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## Season's Greetings



**Best wishes  
from the  
Mayor,  
Council  
and Staff  
for a happy  
and healthy  
holiday  
season!**

## Let's Make Dayton Shine!

Hang up the lights, bring out the wreaths, and set up the reindeer! Let's "LIGHT UP DAYTON" this season with the best Christmas decorations in the County!

The Town is also encouraging you to show off your holiday spirit by hosting a Christmas Decorating Contest. Decorate the exterior of your house and yard for a chance to claim bragging rights as the best decorated house in the Town.

Judging will take place on December 21<sup>st</sup>, between 7-10 p.m., and will be based on originality or creativity, attractiveness, and design or theme. The winner will receive a collectible plaque. Let's make Dayton shine in December!

## Mayor's Message

To the Families of Dayton:

As we enter this holiday season of 2015 and reflect on yet another year, let us all be ever so thankful for the many blessings we have. It's not the money nor the possessions, but the special times with family and friends that make the holidays so enjoyable. Time seems to always pass us by, so please do not take for granted the opportunities we still have to be with our loved ones over this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

I wish to **challenge** each of you (and I do mean everyone) as Dayton town residents to do the following over the holidays:

- ◇ Patronize and shop at town businesses (venture out and enjoy)—our merchants will

thank you!

- ◇ Purchase a gift for the Angel Tree Project at Braithwaite Studios, for families less fortunate and needing a little help over Christmas.
- ◇ Reach out to help through our Operation Care Program here in Dayton to provide baked goods and/or assistance to those we all care about—our elder and handicapped citizens. Contact our Dayton Police Department for more information.
- ◇ And finally, this challenge will make a lasting impression on everyone this year (we as residents and visitors alike): Install at least one (1) strand of Christmas lights outside your residence dur-

ing the month of December. This will show others, as well as ourselves, the "Unity Lights of Dayton," the Christmas Spirit, and the remembrance of those innocent victims from the tragedy in Paris, France. Let's Light up this Town together!

Again, let us stand together in this great community of faith in Dayton, let us laugh together during special occasions with family and friends, and finally let us grow together and build a tight-knit and special community we call "home" here in Dayton!

May God continue to bless and guide each of you and your family!

Charles T. Long, Mayor  
Town of Dayton

## Dayton Council Appoints Interim Town Manager



Dayton Town Council has appointed Bill O'Brien to serve as interim town manager until the position is filled permanently. Bill

has approximately 40 years of experience in public administration. He retired as Rockingham County Administrator in 2004 after 26 years of service. Since his retirement, working for Dayton will make the sixth position he has filled by serving as an interim chief administrator for other counties and towns. He has also served as a consultant for Dynamic Aviation in Bridgewater and Sentara RMH Medical Center since 2005.

Bill is no stranger to Dayton, as he and his family lived here on Main Street for over 16 years. His wife, Jeanie, is owner of Goody 2 Shoes in Dayton on Main Street. They have three children, Kyle, who is the Town Manager of Broadway, Kara and Shannon, and three grandchildren. Bill and Jeanie reside in Port Republic.

We are very pleased to welcome Bill, and his valuable experience, to the Town of Dayton staff, and look forward to the opportunity of working with him.



### Attention! New Four-Way Stop Intersection

Have you noticed the new four-way stop signs at the intersection of Thompson and Eastview streets?

The Virginia Department of Transportation recently installed the new signage to change the traffic pattern at this corner after a study was made of safety concerns from local citizens and Town Council.

Hopefully, this change will calm the traffic coming down the hill and provide a much safer environment for the neighborhood.

## Chief's Corner

I often find myself stifled when considering what to write for each edition of the Dayton Discovery. I want it to be meaningful, but wonder what is interesting enough to at least be glanced at, and how I might temper the conversation so that at worst, it's only mildly offensive. With a grin on my face, I tell you straight—it's a struggle.

Have you ever been curious to know what a law enforcement officer's (and veteran's) perspective is on living in a free country? Take a moment and think of the many circumstances that you personally may wish for greater governance and enforcement, or where you'd like less. Perhaps you feel strongly one way or the other about noise issues, cluttered properties, taxes, recycling, trash removal rates, aroma de la farmland, immigration, broken windows, inoperable cars, the height of grass, or horse drawn means of conveyance. Whatever your opinion, I promise that

there are persons within our community who have opposing views.

What does living in a free country have to do with this? Well, my position as chief allows me the blessing to hear both reasonable and unreasonable challenges to state and local law/ordinance on a daily basis. I find criminal law and its due process pretty easy to navigate; dangerous, but nearly black and white in circumstance. Civil issues however... oh my. In civil complaints, what is right often comes down to a matter of perspective and objective reasoning.

Living in a free country expressly allows for opposing views as well as the voice of discontent to be heard coequally. It also allows for a process which can allow for mediation and common ground prior to the weight of authority being cast.

So, why this sort of message rather than a cheerful, "Happy Thanksgiving" coupled with my

favorite dessert recipe? Well, it is a thanksgiving message. I'm thankful that we live in a place where opinions are welcomed and valued from everyone, and when there are instances of discord, that reasonable calm most always exists. So, I invite you to join with me in thanksgiving for our collective patience and persistence when confronting our individual prejudices and peeves.

### Female Self-Defense Class

I will be teaching a female self-defense class on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Wilbur Pence Middle School. The class will be capped at 20 students and is designed for ages 12 and up. Please call Lorie at 540-879-2161 to register.

Best Regards,

Chief Daniel Hanlon

*P.S. One of my favorite Thanksgiving dessert recipes:*

### Pumpkin Goopy Butter Cakes

#### Ingredients

##### Cake:

1 (18 ¼-ounce) package yellow cake mix  
1 egg  
8 tablespoons butter, melted

##### Filling:

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
8 tablespoon butter, melted  
1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon nutmeg

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Combine the cake mix, egg, and butter and mix well with an electric mixer. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 13 by 9-inch baking pan.

To make the filling: In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and pumpkin until smooth. Add the eggs, vanilla, and butter, and beat together. Next, add the powdered sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and mix well. Spread pumpkin mixture over cake batter and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Make sure not to over bake as the center should be a little goopy.

Serve with fresh whipped cream and enjoy. *Recipe courtesy of Paula Deen.*

### Meet Our New Public Works Employee



Please join us in welcoming Chad Pettit as a member of the Dayton Public Works Department.

Chad resides in Bridgewater with wife, Shana, and their two sons, Tyler and Brandon. In his spare time, Chad enjoys playing ball with his boys, hunting and fishing.

### Snow Removal From Sidewalks



The winter season is quickly approaching and we want to extend a friendly reminder regarding snow removal from public sidewalks for the safety of our pedestrians.

Dayton Town Code §2-64, states that all persons occupying, owning or having charge of any property within the town shall be required to remove the snow from the entire sidewalk in front of such property within six daylight hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or the Town may have the snow cleaned off at the expense of the owner or tenant. We appreciate your support in complying with this code.

## Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website for updates and changes)

**Town of Dayton**  
 125-B Eastview St.  
 Dayton, VA 22821  
 Phone: 540-879-2241  
 Fax: 540-879-2243  
 Office/Drive-Thru Hours:  
**Monday - Friday**  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
[www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us)

Meetings	
<b><u>Town Council</u></b>	<b><u>Planning Commission</u></b>
<b>Scheduled Monthly Meetings</b>	<b>Scheduled Monthly Meetings</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Mon., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Mon., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Mon., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Thurs., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Thurs., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Thurs., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.</li> </ul>

Holiday Closings
<b><u>Thanksgiving</u></b> Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> <b><u>Christmas</u></b> Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> <b><u>New Year's</u></b> Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> & Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> <b><u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</u></b> Mon., Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> <b><u>Presidents Day</u></b> Mon., Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>

Events Calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Twelve Days of Dayton</b>                      Information was mailed out—extra copies are available at the Town Office or visit the Town's website for details.</li> <li>• <b>Dayton Christmas Parade:</b>                      Sat., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Dayton Town Christmas Party:</b>                      Tues., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.</li> </ul>

Holiday Refuse Collection	
<b><u>Thanksgiving</u></b>	<b><u>New Year's</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yard Waste:</b> Wed., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Recycling:</b> Wed., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Trash:</b> Sat., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yard Waste:</b> Wed., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Recycling:</b> Wed., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• <b>Trash:</b> Sat., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul>
<b><u>Christmas</u></b>	<b><u>Bulk/Heavy Waste</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yard Waste:</b> Wed., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• <b>Recycling:</b> Wed., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• <b>Trash:</b> Sat., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	First Tuesday of each month <b><u>Christmas Trees</u></b> will be picked up as time and weather permit.



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# **DAYTON CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING**

## **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Parade Begins at 5:00 p.m.  
(Participant Line-up at 3:30 p.m.)**

The Dayton Christmas Parade will travel a different route this year. The new route will begin at the intersection of Thompson and Eastview streets, travel east and turn left onto Main Street, then turn left going north on College Street, and end at the College Street Pavilion.

Parade participants may either enter the park for the Tree Lighting or continue on to Bowman Road to exit the parade. Due to limited parking at the College Street Pavilion, participants with floats or vehicles are encouraged to drop off their people at the park and continue on to alternate parking locations: The Heritage Museum, Wilbur Pence Middle School, Cooks Creek Park lot, or along High Street.

Line-up for participants will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Dayton Municipal Building. Staging for large entries (fire trucks, large vehicles, etc.) will be on South Main Street (between Mason and Thompson).

Parking will not be permitted on the following streets during the parade: Main Street (from Mason to Mill), College Street (entire street), and Thompson Street (from Main to Walnut), so please remove all vehicles from the street no later than 3:00 p.m. Alternate parking is available in the BB&T parking lot on the east side of Dingedine Lane (Dingedine Lane will remain open with two-way traffic flow while the streets are closed), or you may park along streets that are not closed.

The following streets will be closed on parade day 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- Main St. - Mason St. to Mill St.
- Huffman Dr. - Main St. to John Wayland Hwy.
- College St. - Main St. to Bowman Rd.
- Mill St. - Main St. to College St.
- Thompson St. - Summit St. to Main St.
- Sections of side streets intersecting with the above streets

The Town invites schools, churches, organizations and local businesses to participate in the parade. For information on parade registration, call the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241. No entry fee.

## **Christmas Tree Lighting**

The Dayton Christmas Tree Lighting will be held immediately following the parade at College Street Pavilion. We hope you will join us for some hot chocolate provided by Dayton United Methodist Church and Christmas carols led by the church youth group.

# **DAYTON TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 p.m.**

The Town of Dayton will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for town residents on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Dayton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 215 Ashby Street.

We invite you to come and join in this Christmas celebration with your family, friends and neighbors. Highlights of the party include:

- ◆ Door prizes donated by local businesses and the Town
- ◆ Refreshments served by Dayton American Legion Post 27 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ Crafts for children assisted by Girl Scout Troop 1111
- ◆ Santa Claus will stop by for a visit with the children (bring your camera)

The Town will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Please help us share the true spirit of Christmas with those less fortunate by donating non-perishable food items at the party.

Transportation is available for town residents needing a ride to the party by calling the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241 by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the party.

