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JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER

While July 4th started with a little "rain on our parade" fortunately it was only a light drizzle and we were able to have our parade as scheduled. I would like to thank all of the participants and judges, with a special thanks to Council member Yvette Winnette for coordinating the event.

At the June council meeting Erin Hinson, representing Metro Council District 7 member Angela Leet, updated the Graymoor-Devondale council on the Ormsby Lane sidewalk project, Herr Lane Corridor Study, and the Westport Road Corridor Study. The council approved a contribution of \$50,000 for the construction of the Ormsby Lane sidewalk. The total estimated cost of this project is \$400,000, Ms. Leet has \$300,000 available for this project and the City of Lyndon will be asked to consider providing the balance of the funds required to complete project.

Also at the June meeting, the council passed Ordinances #1 and #2 for the city's 2017-18 Budget. Both are in this newsletter.

Cory Zilisch director of the Westport Middle School Orchestra presented the council with a grant request to assist in funding for a trailer for the orchestra. The trailer will be used to transport equipment for the recently formed and world's first Electric Orchestra. The formation of the Electric Orchestra has been very popular with the students, tripling participation in the orchestra, and has been an influential and positive program for this middle school. The council approved a grant of \$3,000.00 to assist in the purchase of the trailer. This grant is consistent with the city's support of our local schools.

At this time there has not been any new updates from the VA on the proposed VA Hospital Project. We will continue to monitor this project and provide updates as this project moves through the Veterans Administration. Other projects the council will continue to participate in and monitor are the Herr Lane and Westport Road traffic studies and improvement projects.

Following the tragic traffic accident at Westport Village and Herr Lane, Chief Grady Throneberry received the "Letter of Commendation" from Major Jamey Schwab from LMPD published in this newsletter. The purpose of his letter was to thank Office Steve Jesse, of the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department, for his courage and assistance at the scene immediately following the accident. Our city is fortunate to have a department of professional and caring police officers.

To the City of Graymoor-Devondale,

I want to thank you for your generous donation to the Westport Middle School Orchestra. Thanks to you, our 'Rock n' Warhawks' Electric Orchestra now has a way to transport all of our equipment. We want to be ambassadors for our school and community, and thanks to you we can now do that far and wide! Your donation made it possible for us to purchase a brand new enclosed trailer. It will be beautifully wrapped and will include the Graymoor-Devondale logo on it! We will proudly display it everywhere we go. It truly means a lot to me, as the director, that we have such a supportive community for the arts and music! Once again, thank you so much for your generosity!!

Cory Zilisch, Orchestra Director,
Westport Middle School

**CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2017-2018
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, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the provisions for the levy and collection of these taxes shall apply for a period starting on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018.

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, 2017 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, 2017 shall receive a discount of fourteen percent (14.0%). The face amount of each tax bill shall be due and payable from November 1, 2017 until November 30, 2017. All tax bills unpaid after November 30, 2017 shall be subject to a penalty often 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.

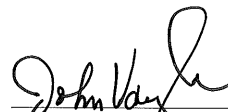
Section 4:

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.

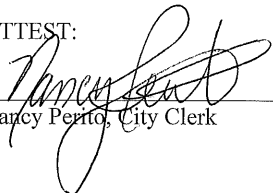
Section 5:

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and upon publication.

First Reading 5/23/17
Second Reading 6/12/17
Passed and Approved 6/27/17


John Vaughan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Perito, City Clerk

Votes in Favor 5
Votes Oppose 0

CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE
ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2017-2018
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
CITY OF GRAYMOOR-DEVONDALE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

Section 1:

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

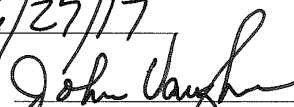
ITEM	RESOURCES AVAILABLE		TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	ROAD MAINTENANCE	
Resources Available:			
Fund Balances Carried Fwd.	569,164.00	105,747.00	674,911.00
Revenues	1,095,180.00	50,100.00	1,145,280.00
Total Resources Available For App.	1,664,344.00	155,847.00	1,820,191.00
Appropriations:			
General Government	206,549.00	0.00	206,549.00
Public Works	247,916.00	81,500.00	329,416.00
Police Department	701,932.00	0.00	701,932.00
Total Appropriation	1,156,397.00	81,500.00	1,237,897.00
Excess of Resources Over App.	507,947.00	74,347.00	582,294.00
Est. Fund Balance	507,947.00	74,347.00	582,294.00

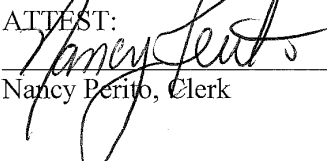
Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

First Reading: 5/23/17

Second Reading: 6/27/17

Passed and approved: 6/27/17


John Vaughan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Perito, Clerk

In Favor 5
Opposed 0

Fourth of July Parade Yvette Winnette

Approximately 60+ residents decided that even if Mother Nature threatened to rain on their parade, they were going to join in and be a part of our 2017, 4th of July Patriotic Parade. Luckily, the parade celebrated the 4th during a brief break in the day's showers. For all that participated in the parade, I want to extend many thanks to you for braving the weather and joining the fun.

This year we had several "firsts" in our parade. The Mayor and several of his family members rode 3-wheel bikes, three of the four judges are members of the *Kentucky Derby Festival Republic Bank Pegasus Parade Committee*, the Most Patriotic Pet was a rabbit, two brothers walked the entire parade route on stilts while their brother rode his uni-cycle and Kevin Hernandez, a musician from the Westport Middle School Electric Orchestra, played an electric violin.

In addition to these photos there are more (color) photos posted on the city's website in the Photo Gallery at graymoor-devondale.com in the "2017 4th of July Parade" category.

For only the second time in parade history, we had a blue tractor pulling a huge trailer! Thanks go out to Council Member, David Meiners for driving the tractor and bringing a few his family members to this year's parade.

Thanks also goes out to the Orchestra Director, Cory Zilisch, for his work just a few days before the parade in making arrangements for Kevin Hernandez to play an electric violin for everyone at the parade. It is our hope that Director Zilisch and the Electric Orchestra from Westport Middle School will play at next year's parade too!

I want to thank Mary June Robinson, Ward Robinson, Brain Walters and Brian McLean for coming out, in spite of the threatening rain, judging the parade's colorful participants and selecting winners for each category. Winners received a \$15 Target Gift Card, compliments of the city.

Year after year, our city's parade has proven to be a wonderful way for residents to be a part of a community event and meet neighbors that live in various parts of the city. I hope everyone had a great parade and look forward to seeing everyone at next year's 4th of July Patriotic Parade.



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Electrifying Musicians - Community Ambassadors

Yvette Winnette



The Westport Middle School Orchestra consists of over 180 students! They are known as one of the most advanced, unique and innovative programs in the WORLD! Recently they performed at the 2017 State music educator's conference. Westport Middle School's "Rock N' Warhawks" orchestra is one of the first middle school electric orchestras where kids play rock and pop music and dance to synchronized lights! They gained popularity pretty quickly by performing all around Louisville and have been featured on every Louisville news station. If you would like to see their performances, visit <http://westportorchestra.com> to see their music videos.



The Westport Middle School Orchestra is seeking donations and support for their AMAZING Electric Orchestra program! This school's music program, like many other schools, does not receive adequate funding from state and/or district agencies. Since musical instruments are so expensive, most students cannot afford to purchase their own instrument. These young musicians and their school rely on fundraisers to help buy new instruments, music and equipment.

While this middle school orchestra has experienced notoriety, they still need more instruments and equipment for the program to be fully realized. At this time they do not have enough instruments to put an instrument in the hands of all of the kids that are signed up for orchestra. Even when the school borrows instruments from other schools, they still don't have enough.

This 501(c) 3 middle school orchestra needs support from individuals, communities and business leaders to help make their program more accessible to student musicians. Monetary donations and the donation of instruments, equipment or services are appreciated. You can visit <http://westportorchestra.com/> or <https://www.gofundme.com/give-the-warhawks-a-lift> to make a donation. If you would prefer to send a check, please make it payable to Westport Middle School and write "Orchestra Donation" in the memo section. Checks should be mailed to 8100 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40222. If you have additional questions please contact the Orchestra Director, Cory Zilisch, at 502-485-8346 or email him at cory.zilisch@jefferson.kyschools.us. When you make a tax-deductible donation, you will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation that can be used for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support..

"Coffee With A Cop" Meeting Update

On July 5th we held our first "Coffee With A Cop" meeting at The Coffee Zone in Westport Village. Approximately 16 citizens participated in our two-hour event; our conversation was great.

Among the topics residents expressed interested in were: Reach Alerts, the heroin epidemic, speeding on Westport Road and our side streets, the proposed VA hospital, absence of visible house numbers, positive police interactions with kids and the city and police budgets.

Because the turnout was so good we will be scheduling future "Coffee With A Cop" meetings every quarter and invite other community leaders to join us.

Thanks to all who participated.

Grady Throneberry, Chief



LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

STEVE CONRAD
CHIEF OF POLICE

July 18, 2017

Col. Grady Throneberry
Chief of Police
Graymoor-Devondale Police Department
1500 Lynn Way
Louisville, Kentucky 40222

Chief Throneberry:

I want to extend my sincerest appreciation for your agency's assistance at the scene of the fatal traffic collision on Herr Lane near Westport Road on Sunday morning, July 16, 2017. Your department's support in the moments immediately following the crash was invaluable to the safety of those on the scene as well as the other responders. I want to especially extend my gratitude towards Officer Steve Jesse. I have been told by my personnel that Officer Jesse was courageous and professional by assisting with the attempted rescue of the vehicle occupants and then coordinating the actions of the other emergency responders.

This incident, as tragic as it was, again underscores that interagency cooperation is the cornerstone for the effective policing and protection of our shared communities. Thanks again and please offer my heartfelt thanks to Officer Jesse.

As always, please feel free to contact me if we can ever be of assistance!

Sincerely,

Major Jamey Schwab
Eighth Division Commander

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☆☆ Phone ☆☆			Call this number for EMS, fire or police.
☆☆		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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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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Walkers and runners in the Graymoor-Devondale and Lyndon areas are invited and encouraged to join the new Robsion Park Run Club! This new group welcomes all abilities — walkers, runners, run/walkers, shufflers, joggers, whatever you call what you do.

Starting August 14th, the Club will meet Mondays at 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 6 am near the park's playground, on the post office side. Two Lyndon residents started this club. They describe themselves as friends that run at different speeds.

Tracy Green, one of the founders of this club previously worked for Ken Combs Running Store in St. Matthews and led their mini-Marathon training group. She started running 11 years ago and has completed 12 marathons. Green, and Cory Grant, also a club founder are excited to share their experience and knowledge with newer runners and walkers. It was Green that encouraged Grant to start running and provided advice and support along the way to his first half-marathon this spring.

The Robsion Park Run Club will provide routes of distances up to six miles (longer if needed). Those going less than two miles can use the park's loop. If you're looking to get started in an exercise routine, this is a great way to begin. For more information visit the Robsion Park Run Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/page/RobsionParkRunClub. Interested residents can email tracy.faye.green@gmail.com or call/text [502-558-0853](tel:502-558-0853). Days and times are subject to change to meet the group's preferences.