



# THE DAYTON DISCOVERY

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### "Go Green Dayton!" Tip

#### Reduce Your Water Bills

Most household faucets use about 2 gallons of water per minute. Here are two simple ways to cut down on water usage at home:

- Resist the urge to rinse your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Most newer models can handle food residue.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth. This will save about eight gallons of water per brushing!

## DAYTON PARKS OPEN FOR SEASON

The Dayton Parks are now open for the Spring and Summer season! To reserve a park shelter, please call the Dayton Municipal Building. This is a free service. Our parks include Sunset Park (shown at right), Cooks Creek Park and Phibbs Park. Please note that the playground equipment at Phibbs Park has been temporarily removed due to the church con-



struction. The pavilion and bathrooms are still available. Also, please keep your dogs on a

leash in the parks at all times and clean up after them to keep our parks beautiful.

## CERT TRAINING OFFERED TO RESIDENTS

**In an emergency or disaster, would you be able to help yourself, your family or your neighbors?**

You would if you attended a CERT training course. Community Emergency Response Team training is designed to help you prepare for an emergency or disaster. Because emergency services personnel may not be able to help you immediately, this training will provide you with basic skills to help save lives and protect your property.

The Town of Dayton would like to host a CERT course offered by Rockingham County Fire and Rescue in partnership with Shenandoah Valley Project Impact. The CERT course, which is designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, teaches basic skills in disaster preparedness, fire safety, first aid, terrorism awareness and crime prevention. The course is free, all materials are provided, and is offered one evening a week for seven weeks. In order to offer this

training course, we need to have at least 10 participants (ages 14 & up). The course would be held this fall. If you are interested in participating in a CERT course in Dayton, please call or leave a message with Brenda Stearn at 879-2241 (Dayton Public Works Dept.), or email her at [bstearn@daytonva.us](mailto:bstearn@daytonva.us) by **Thurs., April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Classes are also available for children (customized for various age groups), which would be great for organizations or youth groups.

Visit our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) today!

**"Go Green Dayton!" Tip****Stop Junk Mail**

Stop those unwanted credit card, insurance and other advertisements from being printed and mailed. Go to [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org) to learn how to stop junk mail. You can also opt out of pre-approved credit offers by notifying the credit bureaus. Visit [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) to learn more.

**Cook's Creek Clean Up Day!**

There will be a Community Water Watchers Cook's Creek Clean Up Day on **Saturday, April 25th** to celebrate Earth Day. Volunteers will meet at the Cook's Creek Park at 10:00 A.M. All participants should dress in appropriate clothing to get in the creek, boots and gloves. For more information or to sign up, call Judy Way at 879-2465. This isn't the most fun job, but it is very rewarding!

**DAYTON DESTINATIONS****Historic Rock Wall Restoration**

April 3rd and 4th from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Eberly Rd. To participate, go to the website [www.drystone.org](http://www.drystone.org) and click on Spring 2009 Workshop Registration Form.

**Historical Society Rotating Exhibit**

"The Country Store" open now until June 13th. The exhibit is a reproduction of old country stores that were prevalent in the area from the early 1800's and 1900's. These old country stores were the centers of the small

communities in the Valley. Come see what these important places looked like in the old days. For more information, visit [www.heritagecenter.com](http://www.heritagecenter.com) or call 879-2681.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Jim's Drive-In**

Jim's Drive-In will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th at 2:00 P.M.. All kids 12 and under are welcome to participate. The Easter Bunny will be present for kids to take pictures

with. Plan to bring your children to this fun-filled event.

**Kid's Trout Fishing Day at Silver Lake**

Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. This is a free event open to all children ages 15 years and under. Snacks and prizes will be provided. This event is sponsored by Rockingham County and Harrisonburg Recreation Departments in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. *No boats allowed on lake!*

**PUBLIC WORKS NEWS****Rt. 257 Sewer Line Update**

A&J Development & Excavating Inc. is the new contractor for the sewer line extension project. Their official start date was March 16th and the new completion date is May 14th. Restoration will be complete by this date as well.

**Recycling Update**

Green Earth, our recycling pickup service provider, has asked that we relay a change to our residents regarding the recycling of paper. Effective immediately, please place all regular

paper (copy paper, notebook paper) in a plastic bag prior to putting it in your recycle bin. Newspaper and packing paper may still be put directly in your bin. There is no need to bag newspapers or packing paper; just regular paper. Also, please discard tops to plastic bottles in your household trash prior to placing plastic bottles in your recycle bin.

**Free Tree Saplings Given Away in Honor of Earth and Arbor Days**

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd and Arbor Day on April 24th, the "Go Green Dayton!" committee will be giving away tree

saplings to residents to be planted in their yards. On Wednesday, April 22nd, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (or until supplies last) in the basement Assembly Room of the Municipal Building, the committee will be giving away up to 2 tree saplings to Town residents (two per household). There will be a variety of trees to pick from including maples, oaks, red buds and more. First come, first serve. Special thanks to the Conservation Services for donating a portion of these saplings.

## CHIEF'S CORNER

### Dog Walking

The Dayton Police Dept. has received several complaints recently regarding dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. If you allow your dog to defecate on personal property or in our town parks, please clean up after them! This is not only a common courtesy but a sanitation issue as well. So please, be respectful of your neighbors and the community.

### Operation Care Update

We are currently generating a list of Dayton Town residents who would appreciate their names being placed on file for periodic contact/visits to give them reassurance of support within our community. We encourage those who have not yet contacted myself, to do so or refer a neighbor in need by calling me at

879-3727. This promises to be a great and worthwhile program within our unique and friendly community.

Charles Long  
Dayton Town Council

### Child Safety Seat Inspection Day

The Dayton Police Department will be sponsoring a Child Safety Seat Inspection Day on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Dayton Municipal Building. Two Dayton officers, certified as child safety seat technicians, will be inspecting and assisting with safety seat installations, verifying all safety seat models and checking for factory recalls. Educational materials will be handed out to citizens. There will also be a car wash offered at the same time. Donations will be accepted to raise

money for the Dayton Neighborhood Watch and the Annual UVA Children's Hospital Fundraiser.



### Click-It or Ticket Patrol

The Dayton Police Department, in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies, will be conducting special enforcement for seat-belt violations beginning Sunday, May 17th through Saturday, May 23rd. Officers will be out in force during this time to enforce seat belt laws. Everyone should always wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a vehicle, but we ask everyone to be especially conscious to do so during this initiative.



### Child-Seat Safety

Effective April 10th, the Dayton Police Department will be a nationally recognized Permanent Fit Child Safety Seat & Occupant Protection Station location. Two officers have recently been certified as Child-Safety Seat Technicians. As a free service, these officers will check the installation of your safety seat and identify any manufacturer recalls and correct any installation problems found. Appointments can be made with either officer by calling 879-2161. The inspection will take approximately 20 minutes. Please bring all vehicle and safety seat manuals with you if possible.



### "Go Green Dayton!" Tip

#### Drink Tap Water

Think that bottled water is better for you than tap water? Recent studies suggest that it's no safer, no purer, and contains no less bacteria than good ole tap water. Bottled water does, however, pose an environmental concern. It's estimated that 30 billion bottles of water are consumed every year, and only one out of five of those bottles are recycled; not to mention the resources involved in bottling and shipping the water.

## DAYTON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Dayton Neighborhood Watch would like to invite all citizens of the Dayton area to come and join us at our next monthly meeting on April 21st. The meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building. One of our functions is to

serve as a liaison between the citizens of Dayton and the Police Department. Recently we have been discussing taking part in the Operation Care program. The Neighborhood Watch also donated to the recent Cake Walk held at Pence Middle School. Hope everyone had fun!

We also have other events coming up in the Spring. We can always use more helping hands. If you are interested please come and join us at our next meeting.

Hope to see you there!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(CHECK THE DAYTON WEBSITE FOR UPDATES OR CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR)

**Historic Rock Wall Restoration**  
- Friday, April 3rd and Saturday April 4th, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eberly Rd.

**Town Offices Closed** - Friday, April 10th, Good Friday Observed

**Jim's Drive-In Easter Egg Hunt**  
- April 11th, 2:00 P.M.

**Town Council Meeting**- Monday, April 13th, 7:00 P.M.

**Planning Comm.** -Thursday, April 16th, 7:00 P.M.

**Kid's Fishing Day at Silver Lake** - Saturday, April 18th, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 21st, 6:30 P.M. Municipal Building Assembly Rm.

**Tree Seedling Giveaway** - Wed. April 22nd 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Sat. April 25th 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Municipal Building Assembly Rm.

**Community Cook's Creek Clean Up Day** - Saturday, April

25th, 10:00, Cook's Creek Park

**Town Council Meeting** - Monday, May 11th, 7:00 P.M.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting** - Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 P.M., Municipal Building Assembly Rm.

**Planning Comm.** - Thursday, May 21st, 7:00 P.M.

**Town Offices Closed** - Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day observed



**Rotating Exhibit**  
"The Old Country Store"  
Now on display at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society through June 13th. See page 2 for details.



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