

Dayton Discovery

THE TOWN OF DAYTON



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Saturday
April 12th
10 AM - 4 PM

- ◆ **100+ Arts & Crafts Vendors:** College St. (College St. will be closed to vehicular traffic).
- ◆ **Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides:** Stops at The Heritage Museum, the intersection of College & Bowman, Fort Harrison and Dayton BB&T.
- ◆ **Ducky Races:** Start at 1:00 PM at Cooks Creek Park and finish at the one-lane bridge.
 - * Three Races - Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.
 - * Duck purchase locations prior to festival day at Dayton BB&T, Primrose House, Braithwaite Studios, The Cottage, Mane Street Salon, Hair Corral, Heartland Outfitters, Carl Estes Barber Shop, Country Village Bakeshop at the Dayton Farmers Market, Silver Lake Mill; and on festival day at Dayton BB&T (8:30 AM - 12 noon).
- ◆ **Redbud Festival Car Cruise-In:** The Heritage Museum, 382 High St.
- ◆ **Children's Activities:**
 - * Free activities sponsored by Silver Lake Mill (near the "triangle" at the College and Main intersection) - Planting Magic Beans & Coloring of Silver Lake Duck Pictures
- ◆ **Live Music:**
 - * **The Hackens Boys** - new College Street Pavilion
 - * **The Walnut Ridge Boys & Doug Tumer** - Thomas House Restaurant (Front Porch)
- ◆ **Lots of Delicious Foods**
 - * Pancake Breakfast by Dayton Ruritan Club at Dayton United Methodist Church (7-10 AM)
 - * Thomas House Restaurant & Bakery, 222 Main St.
 - * Dinky's Dogs cooked by Police Chief D.L. Conley (corner of Mill & College Sts.)
 - * Braithwaite Studios & Coffee Shop, 415 Mason St.
 - * Hank's BBQ and specialty food shops at the Dayton Farmers Market
 - * Crab Cakes, BBQ, Cupcake Company, Kettle Korn, Fried Pork Rinds and more - Mill St.
 - * Strite's Donuts - College St.
- ◆ **Wine & Beer Garden (Three Brothers, Devil's Backbone, Bluestone Vineyards & Cross Keys Vineyards)** - new College Street Pavilion.
- ◆ **The Heritage Museum (Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society)** - 382 High St.
 - * Heritage Museum Book Sale - across from the new College Street Pavilion (festival vendor spaces #381 - #383 on College St.
 - * Cromer-Trumbo House (built in 1840s): Open with docent-led tours, 1 - 5 PM (\$5 fee)
 - * Jim Depoy of Mt. Crawford will show & tell about his antique tool display from the 1700s on the porch of Cromer-Trumbo House - 10 AM to 4 PM
- ◆ **Fort Harrison** (335 Main St.): Open for Tours, 10 AM - 4 PM (donations accepted)
- ◆ **Sidewalk Sales at Downtown Merchants**
 - * Free feather wraps, paraffin dips, and seated massage by Mane Street Salon & Spa
- ◆ **Shops at the Dayton Farmers Market** - "Redbud Specials"
- ◆ **Augusta Dog Adoptions:** Bringing dogs that need a home - located at Dayton Dental Service lot, 90 Mill St.
- ◆ **Free Redbud Tree Saplings (compliments of the Town of Dayton):** Located at Braithwaite Studios, 415 Mason St. - 10 AM while supplies last.
- ◆ **Parking** - available in the downtown area and at Wilbur Pence Middle School (free shuttle from the school with stops at the College & Mill intersection, Dayton BB&T and Park View Credit Union/Braithwaite Studios).

Celebrate Spring in Historic Dayton!



DAYTON REDBUD FESTIVAL BEAUTY PAGEANT

Saturday

April 5th

12 Noon

**Dayton United
Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
215 Ashby Street, Dayton**

Ages 0 & Up

Registration Forms available
at the Dayton Town Office
and Local Merchants.

For more information, call
540-867-0712 or on
Facebook—Dayton Redbud
Festival Beauty Pageant

Message From the Mayor

Are you ready to "Welcome Spring?" Well, if you are, we hope to see you on College Street—Saturday, April 12th, from 10 AM—4 PM. Come and enjoy lots of Fun, Food, Shopping at our Local Merchants, Handmade Arts & Crafts (over 100 vendors), Music by: *The Hackens Boys, The Walnut Ridge Boys and local musician Doug Tumer*, a Wine & Beer Garden, and Horse-drawn Carriage Rides.

Yes, we have All become victim to the winter blues and/or cabin fever, with respect to the extreme cold and winter precipitation this year. Yet, we can all look forward to warmer weather ahead, outdoor improvement projects, and good times with friends and family by the fire pit and barbecues.

As a Resident or Business Owner here in Dayton, I urge YOU to invest your time and attention this year to take in all the great upcoming events and activities, all while reaching out to your friends and family to join in the fun. Dayton is moving forward this year, paving the way with new opportunities, and welcoming new

businesses and visitors to our Town. Your Town Council and Planning Commission have invested their time (countless hours) and abilities towards making Dayton a beautiful tourist attraction in 2014, all while focusing on our current Dayton Merchants and reaching out to future prospective businesses and eatery establishments.

A big "Thank You" goes out to our Town of Dayton Public Works Department for their tireless and committed efforts to plow and treat our roads during the frequent and heavy snow storms we've received this winter season. We, as Dayton Residents, are fortunate to have an immediate response team to take care of our streets, reflecting an outpouring of gratitude throughout our community for having the "cleanest streets" in Rockingham County.

As with our Public Works Department, we also need to thank our Dayton Police Department for their dedication and commitments, for not only maintaining our safe community, but also for taking care of our

"Operation Care" Residents during this period of bad weather. Pictures on page three of this newsletter reflect our Officers reaching out in times of need by shoveling out walkways and removing snow from driveways for these important Town Residents. "Operation Care of Dayton" has proven to be an effective and rewarding program, as it continues to be the talk within other communities throughout Virginia wanting to adopt a similar program. For more information on this program, call the Dayton Police Department at 540-879-2161.

Again, as we look forward to Spring, please be mindful of those less fortunate than each one of us, and reach out in times of need. We do live in a special place, so cherish the moments, spread the word, and enjoy the many good times ahead.

Thanks to All and May God Bless!

Charles T. Long
Mayor



Dayton Public Works Crew (left to right) Kevin Burgoon, Russell Bailey and Conrad Eye have been busy this winter plowing and treating the streets for safe travel. Our appreciation for a job well done!



DAYTON COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, May 10th
7 AM - Until

Yard sales throughout the town.

All commercial and retail vendors must be licensed by the Town of Dayton and located in a business zone. Call the Dayton Town Office at 540-879-2241 for information.



Dayton Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 19th, at Sunset Park



The fun starts at 2:00 PM with a coloring contest, followed by a special visit from Bridgewater Fire Department and the Easter Bunny!

The egg hunt will begin at 2:30 PM with three different age groups for children ages 4 and under, ages 5-7 and 8-10.

Don't forget to bring a basket or bag to hold all of your prizes, and a camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Hope to see you there!

Chief's Corner

I remember when I was a child that a single day might seem to drag on for an eternity. Now years zip by in a blink. It's like the busier we are, the faster the world spins, and Dayton has so much going on—new neighbors, town festivals, parade, mud runs, new businesses, parks, and snow storms. I want to slow down for a moment to address a concern of mine.

I wanted to make sure that amongst all of the special programs that we offer, you know that our Police Department's primary goal is

to take care of you through the enforcement of law. Please, if you have concerns, bring them to me or to any of my officers. We are never too busy for you, and want to hear what you have to say. I always wonder if you might be afraid to tell me what's on your mind, or what you fear is happening in the community. Open communication is the best way for us to work together for the safety of our town!

In other news, we'd like to welcome Officer Brian Pooler to our force. Brian retired after twenty

years in the Marine Corps and has ten years of law enforcement experience from serving in the Prince William County Police Department. Brian has filled the position vacated by Officer Aaron Will, who took the opportunity to serve in his home town of Bridgewater. Please make Brian feel at home when you meet him, and if you run across Aaron, wish him well!

Best Regards,

Chief Donald "Dinky" Conley



Pictured at left is Dayton Police Officer Larry Michael, and above is Lt. Danny Hanlon. They, along with other Dayton officers, have helped clear snow from walkways and driveways this winter for town residents in the Operation Care Program needing assistance.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE CHANGE?

If you have visited the Dayton Municipal Building recently, then you have probably noticed some remodeling taking place in the Clerk's Office. The customer counter has been rearranged in an effort to make it more "customer friendly."

Another change taking place in the Clerk's Office is . . .

SOMEONE IS RETIRING!

Deborah Eye, who has served as Clerk for the Town over the past

eight years, has decided to enter into a new phase of her life and will be retiring April 4th. She is anxiously awaiting those days of leisure, but we will sure miss her delightful personality and great sense of humor. Debbie says she plans to work on a family cookbook for her children and grandchildren; spend time with her great-granddaughter, Skye; travel to visit relatives in New York, Illinois and Tennessee; and "read, read, read." We wish her the best of luck for an enjoyable retirement.

Lorie Curry, who has been working as the Dayton Police Administrative Assistant since 2007, has joined



Pictured left to right: Deborah Eye and Lorie Curry.

the staff in the Clerk's Office. Lorie will continue assisting in the Police Department.

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.daytonva.us

Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website for updates and changes)

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., Apr. 14th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., May 12th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., June 9th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., Apr. 17th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., May 15th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., June 19th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

**Dayton Municipal
Offices Closed**

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri., Apr. 18th

Memorial Day

Mon., May 26th

2014 Events Calendar

- **Redbud Spring Arts & Crafts Festival:** Sat., Apr. 12th (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sat., Apr. 19th (2 p.m.) at Sunset Park
- **Dayton Community Yard Sale Day:** Sat., May 10th (7 a.m. - until)
- **Dayton Muddler (Course with a Cause):** Sat., Aug. 2nd (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- **Dayton Autumn Celebration:** Sat., Oct. 4th (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- **Dayton Christmas Parade:** Sat., Dec. 6th (4:30 p.m.)
- **Dayton Christmas Party:** Wed., Dec. 10th (6:30 p.m.)

Holiday Refuse Collection

Week of Memorial Day

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., May 28th
- **Recycling:** Wed., May 28th
- **Trash:** Sat., May 31st



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