winter stuff up front for better access. Also, remove any liquids that will freeze.

In the Garage

Service summer power equipment. Empty fuel and clean lawnmower and trimmer. Have lawnmower blades sharpened and oil changed. Have any necessary repairs done now, so that you're ready come spring.

Store summer vehicles. If you have motorcycle, summer car, ATV or other type seasonal vehicle, now's a good time to have that serviced as well.

Get winter equipment ready. Service snow blower and make sure it is ready to go, especially if you live in an unpredictable climate.

Test the generator. If you have an emergency generator for power outages, give it a test, and make sure it's in good working order.

Buy extra gasoline. Purchase extra gas to have on hand for use in your snow blower or generator, so you're prepared for emergencies. Make sure you store gasoline in tanks away from fire sources and out of children's reaches.

Clean the garage. Since you're in the garage prepping for fall, you might as well purge, organize and clean it while you're there!

As you're enjoying the last bits of summer, make sure that your home is prepared for the coming fall season. Preventative maintenance now will save money on expensive emergency repairs and wasted energy costs. Properly maintaining your home also enhances its value and appeal and is less effort than managing a crisis later. When the chilly weather approaches you and your home will be ready.

Recycle Stickers Are Still Available!

If you are one of our many residents that makes it a point to recycle and often find yourself dealing with more recycle materials than easily fits your recycle bin, you may want to consider buying a larger recycle container.

If you do buy a new recycle container you can get a free Graymoor-Devondale Recycle Sticker by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com. Attaching the Graymoor-Devondale recycle sticker to the container makes it easier for Waste Management to identify containers that contain recycle materials.



Thank you for all of your recycling efforts.



Waste Management Yard Waste

Since this is the time of year when residents begin pruning trees and bushes, this is a quick reminder that yard waste should be in a container identified as "Yard Waste", tied in bundles no larger than 3' or acceptable bags.

Yard waste in plastic bags that are not compostable will not be picked up by Waste Management.

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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 Third Tuesday of the month 6:30 PM
 Visit graymoor-devondale.com
 for meeting site & Zoom details

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Graymoor-Devondale Holiday Decorating Contest

Saturday, December 12th Between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm

Judges will choose winners for the following contest categories:

- Best Use of Traditional Decorations*
- Best Holiday Lighting Decorations*
- Most Festive Decorations*
- Best Door Decorations*



Contest Winners will receive a \$ 75 Cash Award
Winner locations will be posted on www.graymoor-devondale.com.