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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

A few weeks ago areas in the south east portion of the City experienced some early morning automobile break-ins. I would like everyone to read the article in this month's newsletter by Police Chief Throneberry. The Chief has outlined preventive measures that can be used to discourage criminal entry into our automobiles or homes.

In the City's continual effort to improve communications we have entered into a contract with REACH Alert. REACH Alert is a locally based service that will allow Graymoor-Devondale City officials to send notifications via text, email or phone. REACH Alert will be used to notify residents of changes in the schedule of city meetings, events, or services. This is a service that each resident must sign up for in order to receive the notifications. There is no charge for signing up and you can choose how you would like to be notified. Additional information is provided in this newsletter or on the City website www.graymoor-devondale.com. Just click on the News section.

I am sure everyone has started to notice the new street signs being installed throughout the City. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. There have been a few issues concerning placement of the sign post. In the past many of the stop signs and street signs were mounted to the street light poles. Louisville Gas and Electric has requested that any new or replacement signs not be attached to the light poles. With the upgraded street signs and larger framed stop signs the weight of the signs required installation of a larger pole and a concrete base. Due to underground utilities some of the sign locations had to be relocated from their previous location. The City Engineer and Council member Dave Beaudoin are working very closely with the contractor to assure the best location of all the sign posts and to assure that all construction debris is removed from each location.

It is time to start working on the Holiday Decorations. Once again the City will be sponsoring the Holiday Decorating Contest. More information on the categories and judging date can be found inside this newsletter and on the city website.

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Graymoor-Devondale Holiday Decorating Contest

\$75 Cash Award to each Winner

Judges will drive through the City on Saturday, December 12th between 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM to evaluate the curbside appeal of holiday decorations and then select the Winners for the following contest categories:



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

Winners and locations will be posted on <http://www.graymoor-devondale.com>.

Chief of Police, Grady Thronebery, Letter to Residents

Within the last few weeks some of our residents living in the area of Fairmeadows, Applewood and Valley Brook were victims of break-ins of their vehicles. In one case a firearm was stolen from the vehicle and in another case a vehicle was actually stolen, but in all cases vehicles were damaged. We are working to identify the perpetrator(s) of these crimes and recover stolen property; we have some leads, but they have not yet been productive.

While I would like to say that we can prevent these types of crimes, that would be a misrepresentation. Throughout all of Jefferson County, and most metropolitan areas, thefts from vehicles is the number one reported property crime. These crimes nearly always occur under cover of darkness when the criminal has every advantage to avoid detection. For example, in one of our recent cases captured on video, the criminal clearly was able to detect approaching headlights and move to a position of concealment well before he could have been observed.

We know that these types of crimes, and all crime, are unsettling for residents who want and deserve to feel safe and secure in their homes. Yet, I believe that most of our residents believe Graymoor-Devondale to be a safe place to live, play and raise families. I regularly see people walking in our neighborhoods, even at 5:30 and 6:00 in the morning, and children playing outside.

In the business of policing, we often refer to the "crime triangle", which consists of three elements: Motivation, Means, and Opportunity; all three of these must be present in order for a crime to occur. Our challenge, and yours, is to remove one of these elements in order to prevent crimes. Motivation is the most difficult to effect because drugs motivate nearly every property crime. Perhaps you saw the recent *CBS 60 Minutes* story about widespread heroin abuse. Many times the police will arrest a suspect, but not be able to interview him/her because the suspect is so addicted that he/she goes into withdrawal before the interview is complete.

The second element, Means, is a little easier to change. In the case of our recent events in Graymoor-Devondale, the suspect used a screwdriver to force entry into vehicles, but forced entry into vehicles is rare. Most of the time the Means is simply to flip the door handle to find an unlocked car. And this is where the elements of Means and Opportunity intersect.

The final element of Opportunity is the one that we can interrupt. Even though this wasn't the case recently, most of the time the victim's vehicle is unlocked and items of significant value are left in the vehicle. These circumstances create opportunity that a criminal, probably a heroin addict, simply can't ignore.

We will continue to do whatever we can to discourage and prevent crime in Graymoor-Devondale, and to identify and apprehend those who victimize our residents. We hope you will join us in our efforts.

New Street Signs in Graymoor-Devondale

The install portion of the new street and stop sign project began last month. We have recognized that a few poles have not been placed exactly where we would have expected them. That issue has been addressed with the City Engineer and the Contractor visiting the site of every pole installed. The ones not correct will be corrected. Homeowners have had concerns about the use of the larger black poles. Due to the weight of the new street signs, the larger poles were required. Also to note, these are not a new item to street sign installations; our neighboring communities are using the same poles.

As previously mentioned, samples of the new street and stop signs were installed last summer along Herr Lane north of Westport for residents to view. Also, please understand the use of underground utilities in our community will sometimes restrict where the sign would likely be placed, but all will be placed to code. Stop bars will be removed and painted in the spring.

REACH Alert System for Graymoor-Devondale Residents

After evaluating the benefits of the REACH Alert system the City is happy to announce that starting immediately, our City will begin using REACH Alert to send release timely information about events affecting the City of Graymoor-Devondale.

What does this mean for you? Following your registration, the City will be able to better communicate with you by providing immediate information regarding a number of potential situations. As a user of REACH Alert, you will be in control of how you receive Graymoor-Devondale messages from the REACH Alert system. This means you will be able to:

Choose up to three ways to receive your messages – email, voice call, text messaging.

Add up to four devices – email addresses and/or phone numbers that you want to receive your messages with.

Update your contact information at anytime – add an email address & phone number when you register, then login to update your info today or three years from now.

However, if you don't register, you won't receive City messages or the benefits noted above.

Registration takes less than a minute to complete! To register, go to www.reachalert.com and click on the blue text, "**Create an account.**" When prompted, please use the following information to register for our Network.

Network Name: Graymoor-Devondale (click on our name when it appears in the list).

Role: Select either Resident or Business

Address: Enter street number on the first line and street name on the second line

If you opted to receive text alerts, REACH Alert will send a text message to your cell phone immediately upon completion of your registration. You must enter the 4-digit number on the registration screen and then click the word VALIDATE to complete the registration process. If you do not receive this text message, please call REACH Alert.

If you have difficulty registering, or if you do not have a computer and Internet access, simply contact REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313 or info@reachalert.com.

St. Albert the Great Celebrates National Blue Ribbon Award

On September 29th, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized St. Albert the Great Parish School, located in the City of Graymoor-Devondale, as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School, based on its overall academic excellence. St. Albert was recognized as "Exemplary High Performing" because they were among the nation's top 15% for highest performing schools.

Three hundred thirty-five (335) schools were recognized overall, with St. Albert one of only 50 private schools recognized nationally. This is the second time St. Albert has been awarded National Blue Ribbon status. The school received the honor for the first time in 2004.

The school kicked off the announcement in September with a surprise assembly in the gym with blue balloons, blue beaded necklaces, blue candy, and music for the students. But St. Albert wanted to hold a more formal celebration honoring their administration, faculty, and students once their Principal and teacher representatives returned from Washington, D.C. after accepting the award on November 10th.

On November 12th, students and staff members received special Blue Ribbon t-shirts to commemorate the schools achievement. Then 594 students gathered outside to take a school-wide photo wearing their blue t-shirts, standing in a blue ribbon formation.

The celebration continued with students, teachers, staff, and parents gathered in Church for Mass to not only give thanks and celebrate the National Blue Ribbon award, but to celebrate the Feast of St. Albert the Great as well. St. Albert the Great dedicated his life to education and service like St. Albert school is dedicated to nurturing the whole child both academically and spiritually. Following Mass, the official Blue Ribbon flag and plaque were unveiled and students assembled outside for a blue balloon release.

Mrs. Cooper, Principal, then surprised the students by announcing that class would not resume that day. The remainder of the day would be dedicated to celebration including fun games, movies, snacks, and special Blue Ribbon gifts for the teachers and students.

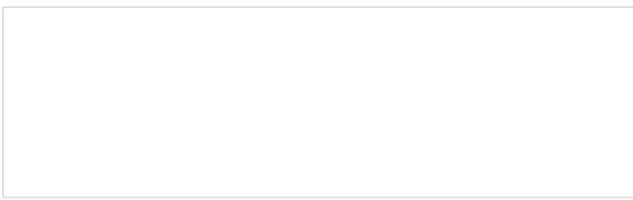
St. Albert's is extremely honored to receive the National Blue Ribbon School award that so aptly reflects the hard work exhibited every day by their students and faculty in their efforts to maintain high standards of academic excellence while building strong values and moral character," said Bernadette Cooper, St. Albert Principal.

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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.

Graymoor-Devondale News
 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222
 City Council Meeting 6:30 PM
 Memory Care Center Episcopal Church Home 7504 Westport Rd.
Council meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month and residents are welcome.

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