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**JOHN VAUGHAN MAYOR'S LETTER.**

I would like to thank the many residents who decorated their homes for the Holiday season. Photos of the winners of the city's annual Holiday Decorating Contest and many of the homes that were decorated so beautifully have been posted on the city website [graymoor-devondale.com](http://graymoor-devondale.com). A big thank you goes to Council member Yvette Winnette for driving the judges through the city and delivering the checks to the winners of each category. I want to also thank Council member David Meiners and his son for hanging the lights and wreaths on the City Office.

As many residents are aware Berkshire Hathaway-Parks and Weisberg, Realtors, the new owners of the 1701 Herr Lane property filed for a zoning change from the current R4-Single Family to OR-Office Residential. Metro Louisville Planning and Development Commission reviewed the Zoning request on Thursday November 21, 2019. The full case file is available on their website <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/planning-commission>. Following the review the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and forwarded it to the Graymoor-Devondale City Council.

An Ordinance was placed on the Council's regularly scheduled December meeting agenda. In order to accommodate the number of residents wanting to express their opinions on this issue, the meeting was moved to the Episcopal Church Home. Following review of the Planning Commission file and resident's comments from emails and the various public meetings the Council requested additional binding elements be added to the Ordinance.

The binding elements will require that all construction and landscaping plans be approved by the City Council before construction begins with an additional final review and approval prior to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued. Additional binding elements were incorporated that require any future change in use of the property would require City Council approval. Other binding elements were added to ensure lighting and deliveries are sensitive to surrounding neighbors.

The Owner of the property agreed to all of these additional binding elements and the Council approved the First Reading of the Ordinance. The required Second Reading of the Ordinance is scheduled for the January 21, 2020, Council meeting.

Other news for Graymoor-Devondale residents is that Senator Mitch McConnell announced that he has secured \$410,000,000 in funding for the new VA Hospital that will be located on Brownsboro Road, adjacent to Graymoor-Devondale's city limit. This funding is contingent upon final Federal Budget approval. As additional information is made available to the city, it will be shared with residents.

Council Member, Drew Martin, wants to put together a team that would be interested in setting up an event similar to our previous Garden Tour events. The team would have the opportunity to determine the best type of event, scheduling and process for residents to participate in a fun event that would encourage residents to invite neighbors into their yards to visit and share landscaping and gardening tips with each other. Maybe a Plant Swap could be included in the event too. If you are interested in joining Drew as a member of this team or sharing your ideas, please email your name, email address, phone number and address to [cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com](mailto:cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com).

Other news in the city that needs to be shared with residents relates to the city's ongoing need to repair or replace street and stop signs. While some appear to be damaged accidentally, several were vandalized. There are significant costs associated with maintaining our city signs. Should you see anyone accidentally or deliberately damage our city's property, please notify the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department at (502) 327-2677.

I would like to point out to residents that our sanitation company, Waste Management, has guidelines that residents should

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follow when disposing of yard waste and fabric covered furniture and mattresses.

Yard waste must be in containers, bags that will decompose (no plastic bags) or tied in bundles no longer than three (3') feet. Additionally, yard waste should be in containers marked as "Yard Waste" and placed at the curb separate from the garbage.

Waste Management, for the protection of their employees, requires that any furniture covered with fabric or mattresses must be wrapped and sealed in plastic. Also, when residents have large items that do not fit into containers that will need to be picked up, Waste Management asks that you visit their website <https://www.wm.com/us/en/support/request-bulk-pickup> or call (866) 237-7019.

Lastly, our city ordinance, 50.02 CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS, states: "No resident may set out a garbage, recycling or yard waste container for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day before a regular or special scheduled collection date. In addition, no resident shall be allowed to set out for collection waste products which were not generated at the residence. All kitchen garbage must be placed in a plastic or metal sealed garbage can. Empty garbage and recycling containers must be returned to the rear of the residence by 8:00 a.m. the day after collection. Any items not covered by the regular pickup shall be the responsibility of the resident to request, from the carrier, a special pickup and pay if there are any additional charges for the pickup." Everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

Our city sends you, your family, neighbors and friends best wishes for a happy and healthy 2020.

***Did Christmas Day's warm weather make you think of spring?***

Should we plan a:

Garden Party: Sounds like fun. Can we have cookies? What about music?

Garden Tour: Not a stuffy one. Maybe a reason to visit with neighbors?

Plant Swap: Great: Too many plants or not enough plants? Is it true shared plants are the best?

Would you like to :

Visit several garden parties on the same day throughout Graymoor-Devondale?

Host a garden party in your backyard for Graymoor-Devondale residents?

Help schedule the date and plan a spring gathering in Graymoor-Devondale?

Help with a Graymoor-Devondale Plant Swap?

Talk to residents that took advantage of the city's 2019 Tree Program?

If you answered "yes or maybe" to any of these questions, we hope you will become part of the team that will plan and kick-off a spring event for our residents. Getting involved is easy; just send your name, email address, phone number and address to [cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com](mailto:cityclerk@graymoor-devondale.com). Your information will be forwarded contact you to Council Member, Drew Martin ,and he will follow-up with you.

**Why have a Plant Swap? Plants can connect neighbors.**

**Sharing Lilies**

Several years ago, because my lily beds had become to thick for the plants to thrive, I had over 100 lilies that needed new homes. I put out notices that neighbors were welcomed to come get as many lilies as they could use. Now, every spring, I get to drive through the city and see lilies from my garden blooming in other gardens.

Do you and your neighbors have stories of how plants may connect your homes? If so, you could share them at our upcoming spring event.



### Holiday Contest Winners

Driving this year's judges around the city gave me a great opportunity to see just how creative our residents are when displaying their holiday decorating skills. The judges commented several times on the clever uses of themes, lights and sounds that celebrated the season and made our city a fun place to live and visit during the holidays. They were very impressed by the winner of the Most Festive category because he even decorated a large Christmas tree and put it in the bed of his pick up truck.

Let's all congratulate the winners and everyone that decorated their homes for the holidays.

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| <i>Best Use of Holiday Lighting</i> | <i>1414 Girard Drive</i>   |
| <i>Best Holiday Door</i>            | <i>6715 Crossmoor Lane</i> |
| <i>Most Traditional Lighting</i>    | <i>1312 Carlimar Lane</i>  |
| <i>Most Festive</i>                 | <i>7205 Arrowwood Road</i> |

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Best Door



Best Lighting



Most Festive

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