



# THE DAYTON DISCOVERY

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### "Go Green Dayton!" Tip

Buy locally grown food. Buying locally produced food supports neighboring farmers, eliminates much of the pollution associated with transporting food, and supports a more sustainable model of agriculture consumption.

## A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Well, here we are thinking about Christmas! It is hard to believe that it is almost here already. I hope you will join us on Wednesday, December 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 at Wilbur Pence Middle School for our Town Christmas Party and on Saturday, December 6th at 4:30 for our 3rd Annual Holiday Parade. The Community Development Committee is working hard to bring another great parade for you to enjoy. If anyone has any ideas or would like to be involved, please contact Carolyn Ware, Pamela Shoemaker or myself.



Picture of Santa and Mrs. Claus at 2007 Dayton Christmas Parade.

I hope that the holidays find you and your loved ones happy and healthy. I hope the New Year is all you hope it to be. This will be my final column. It has been my

extreme privilege to have served you for the last couple of years.

Happy Holidays,  
Mayor Judy Way

## WELCOME NEW FACES!

### New to Council

Congratulations and welcome to our new council members and mayor who will begin their service to the Town in January of 2009.

New to council for 2009 will be Donna Bodkin, Lisa Halterman and Donna McCormick. L.J. Purcell will be returning

for his second term as mayor. They will be joining existing members of council Charles Long (re-elected for a 4 year term), Steve Dean, Carolyn Ware and Greg Trissel.

### New Town Treasurer

Ron Stover will join the Town staff on December 1st. Ron comes to Day-

ton from Young, Nicholas, Branner & Phillips LLP where he worked for a number of years. Ron has been a CPA for 20 years and lives in Bridgewater. Ron brings with him experience of local government auditing.

Please welcome everyone to their new posi-

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### "Go Green Dayton!" Fact

#### Did you know?

Lighting accounts for about 20% of the average home's electric bills. By replacing your five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with ENERGY STAR qualified options, you can save more than \$65 each year in energy costs!



Mayor Judy Way (center) with Bob Mills (left), president of Moseley Architects and Jay Fisette (right), Immediate Past President of VML, at the VML conference where Dayton received the Go Green Challenge Award.

## News From The Clerk's Office

### New Utility Billing System

The November statement that residents received for water, sewer, and trash services was the first billing cycle since converting to our newest billing system. You will soon be receiving another statement for the most recent bill-

ing cycle. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 879-2241 if you have any questions about your statement. The new system is still in the earliest phases of conversion and we would appreciate being made aware of any issues that may need attention. We appreciate your pa-

tience while we transition through this process.

**2008 Real Estate Taxes** Bills for the second half of real estate taxes have been mailed. Payment is due by December 5th.

## New Citizens Advisory Committee Needs Members

The Town's Energy and Environmental Management Team is looking for members (local citizens and representatives from local businesses and organizations) to serve on the "Go Green

Dayton" Citizens Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to explore innovative ideas, relay community feedback, evaluate community priorities and offer suggestions

regarding energy and environmental issues. If you are interested, please contact the Public Works Department at 879-2241.



## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

### Snow and Ice

Winter time is coming and with the season, comes snow and ice. During inclement weather, our maintenance crew will be out on the streets removing snow and ice as it accumulates. Please be alert and use extra caution during this time.

### Leaf Pick-up

The leaf pickup time has ended. If you still have leaves to be discarded you will need to bag them in paper bags and set them out on Wednesdays for biodegradable pickup.

### "Go Green Dayton!" Receives Award from VML

The Town of Dayton won a \$2,000 award for second place in the VML Green Government Challenge in the under 15,000 population category. Dayton was the smallest population in the entire contest to win. The town scored 145 total points out of a possible 200. The Virginia Municipal League's Go Green challenge is designed to encourage implementation of specific environmental policies and practical actions that not only reduce carbon emissions, but can save local governments money. The money awarded to the town will

be used for something related to environmental sustainability.

### Trash Pickup for the Holidays

**Household trash** will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and Thursday, Jan. 1st.

**Recyclables** will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 24th and Wednesday, Dec. 31st.

**Live Christmas trees** will be picked up beginning Monday, December 29th.

## CHIEF'S CORNER

### Holiday Safety

The Dayton Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Our department, along with other local law enforcement agencies will be participating in the statewide DUI Strikeforce during the next several weeks. Please be sure to use

your seat belt and use caution while driving during inclement weather and high traffic areas. If you do drink, please use a designated driver or a cab service.

### Holiday Shopping

While shopping, keep your wallet with cash, credit cards and identification on a secure part of your person. Also,

keep small children close at all times and have a regular check in time for older children.

These few tips will ensure a safe and happy holiday!



### Another Go Green Dayton! Initiative



Interested in saving paper? How about signing up to receive your Dayton Discovery by email? Just send an email to [webadmin@daytonva.us](mailto:webadmin@daytonva.us) with the email address you would like the electronic newsletter sent to plus the name and mailing address of where the paper copy is currently sent. Instead of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, you will receive an electronic copy.

## DAYTON COMMUNITY NEWS

### Ruritan Christmas Decorating Contest

Entry forms may be picked up at the Dayton Town Office. Completed forms must be returned to the Town Office by end of business day, Friday, Dec. 5th. Any type of decoration is allowable. Judging criteria will be based on best use of lights, statues, ornaments, etc. Judging will take place between Dec. 15th and Dec. 17th. Winners will be contacted by phone. Cash prizes will be awarded for businesses and residences within the town limits.

### Dayton Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Dayton Municipal Building Assembly Room at 6:30 P.M. The group has room for more members and is reaching out an

invitation to all Dayton citizens to help with their yearly fundraising activities including the giving tree which is a holiday fundraiser for families in need. If you are interested in giving a little time to this group, please send your name and email address to [glasscarver@comcast.net](mailto:glasscarver@comcast.net) or call John or Jane Braithwaite at 879-2110.

### Dayton Merchants Promote 1st Annual Destination Dayton Holiday Open House

The business owners of Dayton have come together to host and promote the first of many events tailored to draw attention to the unique and interesting stores and businesses available here in Dayton. The "Destination Dayton" Holiday Open House brought interesting and charming events into town and an increase in

the number of people who came to discover our town's opportunities to shop, learn about our history and enjoy our beautiful area.

The look of a downtown area sends a message about the town and how active its center is. An active town center creates a feeling of prosperity and interest that draws people in from all around. Your businesses are the "Main Street" and when we do well, the town does well.

Thanks to all of you for helping all of us keep up the unique charm that already is Dayton. We look forward to a joyful and prosperous holiday season for everyone. We appreciate the continued support of all our friends and neighbors.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Annual Town Christmas Party**  
- Wednesday, December 3rd,  
Wilbur Pence Middle School,  
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**3rd Annual Holiday Parade -**  
Saturday, December 6th,  
4:30 P.M.

**Town Council Meeting - Mon-**  
day, December 8th, 7:00 P.M.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
- Tuesday, December 16th,

6:30 P.M., Municipal Building  
Assembly Room

**Planning Commission -**  
Thursday, December 18th,  
7:00 P.M.

**Town Offices Closed - Thurs-**  
day, December 25th and Fri-  
day, December 26th

**Town Offices Closed - Thurs-**  
day, January 1st, 2009

**Town Council Meeting - Mon-**  
day, January 12th, 7:00 P.M.

**Town Offices Closed - Mon-**  
day, January 19th (In obser-  
vance of Martin Luther King  
Day)

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting**  
- Tuesday, January 20th, 6:30  
P.M.

**Planning Commission - Thurs-**  
day, January 22nd, 7:00 P.M.

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