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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

The past few weeks have been packed with city sponsored events. Saturday, June 3rd was the annual Recycling Event and lots of paper was shredded and several pallets of old computers, electronics and batteries were collected and disposed of properly. We also collected a pickup truck load of old shoes for Water Step.

Sunday, June 4th was the Annual Garden Tour with 12 homeowners participating. Thanks to those residents for opening their yards for neighbors to enjoy. This year Black Diamond Pest Control sponsored our Garden Tour. Black Diamond provided signs and donated a prize for the event. Kayrouz Heating and Air Conditioning also donated a programmable thermostat with an outdoor wireless sensor as a prize. My thanks to Garden Tour Coordinator Ted Wright and Council member Yvette Winnette for their hard work on this year's successful tour.

The next event was the Annual City Wide Yard Sale Saturday June 10th. Assisted by great weather there was a record turnout of people looking to take home bargains. Once again, a big thanks goes to Yvette Winnette for coordinating this great event.

The City Council is currently working on the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The Council looks to approve the current 0.20 tax rate with a 14% discount on property tax bills if paid by November 1st. Other major one-time items being considered for next year's budget include funding for the Metro Louisville sponsored Ormsby Lane sidewalk.

I want to point out to residents that due to our need to ensure emergency vehicles always have full access to our streets, "No Parking" signs have been installed along one side of several streets near St. Albert the Great. While Graymoor-Devondale does allow limited-street parking, drivers should always park their vehicles in a manner that would allow a fire truck or ambulance to travel along any city street.

At this time there is not anything new to report on the proposed VA Hospital project. Metro Council Person Angela Leet will make a presentation at the June Council meeting on both the Ormsby Lane sidewalk project and the Herr Lane Corridor study.

Also included in this newsletter is an article written by our Police Chief, Grady Thornberry that recaps two crimes recently committed in Graymoor-Devondale. Thanks to the quick and thorough actions taken by our team of police officers, the criminals were apprehended.

While residents thought June was a busy month in Graymoor-Devondale, I'm happy to report the city has two events scheduled in July. First we hope you will have an opportunity to join us for our annual Fourth of July Parade. You can find information about our city's parade route, times, prizes and street closings in this newsletter issue. Second, our Chief of Police, Grady Thornberry, will host his first "Coffee With a Cop" meeting for our residents on July 5th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Coffee Zone in Westport Village. We look forward to seeing you at these city sponsored events..

Due to the number of complaints we are receiving about speeders, please reduce your speed and watch out for the children.

Your Graymoor-Devondale Police Department Has Been Busy!

Chief Gray Thornberry

On May 11th, while running radar in the area, one of the Graymoor-Devondale Police officers attempted to stop a violator. Refusing to stop, the violator drove into a local apartment complex where the driver and passenger bailed from the car and fled on foot. The vehicle had been recently stolen. Graymoor-Devondale officers, with the assistance of LMPD, established a perimeter around the area and located the two suspects within a short period of time.

Then on May 25th at about 10:30 am our police department responded to a report of suspicious persons/activity on Applewood. On arrival officers discovered a burglary with a significant amount of property (including guns) had been stolen from the residence.

During the next few hours our officers and detective developed important information relative to the case. By about 2:00 pm the vehicle involved had been positively identified, and then at about 2:30 pm that vehicle was spotted. When the vehicle was approached two of the three occupants fled on foot; one was located a few blocks away.

Two suspects were arrested and taken to our office to be interviewed. As a result of the interview, and after much misinformation from the suspects, Detective Presley determined a possible location of the stolen property and the identity of the third suspect.

By 5:00 pm our officers arrived at a residence in Hikes Point and, after obtaining consent to search, located all of the property taken from Applewood. By 6:15 pm that property had all been recorded, photographed and released to the victim. Needless to say, the victims were very happy.

The third suspect was spotted in a vehicle in the area of Brownsboro Road and Chamberlain Lane on June 8. When the vehicle was stopped he fled on foot, but was located hiding in a garbage can a short time later by Graymoor-Devondale officers.

And then . . .

At about 3:00 am on June 3 our officers responded to a home invasion burglary in the 1700 block of Ormsby. The resident sleeping on the second floor awoke to discover lights on and noises in his home. Locking himself in the bathroom (very smart), he called 911; our first officer arrived within two minutes, observed an occupied vehicle far back in the driveway and immediately detained the person in the car.

A second suspect fled out the back door and over the fence toward Applewood as our second officer and several LMPD officers arrived. The second suspect was located a short time later hiding in the bushes on Applewood. Both suspects have been charged with burglary and receiving stolen property. Note that they are both addicts.

The car these two individuals were in had been stolen in Tennessee a couple of days earlier. In addition, one of them has subsequently been identified as committing at least one burglary in Tennessee.

It doesn't always go so well; sometimes we don't have any witnesses and little information to pursue. However, I share these events with you because often residents don't really know what our officers do every day. I'm very proud of them all.

Rarely in my career have I seen a small team of police officers pull together like these folks do. I think it is because they feel some ownership here and take it personally when their turf is violated. And that's the way it should be!

In closing, I would like to invite residents to join me on Wednesday, July 5th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Coffee Zone in Westport Village for the city's first "Coffee With a Cop" meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee

WITH A COP

Police Chief, Grady Thornberry would like to invite Graymoor-Devondale residents to join him for his first "Coffee With a Cop" meeting in our city.

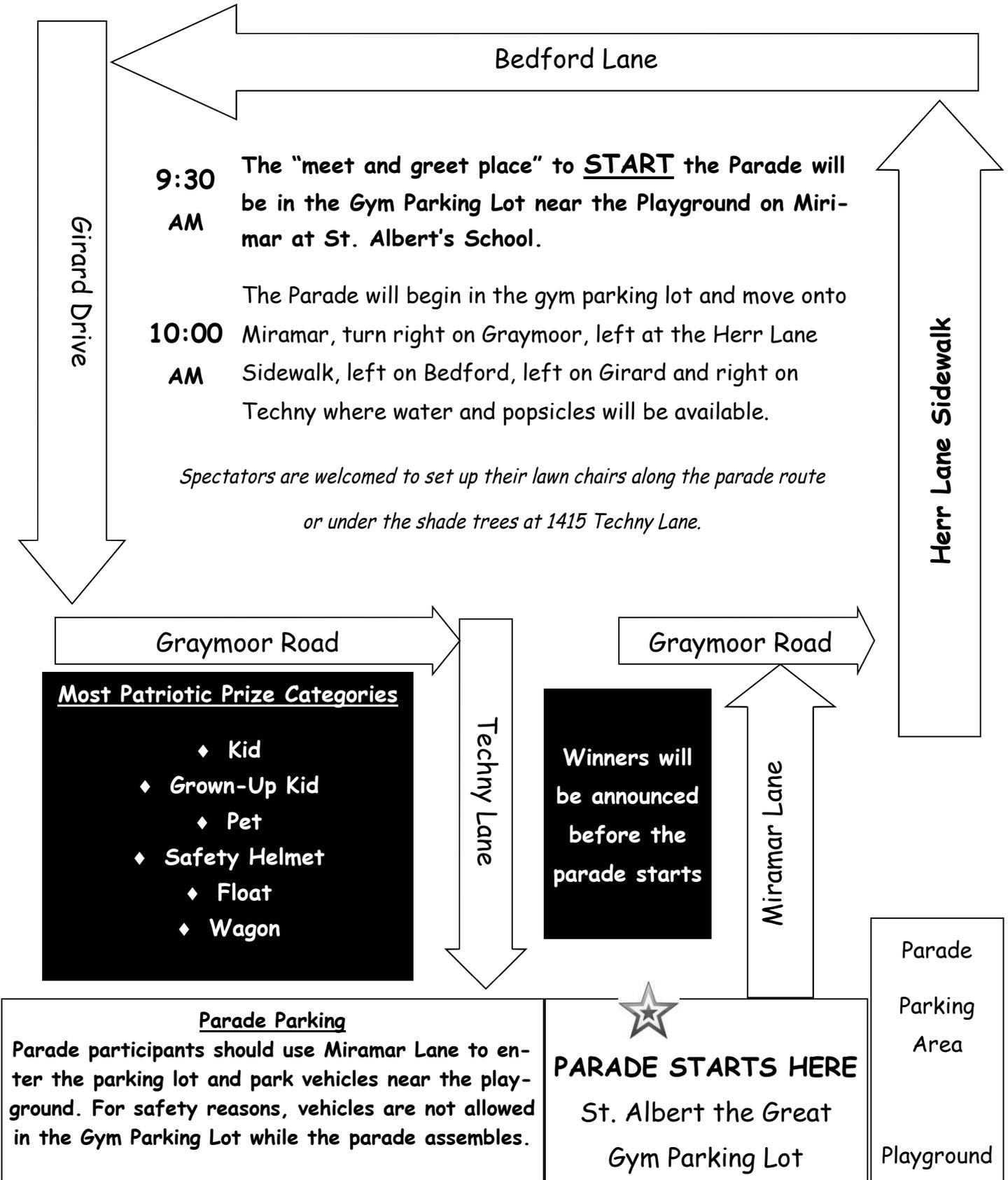
We hope to see you there!



Coffee With a Cop Meeting
Wednesday, July 5th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
The Coffee Zone (Westport Village)
1301 Herr Lane , Suite 110 (next to The Comfy Cow)



July 4th Patriotic Parade Route and Schedule



Parade Day is Tuesday July 4th!

Patriotic Parade Prize Categories

- Most Patriotic Kid
- Most Patriotic Safety-Helmet
- Most Patriotic Grown-Up Kid
 - Most Patriotic Pet
 - Most Patriotic Float
 - Most Patriotic Wagon

Things to Know For the Parade:

Parade participants should arrive at St. Albert's Gym parking lot between 9:30 AM and 9:45 AM. This will give organizers enough time to set up the parade and allow the judges time to see everyone and select a winner for each category 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 will be asked to line-up and then walk in front of the judges by 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.

The following streets and parking lot entrances will be closed during the Parade:

- Mirimar Lane
- 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 before the parade leaves St. Albert's.

In case of rain go to www.graymoor-devondale.com for the latest parade update.

Graymoor-Devondale 2017 Garden Tour

Yvette Winnette

The Graymoor-Devondale Garden Tour on June 4th was a success for many reasons. First, there were numerous guests that took advantage of the wonderful warm sunny day and visited the homes that exhibited their gardens and back yards on this year's tour. A special congratulations and thanks goes out to three homes on Crossmoor Lane for being a part of the tour. This was the first time the city has had that many homes on the same street participate in the Garden Tour.

Next the support and sponsorship Black Diamond Pest Control offered was such a help to organizers and visitors. Not only did they provide the colorful signs that allowed organizers to promote the tour early, Black Diamond donated a plant that was used in one of two prize drawings. Kayrouz Heating and AC donated a programmable thermostat with an outdoor wireless-sensor for the second prize drawing. Congratulations to our winners, Larry and Marcus.

I would like to extend a huge "thank you" to Ted Wright for all of his work and outreach to residents and for encouraging them to become one of the homes on this year's tour. Thanks to his efforts, there were more homes on the Garden Tour than any previous year.

Each of the 12 homes on the tour offered various gardening styles, arts, plants and themes. While several kid-friendly backyards offered magical shady hideaways or sheds painted to look like playhouses, other backyards were manicured playgrounds that encouraged kids and adults to swim, play, visit or share a meal. One backyard was a Hosta Wonderland with walking paths and wooden bridges that took visitors from one large hosta bed to another. And who knew there is a tropical paradise resort with a refreshing pool, colorful umbrellas, art and tropical plants in Graymoor-Devondale. One backyard would be heaven for anyone that loves and appreciates gardens of roses. Several backyards were like tranquil park settings that included large shady trees, a large variety of blooming and exotic plants, comfy chairs, soft music, numerous birdbaths, container gardens and fountains.

On behalf of the Mayor, the City Council and all of our residents that visited your homes, I would like to thank each family that included their home on this year's Garden Tour. Everyone on the tour enjoyed their time and recognized the work each of you put into your backyard and gardens. I hope you enjoyed being on the tour and hope you will consider being a part of next year's tour.

In addition to the few photos that are included in this newsletter, we hope you will visit graymoor-devondale.com and select "Photos" to more color photos of this year's Garden Tour.





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☆☆			Call this number for EMS, fire or police.
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☆☆		327-2677	Graymoor-Devondale Police cell phone for the officer on duty.
☆☆ Numbers ☆☆		574-5471	Sheriff's Department Dispatcher. Ask for the Graymoor-Devondale police.
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Graymoor-Devondale News
 1500 Lynn Way, Louisville, KY 40222
 City Council Meeting 6:30 PM
 MemoryCareCenterEpiscopalChurchHome7504WestportRd.
Council meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month and residents are welcome.

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Patriotic Parade—July 4th

Parade Assembly starts at 9:30 am; Parade starts at 10.00 am

“Coffee With a Cop”

Meet Chief Thornberry—Wednesday, July 5th

Meeting is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at The Coffee Zone (Westport Village)