



THE DAYTON DISCOVERY

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

It is hard to believe that we are planning for Christmas and that the New Year is fast approaching. The Christmas season means different things to all of us. To me, it means that I get to spend some quality time with my family eating good food, remembering the birth of Jesus, and reaching out to help those in need. It is a time to be grateful for all of my many blessings. The season is no longer about presents for me as it was when I was growing up.

We have planned a couple of activities to help put you in the Christmas Spirit and to offer fellowship time with your Dayton neighbors. Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the Wilbur



Pence Middle School (please note the new location) on December 5th, from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. And the 2nd Annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 8th, beginning at 4:30.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas Season and that your blessings are many.

Before closing I would like to thank those who helped me with the clean-up effort at Cook's Creek. It was quite successful. We will plan another one for the Spring.

Happy Holidays,

Mayor Judy Way

A CHRISTMAS FUN FACT

In the Ukraine, it is considered good luck to find a spider web in the house on Christmas morning. There once lived a woman so poor, says a Ukraine folklore, that she could not afford

Christmas decorations for her family. One Christmas morning she awoke to find spiders had trimmed her children's tree with their webs. When the morning sun shone on them, the webs turned to silver and

gold. An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees.



SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE SET FOR DECEMBER 8TH

The 2nd Annual Town Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 8th beginning at 4:30 pm. The parade route will

begin at Wilbur Pence Middle School, turn onto College Street, then onto Main St., ending at Thompson St. These streets will be closed to

through traffic at that time.

To volunteer or enter the parade, please contact Susan Smith at 879-2241.

DAYTON RURITANS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

The Dayton Ruritans will be conducting a Christmas Decorating contest. Judging will take place between Monday, December 17th through Friday, December 21st. Entry forms have been mailed out and should be returned to the Dayton

Town Office by end of business day, Friday, December 7th. Entry forms will also be available at the Town Office. Separate cash prizes will be given for businesses and residences. First place - \$50, Second place - \$30, Third place - \$20. Any

type of decoration is allowable, judging criteria will be based on best use of lights, statues, ornaments, etc.



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FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE

Public Works Department has moved

The public works has moved to the ground level of the Municipal Building. Anyone wishing to see a member of this department should enter the building at the ground level and come to the last door on the left at the end of the hallway.

Town Ordinance Regarding Snow Removal

Town Ordinance 2-64 requires that all persons occupying, owning, or having charge of any property within the Town shall be required to re-

move the snow from the entire sidewalk in front of such property, within six daylight hours after the snow has ceased to fall. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a fine of \$5.00 for each offense, and the town superintendant may have the snow cleaned off at the expense of the owner or tenant.

Main Street Repaving Complete

Thanks to the Highway Department for the great work done on the milling, repaving, and repainting of Main St. All done at

no expense to the Town.

Holiday Schedule for Trash and Recyclables Pick-up

Regular trash and recyclables pick-up will be picked up on their regularly scheduled days the week of Christmas and New Years. Heavy trash pick-up will be on January 8th.

Leaf Pick-up

The last day for leaf pick-up will be Friday, December 7th.

Should you have any questions about any of the topics in this section please contact the Public Works Office at 879-2241.

THE DAYTON POLICE BULLETIN

From Chief Conley and Staff

Where has the year gone? It seems like summer was just here and now we are looking to Christmas and the year 2008.

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is important to keep safety in mind at all times. Using caution at home, on the roadways, and in stores can help make this holiday season enjoyable for the whole family.

If you are leaving town for the holidays, please come by the Police Department to fill out a security check form so our officers can keep a check on your home in your absence. Also,

while away from your home, make sure all doors and windows are locked.

The nature of the holiday season leads to increased traffic on the roadways; which leads to increased traffic accidents. It is important to limit distractions while driving. If you need to use your cell phone while in your car, pull to the side of the road to complete the call. Cell phone usage can limit your reaction time to other drivers who may also be distracted. Alcohol is another major factor of accidents. If you will be drinking, do not drive! Call a cab or have a friend drive who has not been drinking.

December is the month

for gift-giving. Thousands of shoppers will be flooding the stores and websites looking for the perfect gifts. Use caution while making your purchases. If shopping in stores, keep your wallet and checkbook close to you in a pocket or sealed handbag. If shopping online, confirm the website is using a secure checkout method prior to entering your credit card.

Using these and other safety tips will ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday.

From all of us at the Dayton Police Department, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

The Dayton Neighborhood Watch will again be sponsoring a local family at Christmas. We welcome the community to participate in our Giving Tree which will be located at the Brathwaite Studios. Residents can choose an ornament from the tree to keep and purchase the desired gift as noted on the tag. Please return the wrapped gift with tag attached to Brathwaite Studios by December 20th. The Neighborhood Watch is also accepting canned

food donations for the family to enjoy a delicious holiday meal. You may leave your canned/dry food items at the Town Office building during regular business hours until December 20th. For more information please contact Charlotte Scandlen at 879-9802.

The Neighborhood Watch meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room of the Town Municipal Build-

ing. Please join us on Tuesday, December 18th, for our annual potluck. Drinks and paper products will be provided so please bring a dish to share with your neighbors. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year! Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 15th.



More Christmas Fun Facts

- ◆ The first president to decorate the White House Christmas tree in the U.S. was Franklin Pierce.
- ◆ Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.
- ◆ “It’s a Wonderful Life” appears on TV more than any other holiday movie.
- ◆ “Jingle Bells” was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.
- ◆ If you received all of the gifts in the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” you would receive 364 presents.
- ◆ The poinsettia plant was brought into the United States from Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the early 1800’s.
- ◆ The first state to recognize the Christmas holiday officially was Alabama.
- ◆ Christmas became a national holiday in the U.S. on June 26, 1870.
- ◆ Coca Cola was the first beverage to use Santa in a winter promotion.
- ◆ “Rudolph” was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930’s for a holiday promotion.
- ◆ More diamonds are sold around Christmas than any other time of the year.

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Calendar of Events

- Dec. 5** - Town Christmas Party -
Wilbur Pence Middle School -
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- Dec. 8** - 2nd Annual Town Christmas
Parade - 4:30 P.M.
- Dec. 10** - Town Council Meeting -
7:00 P.M.
- Dec. 20** - Planning Commission
Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
- Jan. 14** - Town Council Meeting -
7:00 P.M.
- Jan. 17** - Planning Commission
Meeting - 7:00 P.M.



Town Office Holiday Hours:

Closing at Noon December 24th,
Christmas Eve
Closed December 25th, Christmas
Day
Closing at Noon December 31st,
New Year’s Eve
Closed January 1st, 2008, New
Year’s Day
Closed January 21, 2008, Martin
Luther King Day