



# THE DAYTON DISCOVERY

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## DAYTON MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION SPONSORING "REDBUD FESTIVAL"

At last, spring is just around the corner! After enduring such a harsh winter, spring will seem especially rewarding this year. Just think, before long the beautiful spring flowers will begin peeking through the soil, trees will begin to bud and bloom, and we'll get to experience that much awaited time to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather and longer days.



In celebration of this magnificent time of year, the Dayton Merchants Association is sponsoring a "Redbud Festival" on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 A.M. — 3 P.M. Festival events are still in the planning stage, so be sure to mark your calendar for this date and watch for detailed information soon via flyers and the Town's website. Highlights of activities planned thus far include:

- ◆ Horse-drawn Carriage Rides
- ◆ Duck Race at Cooks Creek Park
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Music
- ◆ New "Dayton History Trail" Signs - The Dayton Merchants Association has spearheaded this project, and they hope to have the signs installed in time for the festival. The six signs will be strategically placed throughout the town with reference points of Dayton's historical past.
- ◆ **FREE REDBUD TREES!** The Town will be giving away free redbud trees at the Dayton Municipal Building Assembly Room (Mason St. entrance at the flagpole), during the festival from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Trees were purchased from the TAHS Ecology II Class.
- ◆ TAHS Ecology II Class will have various trees, shrubs and tree tubes for sale, and will be taking orders for bird houses and picnic tables built by TAHS FFA, also at the Dayton Municipal Building.
- ◆ "Plant Exchange" at the Municipal Building - if you have perennial plants that need to be separated, bring them along with you and exchange them for another variety.



### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2 P.M.

Jim's Drive-In  
Family  
Restaurant  
360 College St.  
in Dayton

- ◆ Children 12 yrs. & under
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny

## U. S. Census 2010

### A Complete Count is Very Important to Our Town and State!

- ◆ Every year, the federal government can allocate more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- ◆ Census data guide planning for new hospitals, roads, job training centers, schools and more.
- ◆ Census data are used to determine the need for additional social services, block grants and other grant programs essential to many communities.
- ◆ The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the boundaries of legislative districts.
- ◆ 2010 Census Questionnaire is quick, easy and confidential. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes just 10 minutes to complete. In the last census, one in six households received a long questionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire. More detailed information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.
- ◆ By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.
- ◆ The Census Bureau will hire hundreds of thousands of people nationwide for temporary census jobs. Interested in a Census job? Call toll-free 1-866-861-2010 or visit their website [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Hello everyone,

As I sit here writing this article, the radio is calling for the possibility of more snow in the forecast. Has anyone had enough? I have, or thought I had, until I sat back and reflected on how this winter has influenced my attitude toward myself, my family, friends and neighbors.

I have had the opportunity to help many neighbors remove snow from their sidewalks, roofs, walkways to the garage, path for their animals to go out, etc. I have listened to many stories of the same thing

happening all over town, not just on my street. Throughout the town, I see and hear about neighbors helping neighbors! I have received homemade vegetable soup, plates of cookies, etc., but the best thing I have received is a good feeling—the building of relationships, and of course, the sense of satisfaction that helping out one another brings. I know many of you feel the same way—your neighbors are just one reason you live in Dayton.

This has been one year for the record books. If you see someone in need and you are

able to give a hand, please do so. I guarantee you will feel better, you may even get some soup or cookies!

Many thanks to the town employees that have put in extra hours keeping our streets clean and safe. You might make it a point to tell them so.

Spring is just around the corner, and with it, there will be new opportunities for you to gain that feeling that comes from helping others. Take advantage of it, and enjoy what each new day brings.

God Bless,  
Mayor Purcell

## GREAT JOB PUBLIC WORKS CREW!



*Pictured above is Dayton Public Works Snow Removal Crew (L to R): Wade Hill, Conrad Eye, Kevin Burgoon and Lelan Siler.*

**Our thanks to the Dayton Public Works Crew for a job well done!** The crew has spent endless hours during their nights and weekends, under extreme conditions, to clear the roads from the huge amount of snow we've received this winter.

Thanks also to VDOT and other contractors for all their hard work. The Dayton Public Works Crew are contracted out by VDOT for snow removal in town, as the streets are owned by the state.

We appreciate the many compliments received from town

residents on what a great job our men have done plowing the streets. It has certainly been a challenge this winter.

The Public Works Department would like to thank the residents who kept their vehicles parked in their driveways and off the streets, as this was a tremendous help while plowing the streets. We would also like to thank the motorists for being considerate in keeping safe distances for the maneuver of snow removal equipment.

Also, a reminder to those who have not yet cleaned the snow from the sidewalks around your property, please do so as soon as possible for the safety of our children walking to school and other pedestrian traffic.

## ADOPT A FLOWERBED



**The Town received such a great response to the Adopt a Flowerbed program last year, we've decided to continue it again this year. We**

**have already received several commitments to adopt flowerbeds this year.**

**The Town will pay for the plants, and provide mulch, safety vests, a plaque with the name of the sponsor, and will take care of watering the flowers.**

**If you're interested in adopting a flowerbed in town by planting the flowers, spreading the mulch, and periodically weeding the bed, contact the Dayton Public Works Office at 879-2241.**



## CHIEF'S CORNER

On behalf of the Dayton Police Department I'd like to thank the maintenance department for their outstanding work on our roads during the recent snow storms. Their dedication, coupled with your good driving, or willingness to stay off the roads, produced far fewer traffic crashes and disabled vehicles (10) than we had predicted.

The best strategy for driving in bad weather is to avoid it. But if going out is necessary or you get caught in snow, ice, rain, or fog once you're already on the road, follow these safe driving tips:

- ◆ Make sure your headlights are on. (Required by law if wipers are in operation *or* visibility reduced to 500 feet [§46.2-1030](#)).
- ◆ Increase your following distance by three car lengths. (Following too closely is illegal [§46.2-816](#)).
- ◆ Slow down. Braking takes longer on slippery roads —

the slower you go, the easier it will be for you to stop. Driving too fast for traffic or conditions is illegal too! ([§46.2-861](#))

- ◆ Make sure your car is prepared for the conditions (check your battery, anti-freeze, windshield wiper fluid, windshield wipers, headlights, tires, ice scraper).
- ◆ Use caution near intersections. Never assume that because you have the green light or the right of way that the intersection will be clear — always scan ahead to spot potential hazards.
- ◆ Stay in one lane as much as possible — avoid unnecessary lane changes (don't go zipping in and out of traffic, passing people, etc.).
- ◆ Keep two hands on the wheel and two eyes on the road at all times.
- ◆ Buckle up! Dayton Police will once more be part of the national "Click-it or Ticket" awareness/mobilization in

May. Take heed!

- ◆ Lastly, when you observe stationary emergency vehicles upon the highway, you *must* make a lane change if it is safe to do so, or you must reduce your speed as you approach and pass ([§46.2-921.1](#)).

Please know that your police department is doing everything in its power to provide safe roads throughout Dayton. To achieve this we involve ourselves in community events such as the child safety seat checks as well as highly publicized DUI campaigns. We also enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth aggressively while patrolling and working checkpoints. While a traffic stop does not always mean a summons will be issued, don't take the chance. Pay close attention to your driving!

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## DAYTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

While Jack May and his wife, Sandy, were talking one evening, he brought up an idea of planting a community garden to help support the local food pantries. The May's are Dayton residents and members of the "Go Green" Dayton Citizens Advisory Committee.

After discussing the idea with others and bringing it up at the Town Council meeting, interest began to grow and now the idea is becoming a reality.

The Park View Federal Credit Union, 305 Mason Street in Dayton, is contributing the use of a section of land behind their facility to plant the garden. Buddy Eberly, a Dayton resident, has volunteered to plow and prepare the garden for planting.

The Turner Ashby High School FFA heard about the idea and would like to become heavily involved with this project. The FFA has been interested in a community garden for some time, and feel it would benefit many people in our area.

The group has decided to "start small" by planting only potatoes and perhaps onions this year to see how things go. Volunteers are needed to make the garden a success. Here's how you can help:

- ◆ Volunteers needed to cut the potatoes for planting on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 p.m., at the Public Works Garage behind the Municipal Building on Walnut Lane (*bring a knife*).

- ◆ The potatoes are scheduled to be planted on "Good Friday," April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. (weather permitting—check the website or call the Town Office in the event of inclement weather).
- ◆ Volunteers are also needed to plant marigolds along the garden parameter to help with insect control, and throughout the summer to "hill" the rows. Donations of marigolds also needed.
- ◆ Harvest will take place in late summer.

This is a great opportunity for families or organizations to lend a helping hand in support of those in need.



## DAYTON COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday  
May 8<sup>th</sup>  
7 A.M. – Until

Yard sale spaces (10' x 10') are available at Pence Middle School (front parking lot) for a fee of \$5 each.

Proceeds to benefit the Community Garden.

Limited spaces available by reservation only.

To reserve a space, call the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241.

## SUNSET PARK CLEANUP



Saturday  
March 6<sup>th</sup>  
10 A.M.

(inclement weather date is March 13<sup>th</sup>)

The "Neighbors of Sunset Park" are having a Park Cleanup Day to get the flowerbeds at the park ready for planting and mulching.

Volunteers needed to help trim rose bushes and divide perennials to be used in other town flowerbeds.

*Don't forget to bring your gardening tools!*

## Planning a Picnic?



Park shelters may be reserved by calling the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241. Reservation fee is \$10.00 (no fee for non-profit organizations).

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND HOLIDAYS**  
(CHECK THE DAYTON WEBSITE FOR UPDATES & CHANGES)

Town of Dayton  
125-B Eastview Street  
Dayton, VA 22821

Phone: 540-879-2241

Fax: 540-879-9036

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**MEETINGS**

**Town Council**  
Monthly Meeting  
Mon., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Planning Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
Thurs., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Town Council**  
Monthly Meeting  
Mon., Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Planning Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
Thurs., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Town Council**  
Monthly Meeting  
Mon., May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**Planning Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
Thurs., May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**Town Offices Closed**

**Good Friday**  
Fri., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Memorial Day**  
Mon., May 31<sup>st</sup>

Visit Our Website at  
[www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us)

**REMINDERS**

**Dayton Auto License Decals must be purchased and properly displayed on all motor vehicles and trailers/campers owned by Dayton residents by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dayton Real Estate Taxes for the first half of 2010 will be mailed out in May, and are due by June 5, 2010, to avoid a penalties and interest.**

**NOTE: Effective immediately, "The Dayton Discovery" newsletter will change to quarterly issues.**