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**Council Member Letter to Residents**  
**Yvette Winnette**

Due to a minor injury during a home repair project, Mayor John Vaughan asked that I submit a letter on his behalf for this issue of the *Graymoor-Devondale News*.

**Mayor**  
John Vaughan

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

First, I would like to thank everyone that voted in the November election and all of the candidates that sought election to one of the six council positions. The results along with the official vote tabulation are listed in this newsletter. Congratulations to the council members that will serve Graymoor-Devondale residents for the next two years.

As expected, construction at 1701 Herr Lane is now underway. Drivers and pedestrians should be aware and use caution as there will be construction vehicles accessing the construction site on Herr Lane between Graymoor Road and Bedford Lane.

**NEWSLETTER STAFF**  
**Council Member/Editor**  
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As a follow up to information provided by our Code Enforcement team, I would like to remind residents that mattresses and upholstered items must be wrapped in plastic for pickup. Waste Management, the city's contracted vendor for sanitation services, will not pickup mattresses or upholstered furniture that is not wrapped.

Also, if you have more recycling than your Recycle bin will hold, you may want to consider purchasing a larger container for your recycling waste. You can obtain a sticker for your container by sending an email to [cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com](mailto:cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com). We encourage residents to place the sticker on the larger containers for two reasons. First, the sticker indicates the container is for "Recycle" use only. Second, the sticker helps Waste Management quickly identify containers with waste that is to be recycled.

I would like to remind residents that judges will be traveling throughout Graymoor-Devondale on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm selecting the winners of the 2020 Holiday Decorating Contest. Additional information about the contest is noted in this newsletter.

I am excited to let residents know that on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm, during the Holiday Decorating Contest, you will have the opportunity to log into and enjoy a very special Holiday Concert that is being presented by several of the arts programs at Westport Middle School. This concert will feature a variety of performers from the Westport Band, Chorus, Dance, Drama and Orchestra programs.

Please see the article, written by orchestra director, Cory Zilisch, which has more information about the concert and arts programs at Westport Middle School. We hope you log into the concert at <https://www.westportorchestra.com> and click on "Concerts" and then "Concert Dates". The link to the concert will also be posted on the Home page of the city's website; [graymoor-devondale.com](http://www.graymoor-devondale.com). This is a free-public performance for the community, parents and students.

As we all prepare to wrap up what has been a very unexpected 2020 and celebrate the holidays, I encourage everyone to stay safe, be a responsible resident of our city and wave at passersby every chance you get.



**Graymoor-Devondale**  
**Holiday Events**  
**December 12th**  
**7:00 PM- 8:30 PM**



### November 2020 Election Results

The top six candidates listed will serve as members of the City of Graymoor-Devondale City Council. Their two-year term will begin on January 1, 2021. The election results are from the Jefferson County Clerk's office that were published on their website; <http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/Gen20SummaryResults.htm>

#### CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>CANDIDATE NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>
<b>Yvette WINNETTE</b>	<b>920</b>
<b>David A. MEINERS</b>	<b>771</b>
<b>Mark A. SITES</b>	<b>730</b>
<b>Michael ALLEN</b>	<b>687</b>
<b>Alan BRYANT</b>	<b>648</b>
<b>Drew MARTIN</b>	<b>635</b>
David WILSON	546
Robert S. REISHMAN JR	416

Our thanks to everyone that participated in the election by either seeking the position of City Council member or voting in the November election.

### Holiday Decorating Contest Yvette Winnette

On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm I will escort this year's judges around Graymoor-Devondale so they can select the winners of this year's Holiday Decorating Contest. The winner of each of the following categories will receive \$75.00 from the city.

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

Later in the evening the address of each winner will be posted on [graymoor-devondale.com](http://graymoor-devondale.com). Photos of the winners and other decorated homes will be added to the website at a later date.

As you decorate and compete for bragging rights and the \$75.00 prize please keep in mind the judges will be evaluating your decorations from the street. That said, the view the judges see from the curb is important.

On behalf of the city, we wish everyone the best for the holiday season and a happy and safe New Year.



## Westport Middle School Performing Arts Program

Cory Zilisch, Orchestra Director

The Westport Middle School Performing Arts program is proud to present the "Westport Performing Arts Virtual Holiday Concert!" This concert will feature a variety of performers from the Westport Band, Chorus, Dance, Drama and Orchestra programs. There will even be a few cameo performances from some of their very talented teachers! Even though the kids are all at home because of COVID, it hasn't stopped them from making great music!



Join us for a night of holiday classics as well as a variety of other tunes you may recognize! Sing, clap or dance along with us on **December 12th at 7:00pm** by visiting [www.WestportOrchestra.com](http://www.WestportOrchestra.com) and click "Concerts" and then "Concert Dates" or finding our [Westport Middle School Orchestra Youtube page](#). This is a free-public performance for the community, parents and students.



The Westport Middle School Performing Arts program would like to thank the City of Graymoor-Devondale and the City of Lyndon for helping us fund the purchase of equipment to outfit our mini-stage and camera equipment to produce some great videos that will showcase our students' talents!

Westport Middle School is home to 1,300 students and one of the most vibrant performing arts programs in the city, state and the country! The performing arts programs have seen tremendous growth over the last few years. For example, the Orchestra program has been a highlight of the arts programs with the creation of its revolutionary Electric Orchestra, the "Rockin' Warhawks". Since 2015, Westport's ground-breaking electric orchestra – the Rockin' Warhawks, and their electrifying stage presence, has introduced students to a variety of rock, pop, and classical music as an electric orchestra.

Westport Middle School's performing arts programs have exploded with over 400% growth in the last four years. Currently, approximately 600 students participate in the school's arts programs. The Band, Chorus, and Orchestra programs regularly have between 150-200 students respectively in each program. This is very atypical for a middle school art music program as student enrollments in these programs have been declining throughout the country.

Due to the immense success of Westport's music programs, the school recently added Dance and Dramatic performance programs. These new programs gave our students even more opportunities to be a part of the performing arts. Westport Middle school is one of three middle schools in the district to offer such a variety of performing arts programs.

On behalf of our performing students and staff, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and thank you for your support.



