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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the summer edition of the Graymoor Devondale newsletter. As everyone is aware schools are not in session and that means children will be out and about enjoying the warm days. Please use caution as you drive through the streets. Obey the speed limits and make a full stop at the stop signs. Do your part to make sure everyone returns home safely.

It's time to start making plans to decorate your tricycles, bikes, floats, wagons, pets and bike helmets for the city's annual Fourth of July Parade. David DeSanctis, a Graymoor-Devondale resident, is one of the movie stars in the movie "Color my World with Love" will be one of the parade's Grand Marshalls.

The city is also excited that N+1 Bikes (Westport Village) will, for the second year, sponsor this year's parade and offer a raffle drawing for bike services valued at \$75. You can get the details on the parade in this newsletter or on the City's website. I look forward to seeing everyone on the morning and celebrating the Fourth of July.

The City Council is working hard on finalizing the budget for our fiscal year starting July 1st. The Council has been reviewing several drainage improvements projects that will be a joint venture with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD). By working with MSD we will be able to complete projects that have been on the city's wish list for several years. MSD is working with the city's engineering firm to finalize the plan. We hope to see work start on these projects by the end of the summer.

Many of you have probably heard that the Lyndon and Graymoor-Devondale Councils have

both voted to start the process of transferring the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department to Lyndon. For many years the Graymoor-Devondale police have provided service to Lyndon and several other of the Home Rule Cities in eastern Metro Louisville. As the department has grown over the years it has become evident that the police department will need to be primarily supported by a city with a larger tax revenue base. Lyndon's financial reserves are over five times the reserves of Graymoor-Devondale. Lyndon will also be able to provide retirement benefits to all officers. This will be a reversal of each city's current position with Lyndon being the primary city and Graymoor-Devondale contracting for services. Under this plan our residents will still have the services of one of the most respected police departments in the Metro Louisville area and the department will have the resources to continue to attract and retain the best officers in this area.

Updates on local projects: VA Hospital- Work continues the foundations for the Hospital and parking structures. Blasting will continue through June along with the setup of the project office trailers. This is the first year of a multi-year project and will require a very large project management team. KABA Property and Providence Point - No change in the status of these projects.

Grand Marshal



.David DeSanctis grew up with an interest in drama, choir and broadcast journalism and participated in all three during high school. David was slowly adding to his resume as a host, often on the microphone for local events that supported people with Down syndrome, like David.

No wonder when a film came to town looking for a young man with Down syndrome for a lead role everyone said "Oh, you need to meet David." So, they met David; and that was the beginning on an amazing journey for him, as well as his parents Bill and Julie. David was cast as "Produce", of the feature film, Where Hope Grows (2014).

Today David resides with his parents in Louisville. He is an avid reader with great computer skills. He keeps busy with Special Olympics; participates with the Louisville Adaptive Rowing Team and loves a good game of tennis. He also has a great appreciation of music. David keeps up with family and friends on Facebook while looking forward to his next acting opportunity.

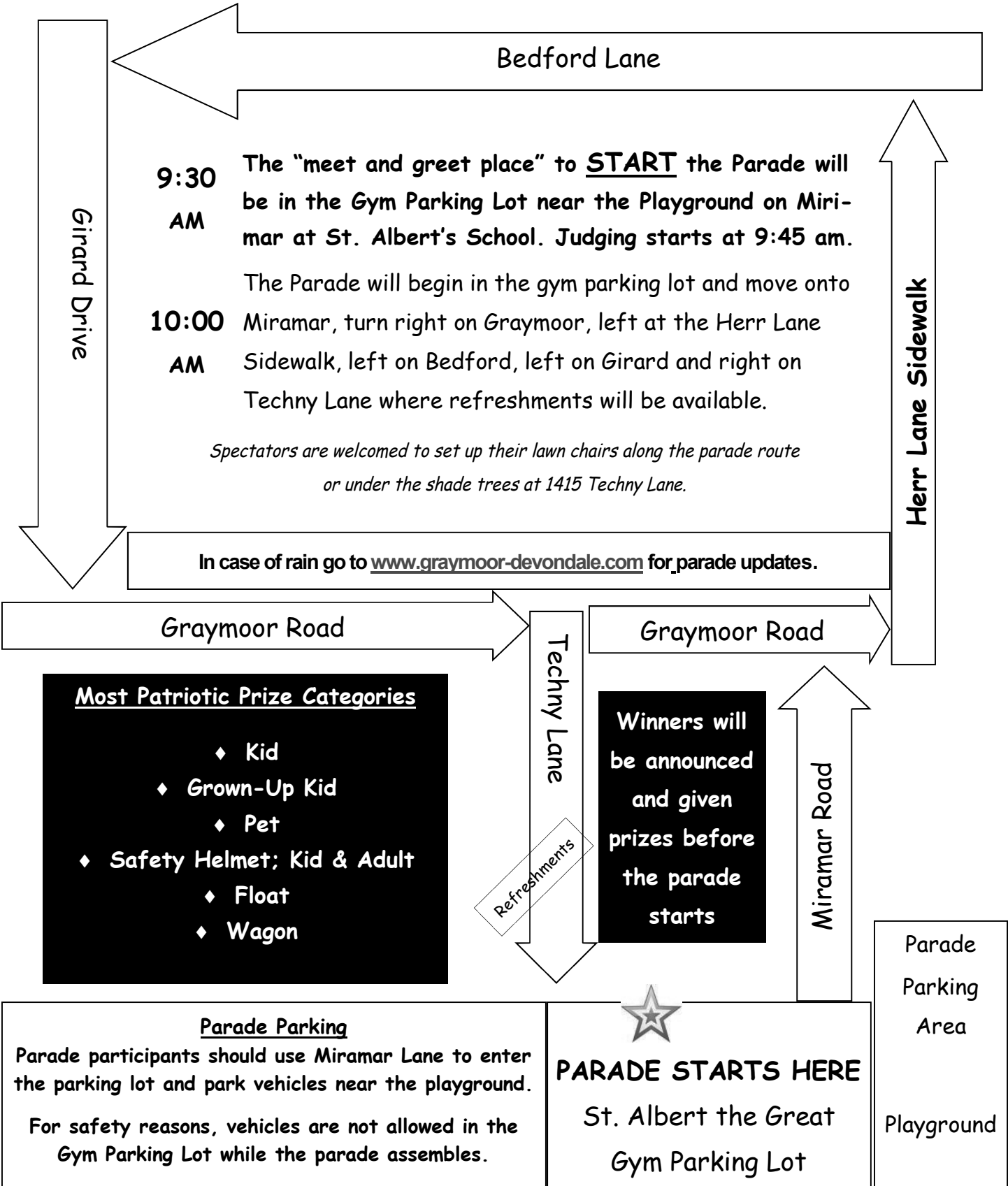


The day after Independence Day, July 5, is often the busiest day of the year for many animal shelters, as they work to safely catch, identify, and return scared pets spooked to their owners.

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) attacks 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.

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July 4th Patriotic Parade Route and Schedule



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Parade Day is Monday 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 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 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!

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.

Westport Village; 1301 Herr Lane Suite 135

⇒ 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.

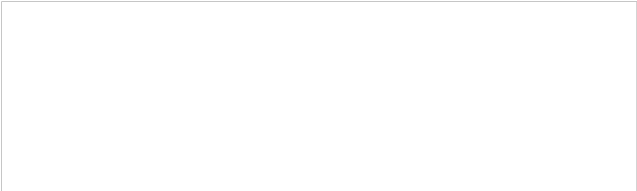
Raffle tickets will be given to parade participants and the winner will be selected at the end of the parade.

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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.
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Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. For online meetings
Details visit graymoor-devondale.com.

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Considering the “Likes” and “Don’t Likes” of fireworks celebrations?

Yvette Winnette

Since there were fewer complaints about the use of fireworks last year I thought I would share the same information with residents I shared last year. While the use of fireworks is a personal preference, it never hurts to think about how fireworks may impact those around you. Everyone’s thoughtfulness will be appreciated by all.

<p>Why I like fireworks?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like bright colorful lights in the night sky. • Loud booms are fun. • I like shooting off fireworks all weekend long.. 	<p>Why don’t I like fireworks?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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.
<p>I want to light fireworks. What can I do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 of thumb is to cap at-home fireworks to two hours past dusk. • Make sure your fireworks 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 	<p>I’m not a fan of fireworks. What can I do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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.