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Greetings to all. The City Council has been busy the past few months and we have many exciting events and projects in the works. Unfortunately, our economy has entered a period of rapidly growing inflation and city expenditures for police, sanitation and other services the city pays for have seen increases like many of our own personal expenditures.

The City of Graymoor-Devondale continues to operate a full time, 24/7 police department in a very challenging post-COVID time of increasing costs for fuel and all the other expenses related to our police department. While the Louisville Metro Police Department has reported a decrease in services because of a shortage of police officers, the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department has maintained a consistent staffing level. Of course, while the police department is our major expense, there has been a significant increase for the city's sanitation collection services.

One of the major increases will be when our new sanitation contract goes becomes effective on July 1<sup>st</sup> this year. For the past 12 years the city has operated under our contract with Waste Management for all trash, yard waste and recycling services. This contract renewed several times without any extra cost to the city or reduction in services. Due to the cost increases for fuel and wages, Waste Management notified the city they would not be able to renew the contract with the existing pricing.

Following the notification from Waste Management the city released a bid request for our city's sanitation services which resulted in our receiving bids from four companies. Our current provider, Waste Management, was selected because they submitted the lowest bid with services comparable to the services residents currently receive; trash weekly, and yard waste and recycling every other week. The new contract will increase our sanitation cost by 22% annually. I would also like to point-out that the bids submitted for Graymoor-Devondale's business were comparable to what other cities have seen in the past year.

Lastly, the city has seen increases of 10% or more for outside services like property tax billing, annual financial audit fees and utilities. We have also seen the cost of fuel increase over 40% in the past 30 days and anticipate many other expenses to increase over the coming months.

This year, after much discussion, the City Council raised the insurance premium tax rate from 5% to 8%. The insurance premium tax increase will become effective on July 1, 2022. This tax is collected on the insurance premiums for car and home insurance policies issued in Graymoor-Devondale. The 8% insurance premium tax is common in many of the other suburban cities (Home Rule) in Metro Louisville. Residents should contact their personal insurance agent for additional information about how this increase will impact the cost of their car and home insurance policies.

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**Project Updates:**

- New Veterans Hospital—The Army Corp of Engineers (COE), and the contractors have been setting up their site offices. Blasting has started for the building foundations, and utility services. Blasting is scheduled for 2:00 - 2:30 PM each day and will continue through April.
  - \* Many of you may have questions about the project and I would like to encourage you to send questions to the project website and special email account that the COE has established.
  - \* Weekly Updates: These updates are sent out weekly to keep residents informed of construction activities. If you wish to be added to, or removed from, the direct mailing list, send an email to:
  - \* [LOUVAMCconstruction@usace.army.mil](mailto:LOUVAMCconstruction@usace.army.mil)
  - \* To see the most-recent replacement VAMC updates, go to:
  - \* <https://www.va.gov/louisville-health-care/programs/new-robley-rex-va-medical-center>
- Greenlawn/Girard Paving—Milestone Engineering is close to completing the design for a permanent fix to the curbs and gutters.

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Project Updates Continued:**

- Brownsboro Road US 42 KY 22—No changes at this time. This project is in the final planning stages and KYTC plans to start construction in the summer of 2022.
- Providence Point—The developer has settled the lawsuits pertaining to the drainage plan for this project and is clear to start construction once plans have been updated and financing is in place. This property is located at Graymoor-Devondale's city limit on Herr Lane.

At the March City Council meeting the Council took action that will now allow residents to see (DRAFT) minutes of the most recent City Council meeting within 10 days of the meeting by visiting the city's website, [graymoor-devondale.com](http://graymoor-devondale.com). Should residents have questions or concerns about the city's business as stated in these draft minutes, they are encouraged to attend the next City Council meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that 2022 is an election year for Mayor and all six Council seats. Anyone interested in running for office needs to file with the Jefferson County Clerk by Tuesday June 7, 2022, 4:00 pm. More information about these elected positions and election requirements for candidates can be found in this newsletter.

The Citywide Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Patriotic Parade will take place on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional information about these city-sponsored events can be found in this newsletter. I hope you, and your family will have the opportunity to be a part of these events.

**Interested in serving Graymoor-Devondale as an Elected Official?**

Residents of our city that would like to seek election to the position of "Mayor" or one of six "City Council" positions will need to comply with the filing dates and requirements as set forth by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Jefferson County Board of Elections. Those wanting to serve as "Mayor" will be committing to a (6) six-year term, while council members commit to serve a two-year term.

Additionally, following the filing deadline date of June 7<sup>th</sup>, and prior to Election Day, candidates will be given the opportunity to submit a photo and an article for the *Graymoor-Devondale News* newsletter. The purpose of the article is to give candidates the opportunity to tell our residents about their background, experiences, and reasons for seeking an elected office in Graymoor-Devondale.

Noted below is the link from the Jefferson County Board of Elections that advises candidates of the filing dates, candidate requirements, fees and filing forms. The completed forms, along with the filing fee payment, can be dropped off or mailed to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center, Attn: Candidate Filings at 1000 E. Liberty St. Louisville, KY, 40204 by the filing deadline. Should you have any questions, please contact Kristi Gay (502-574-5886) or Ronnie Weedman (502-574-5889) or visit <http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/candidate-filing-info/>.

**How to be a candidate on the 2022 ballot?**

Download and complete the appropriate candidate forms provided on [web.sos.ky.gov/ElectionsDYC](http://web.sos.ky.gov/ElectionsDYC). This site also includes filing deadline information for candidates. All forms require a wet signature, with notarization where applicable.

[Candidate Qualifications and Filing Fees](#)

[Important Dates for Candidates](#)

[Candidate Filing Guidelines](#)

[Election Calendars](#)

[Election Schedule](#)

Additionally, candidates are required to electronically complete and submit all required campaign finance reports to the Registry of Election Finance posted on the link, <https://kref.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>. Should you have questions, please call the Registry of Election Finance (502-573-2226).

### City Communications Reminder!

If you have not yet signed up to receive the city's newsletter and other electronic communications from Graymoor-Devondale, please go to the bottom of any page at [www.graymoor-devondale.com](http://www.graymoor-devondale.com) to complete the secure online form and submit the requested information. Your email address will not be sold or released to other entities. Electronic Graymoor-Devondale communications will be emailed to you from [newsletters@graymoor-devondale.com](mailto:newsletters@graymoor-devondale.com).

In addition to the newsletters, residents will receive additional communications that include changes to Waste Management's pick-up schedules, newly scheduled meetings related to our city, unexpected schedule changes to the Fourth of July parade, winners of the annual Holiday Decorating Contest, as well as other types of pertinent information the city needs to reach residents in a timely manner.

Please see the sample of the website's form:

#### Sign up for our Newsletter

The image shows a sample of the online form for signing up for the city's newsletter. The form is titled "Sign up for our Newsletter" and contains the following fields:

- First name
- Last name
- Email address
- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip
- Enter captcha (with the text "23CRFB" and a refresh icon)
- Submit Form

## Yard Sale Citywide Yard Sale Event Saturday, June 11th, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Advertising

Since this is a city sponsored event, the city will advertise this event on numerous websites and publications.

### Signs

On Sunday, June 4th signs will be posted throughout the city to promote the yard sale. Since these are the city's signs, they should not be moved or taken.

### Tips

- ⇒ Residents are welcomed to promote their participation in the Yard Sale too. However, all posted signs must be removed when the Yard Sale ends.
- ⇒ While we all want to think only nice people will come to our Yard Sale, it never hurts to be safe and careful. Ensure access into your home is monitored and that you keep an eye on your cash.
- ⇒ If your goal is to have someone else cherish the treasures you no longer cherish enough to keep, price items accordingly. Encourage bulk buys by offering discounts for multiple items. Be available to customers to answer questions, but don't hover.
- ⇒ Group items by category, size or type to make it easy for buyers to find items. Clearly price and label items by individually pricing items or by using colored dots. Put an extension cord outside so potential buyers can test electrical items. Keep an eye on the time and become flexible in your pricing.
- ⇒ It is not acceptable to leave unsold items at the curb until the next Waste Management pickup date. In Graymoor-Devondale trash, yard waste and recycle materials should not be taken to the curb before 6:00 pm on the day before Waste Management's scheduled pickup.
- ⇒ Donate unwanted items that are still useable to a charity.
- ⇒ Keep things simple and enjoy meeting/visiting with people as they carry your treasures from your house to theirs.

