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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

Good day, I hope this letter finds you well and safe. It goes without saying that we are in the middle of a life changing event with the Covid-19 Pandemic. We can only hope and pray that the medical community finds solutions to stop the spread of this deadly virus soon.

How has the Pandemic impacted our small city? To date the biggest impact has been in how we conduct our monthly City Council meetings. In order to comply with the directives and recommendations from the State, the Council decided to cancel the March meeting. The April and May meetings were virtual online meetings conducted using the Zoom meeting app. In June the full Council and support staff met in the cafeteria of Pitt Academy with the meeting also on Zoom.

At the time of this letter the council plans on returning to the City Office for the July meeting. This may change depending on new directives issued by the state. For now, future meetings will be conducted on Zoom, with a link for each meeting being placed on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The website [Graymoor-devondale.com](http://www.graymoor-devondale.com) has been refreshed and updated thanks to the hard work of Council member Yvette Winnette, our City Clerk Nancy Perito and Chief Grady Throneberry. Check it out! Let us know what you think, because <http://www.graymoor-devondale.com>. Should now be more mobile device friendly.

The City's Police Chief has been staying in close contact with the interim Metro Louisville Chief in addition to the surrounding City Police Chief's. This daily communication among the Police Chief's gives the departments the ability to adjust schedules accordingly to allow for full 24/7 coverage of all areas in Metro Louisville.

Before moving on to additional city business, I would like to acknowledge and thank David Beaudoin for the time and services he provided to the City of Graymoor-Devondale as the City Council member that managed our signage and road projects for several terms. We wish David much luck as he moves on to other projects. The Council would like to welcome Michael Allen as our newest City Council member. He will serve the remaining term and position left vacant by David Beaudoin's resignation from the Council. Michael is a long-time resident of Graymoor-Devondale and demonstrated his interest in the city's business and operations by attending quite a few city and council meetings before being asked to serve on the council.

Quick Updates:

- Parks Real Estate is very close to starting construction of their new office at 1701 Herr Lane. Building and landscape plans have been submitted, reviewed and approved by the City Council and forwarded to Metro Planning and Design for final approval.
- At this time there has not been any significant activity on the VA Hospital project.
- The Graymoor Road sidewalk project has been completed. In addition to providing a safer space for pedestrians, strollers and pets, the sidewalk project resolved some issues related to drainage pipes. I would like to thank the residents along Graymoor Road for their patience during construction.
- The City Council passed the 2020-2021 budget which is printed in this newsletter issue.
- While the last day to register as a Write-in candidate for the City Council is October 23, 2020, if you are interested in running as a Write-in candidate, the last day information will be accepted for publication in our city's newsletter is October 1, 2020. Additional information is included in this newsletter.

In closing this letter, I would like to ask everyone to please support our local businesses in Westport Village as they continue to work through this very challenging time. Please be safe and follow the directives from our local and state officials.

Late Breaking News: On the afternoon of July 14th, the City experienced our first actual Protest for Justice action, other than a few parade type drive-thru events. This march was organized by the national social justice group *Until Freedom* with both local and national participants. The organizers started the march with a training session held on West Main Street, then regrouped at Ballard High School. The group consisted of approximately 200 people on foot and in vehicles. They proceeded south on Herr Lane and finally ended at the intersection of Girard and Bedford. This intersection is near the home of Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron. The protestors were requesting the release of the Attorney General's investigation into the Breonna Taylor death.

Graymoor Devondale police were assisted in crowd control by Louisville Metro Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and several other local police departments. The protest was brought to a peaceful conclusion by 6:30 pm with Metro Louisville Police arresting 87 of the participants.

Graymoor-Devondale has added additional patrols to monitor any future protest activity and the Graymoor-Devondale Police will continue to work with Metro Louisville and the other suburban police departments in sharing information related to marches or gatherings by this group and others.

If a situation occurs, we will send a notification through the Reach Alert system. Should another situation occur we ask that everyone please minimize any travel through or around the protest area. If you have not signed up to receive REACH Alerts from Graymoor-Devondale, you may do so on this website.

The speed limit on Graymoor-Devondale's streets is 25 miles per hour.

CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE
 ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2020-2021
 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF AN AD VALOREM TAX

WHEREAS, in order to provide revenue for general governmental purposes and operations, with manner of assessment and collection of said taxes; and WHEREAS, to provide the assessment of all real property within the City corporate limits as of January 1, 2020; and WHEREAS, the provisions for the levy and collection of these taxes shall apply for a period starting on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021. NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Graymoor-Devondale does ordain as follows:

Section 1:
 The assessment of said real property shall be the valuation as listed on the Jefferson County Property Valuation tax records as of January 1, 2020 and is hereby adopted as the assessment for ad valorem tax purposes.

Section 2:
 To levy as ad valorem tax on all real property and property of utility companies as allowed by law at the rate of .20 cents per one hundred dollars of the assessed value.

Section 3:
 Upon delivery of such bills, payment shall be made to the City Treasurer. Collection of delinquent taxes shall be made in the manner provided by law.

(a) Tax bills that are satisfied by payment in full on or prior to October 31, 2020 shall receive a discount of fourteen percent (14.0%). The face amount of each tax bill shall be due and payable from November 1, 2020 until November 30, 2020. All tax bills unpaid after November 30, 2020 shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent (10%) and interest at the rate of one and one-half (1.5%) per month until satisfied in full.

(b) All tax collection expenses incurred by the City, including attorney's fees and the cost of legal action shall be deemed a penalty in addition to that specified in subsection (a) of this section and shall be encompassed within the City's lien for delinquent ad valorem property taxes.

Section 4:
 The revenue from said taxes, interest and penalties shall be used for general operating expenses of the City and for the general purposes of the City, in the discharge of its municipal functions as ordained, resolved or directed by the City Council of Graymoor-Devondale.

Section 5:
 This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and upon publication.

First Reading 05/19/20 Second Reading 06/16/20 Passed and Approved 06/16/20

John Vaughan, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Nancy Perito, City Clerk

Votes in Favor 6 Votes Oppose 0

CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE
 ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2020-2021
 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Section 1:
 The annual budget for the City of Graymoor-Devondale is hereby to read as follows:

ITEM	RESOURCES AVAILABLE		TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	ROAD MAINTENANCE	
Resources Available:			
Fund Balances Carried Fwd.	513,317.00	107,501.00	620,818.00
Revenues	1,213,739.00	50,200.00	1,263,939.00
Total Resources Available For App.	1,727,056.00	157,701.00	1,884,757.00
Appropriations:			
General Government	245,225.00	0.00	245,225.00
Public Works	214,896.00	83,500.00	298,396.00
Police Department	845,973.00	0.00	845,973.00
Total Appropriation	1,306,094.00	83,500.00	1,389,594.00
Excess of Resources Over App.	420,962.00	74,201.00	495,163.00
Est. Fund Balance	420,962.00	74,201.00	495,163.00

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

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Recycle Containers

Since Waste Management picks up three types of waste in Graymoor-Devondale, containers used for “Yard Waste” or “Recycle” must be clearly marked. While residents have done a great job marking their Yard Waste containers, with the increased use of large containers for trash that is being recycled, these containers need to be clearly marked too. In response to the increasing number of inquiries from residents that want to use larger containers for the purpose of recycling, the City is offering a “Recycle” sticker to residents.

So that we can make it easy for residents to mark their larger “Recycle” container, they may email the City Clerk at city-clerk@graymoor-devondale.com or call 502-429-0834 and request a “Recycle” sticker for their large container. Once received, the sticker should be placed on the container that will be used for “Recycle” trash. Residents wishing to use their current “Recycle” containers may continue to do so. Stickers are not required for the current recycle boxes.

Lastly, please remember contents of the “Recycle” container are restricted to recyclable materials only.

Fire Pits-Backyard and Campfires

If you have any questions regarding fire pits please review the APCD Regulation 1.11: Control of Open Burning. It describes under what conditions open burning is or can be permitted in Louisville Metro / Jefferson County. Fires are also subject to approval from your local fire department. Other laws and regulations may also apply, depending on the circumstances.

If you have questions you may find the following “Frequently Asked Questions” link helpful: <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/air-pollution-control-district/recreational-fires-frequently-asked-questions>. Residents should report concerns about the use of fire pits and backyard campfires to St. Matthews Fire Station 3, 8126 New La Grange Rd, Louisville, KY 40222 or call 502-893-7825.

Want to attend City Council Meetings?

Due to COVID-19, our city, like many other governmental agencies and businesses, had to find alternative solutions for those wanting to attend and participate in the city’s monthly City Council meetings.

Since our city office is not large enough to safely support responsible social distancing, at least 24 hours before each meeting, the city will post information about the location and log-in credentials for the online meeting in the “City News and Announcements” section of the city’s website, <http://www.graymoor-devondale.com>. City Council meetings start at 6:30 pm and are on the third Tuesday of the month.

Those participating online should ensure they have downloaded and installed the software (application) required to gain access the online meeting. Currently, we are using “Zoom” for online meetings.

Write-in Candidates

Graymoor-Devondale residents interested in running for election in the November 3, 2020 election for one of the six City Council seats that did not register in time to be on this year’s ballot must file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate by Friday October 23, 2020 by 4:00 PM to seek election. Filing information, instructions, and forms are available at http://apps.sos.ky.gov/CandidateFilingDocuments/Citylegislative_WriteIn.pdf.

As previously mentioned in this newsletter, if you are interested in running as a Write-in candidate or are one of the candidates on the ballot, the last day information will be accepted for publication in our city’s newsletter is October 1, 2020. Every candidate seeking election to the City of Graymoor-Devondale City Council will be given the opportunity to submit a photo, short bio and provide information to residents as to why they are seeking a position on the City Council.

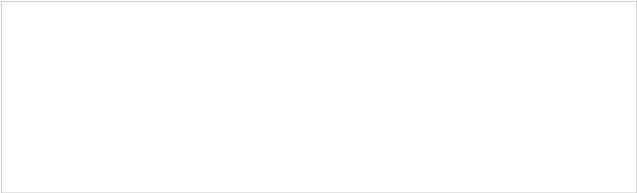
Graymoor-Devondale voters may vote for up to six (6) City Council candidates in the November 3, 2020 election. Voters will be allowed to select candidates from those on the ballot and the Write-in candidates.

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 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222
City Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the City Office. Residents are welcome.

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WEBSITE upgrade

Since our city’s website averages between 400 and 500 visitors each month and there was a need to upgrade the site to be more user friendly for site visitors using mobile devices, graymoor-devondale.com has a new look and feel. We’re excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is live! The updated site includes changes to navigation and a much better experience for both mobile and desk-top users.

The major change to the site’s structure was to categorize important information into six (6) topics that have proven to be a priority for users on the website. And to make it even easier to use mobile devices, there are six Quick Links (Home, City Government, Permits and Licenses, Police, Living in Graymoor-Devondale, Contact Us) that make it easier for users to locate information quicker. Also, the section “Helpful Information” on the Home page shows topics within each category. We’ve also improved the site’s structure, so it’s easier to locate and download House Watch, Business License and Building Permit forms.

Another new feature allows residents to go to the Police page to download and print the House Watch Request form. Once completed the resident can email, mail or drop-off their completed House Watch form to the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department to schedule house watch services.

When visiting graymoor-devondale.com clicking on “Home”, gives users immediate access to “City News & Announcements - Community Information”. This is where we will post date changes to city services like trash pickup, city events, important notices for residents or information about unscheduled meetings and attending our City Council meetings. The Living in Graymoor-Devondale provides important information about our city, the city’s services, events, photos and the section “Being a good neighbor – Things you need to know”.

Lastly, Graymoor-Devondale residents are encouraged to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter by completing the “Sign up for our Newsletter. Please know, at no time does the City of Graymoor-Devondale share, sell or release the email address you provide to us. We hope you visit the new website and that graymoor-devondale.com meets your needs.

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