

Dayton Discovery

THE TOWN OF DAYTON, VIRGINIA



FALL 2020

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Mayor's Message

I think it's safe to say that we've had a year's worth of crazy in nine months. The challenges from this year have affected work, home and school. And now that everything is cleaned, repaired, and painted, we are still wondering when things will get better. Well, any answer to that would be just a guess so I instead will thank everyone in our Town for adapting to what is turning out to be a tough and difficult year for just about everyone. At least we have football now! And while we fight this heavy dose of "stir craziness" and masks and scheduling, I can't be more thankful for the teachers, doctors and nurses, police, rescue and everyone that is going out and doing their job every day. I'd like to also remind everyone of how important it is for all of us to take care of all of us. Social distancing and masks are inconvenient but necessary, especially in stores and crowded areas. Hang in there...we can do this...which leads me to my message. Voicing concerns on how our Town can be better is very important and actually needed and very much encouraged. I am proud and thankful to say that lately, the compliments very much outweigh any criticism. It doesn't mean in any way that we don't have work to do, it just means that we are headed in the right direction and it allows us to be grateful to live in a Town like ours. Not only do I want you to feel safe and stay healthy, I want everyone in our Town to have confidence in the fact that we will keep trying to be better so that the Town will be better for you and your family for years to come.

Stay healthy, stay safe and thank you for staying involved.

~Mayor Sam Lee

Manager's Memo

Happy Autumn! In my summer column I said, "Let's hope that the summer gets us back to some normalcy in our lives". That didn't really happen. But, it has shown us that we can adapt and be creative and great things can happen. I am so proud of the Dayton businesses that have found creative new ways to market and work through our ever changing normal. I'm also proud of the residents that have shown patience and understanding as we have implemented changes at Town Hall and throughout the town. Finally, I am so proud of our police officers, public works and water department staff, and the administrative staff for their dedication and flexibility. We are maintaining our regular workload while working hard to keep ourselves and the public safe.

Enough of that! My favorite season of the year is Fall! I love most outdoors activities which is one of the reasons I love Dayton so much. During the week, I can walk or bike throughout Town and along the greenway, appreciating the views and the friendly people I meet along the way. On the weekends, a short drive away and I can be in the mountains. I have noticed so many more people out, enjoying nature and exercise, during the pandemic. That's a silver lining to all of this!

While we are heartbroken that Dayton Days/Autumn Celebration has been postponed until 2021, we are happy that smaller events and activities are popping up throughout town. Remember to follow our Facebook page or check our website (as well as all the businesses in Dayton) frequently as events and activities change often. Or, better yet, give us your email address (see page 2) and we will send you notices. Speaking of emails, all Town registered businesses should have received an email regarding a small business grant opportunity. If you operate a business licensed in the Town of Dayton and did not receive an email, please contact us or visit the Business Information Tab on the Town's website. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on October 7, 2020.

Enjoy this beautiful fall season and remember to take time to show gratitude and thankfulness.

~Angela A. Lawrence



Dayton Ruritan Club announces the booking of Bluegrass Group, "Nothin' Fancy" with opening band "West Wind Bluegrass"

Saturday, October 24, 2020, 5:30 pm, Turner Ashby High School
800 North Main Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812

Tickets \$15 at the door or \$10 advance tickets available by calling 540-432-6629



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"Going green" makes sense for the environment and for the economy. Reducing postal mail saves resources, time and costs. DAYTON DIRECT is a confidential, voluntary email list that will be used to distribute our quarterly newsletters, notify recipients of announcements and events and issue paper-free utility bills.

To register your email with the Town of Dayton, send a message with DAYTON DIRECT in the subject line that includes your name and local address to events@daytonva.us.



Fall Leaf Collection



As the leaves begin to turn and fall, it will be time to get out the rake. The Town will provide curb-side leaf vacuum service through the end of November. There is no set schedule—leaves will be vacuumed as time and weather permits.

Leaves must be raked to the edge of the property line; however, please do not put leaves in the street, on the sidewalk, or on top of graveled driveways. Ginkgo leaves or leaves mixed with sticks, brush, rocks, gravels, nuts or other debris will not be vacuumed, as they clog and cause damage to the equipment.

Leaves not put out for vacuum service by the end of November must be bagged in paper biodegradable bags and placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.



Fort Harrison
CHICKEN BARBECUE!
SATURDAY OCT. 24
\$4 per half
Sale begins at 9 am
Fort Harrison, Dayton
Southern States, Bridgewater
PRE-ORDER
fortharrisonva@gmail.com or
Triangle Emporium, 209 Main St., Dayton
or call 234-0131
Pre-order pick-ups 9-11 am at Fort Harrison
Sponsored By
CLOVER HILL RURITAN CLUB

Household trash collection is Friday. Remember to put your cans out no earlier than 5pm on Thursday and remove to the side or rear of your property no later than 8am on Saturday.



Shop, Dine and
Gather Local

On August 18, 2020, Ruritan Club member, Kent Dayton, presented Police Chief Justin Trout and Town Manager Angela Lawrence with Rudibears, an annual National Ruritan Club Gift for use in their duties that may involve situations with small children.



DMV
Connect

A huge Thank You to the DMV Connect team for serving the citizens of Dayton in our Town Municipal Building. We hope to have them back again in the future.

Chief's Corner



Dayton Police Department's Mission Statement

The Dayton Police Department is committed to promoting a safe town through enforcement of laws, the prevention of crime, and education of laws, while providing excellence in public service through partnerships with our community.

Beginning January 1, 2021, it is unlawful for any person, while driving a moving motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth, to hold a handheld personal communications device. You must be lawfully parked or stopped to use any handheld personal communication device.



U DRIVE. U TEXT.



This code was developed to reduce distracted driving crashes, which accounted for 2,841 people killed, and nearly 400,000 people injured in 2018. Let us all do our part to reduce distracted driving crashes. Utilize Bluetooth devices, or wait until you are stopped to use your phones.

The Dayton Police Department will be participating in various DMV enforcement events throughout the year to reduce crashes related to distracted driving, occupant protection, speeding, and impaired driving. The department will post on their Facebook page to inform the community when these events are taking place. We ask for your participation by not driving distracted, wearing your seatbelt, following speed limits, and not driving while impaired.

The Police Department will be participating in the following events from September to December:



September 20-26: Occupant Protection- Child Passenger Safety Week

October 5-12: Distracted Driving- U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

October 18-24: National Teen Driver Safety Week

November 9-29: Occupant Protection- Click It or Ticket

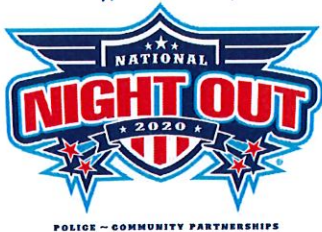
December 16- January 1: Impaired Driving- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,
If You Feel Different, You Drive Different, and Drive High- Get a DUI



The success of the Police Department could not be possible without the support and partnership of the community. The Dayton Police Department thanks the Dayton community for your continued support of the department and officers.

~Chief Justin Trout

Tuesday, October 6, 2020



Join your neighbors and the Dayton Police Officers for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6th from 6-8 pm. This event would typically be held socially in Sunset Park, but due to Covid, it will be held as a mobile event this year. Officers will drive through Town in a parade style fashion, waving to residents and handing out goodies.

NOTICE



**Please
clean up
after your
dog**

Cleaning up after your pet is common courtesy—no one wants to step in or smell dog waste. It attracts bugs and bacteria and parasites can be transmitted to other animals and people and contaminants can be carried into our waterways. Be a good neighbor and clean up after your dog!



TIME TO VOTE!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd.

Local elections will include: Mayor (2yr term); 3 Council seats (4yr term);
and 1 special election Council seat (2yr term)

Deadline to register to vote is October 13th by 5p.m.
(postmarks accepted for this date)

Absentee Ballots may be requested now through October 23rd by 5:00 p.m.
In-person voting is available now at the Rockingham County Office Building.

For a sample ballot and more information, visit:
<http://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/176/Voter-Registrar>

or call 540-564-3055

Calendar of Events

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Tue, Oct. 13th, 6 p.m.
- Mon, Nov. 9th, 6 p.m.
- Mon, Dec. 9th, 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thu, Oct. 15th, 6 p.m.
- Thu, Nov. 19th, 6 p.m.
- Thu, Dec. 17th, 6 p.m.

Events Calendar

Due to the COVID pandemic, events are constantly changing. Please refer to the Town's website or Facebook page for the most up-to-date event schedule.

- **Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting:** This event will likely look different this year due to COVID. Stay tuned to our webpage and Facebook for updates.
- **Residents' Christmas Party-**Unfortunately, this will be canceled due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

Town Office Holiday Closings

Columbus Day

Mon, Oct. 12th

Election Day

Tue, Nov. 3rd

Veteran's Day

Wed, Nov. 11th

Thanksgiving

Wed, Nov, 25th

(Close at noon)

Thu & Fri

Nov. 26th & 27th

Christmas

Thu & Fri

Dec. 24th & 25th

New Year's

Fri, Jan. 1st

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Office/Drive-Thru Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

24-hour drop box

www.daytonva.us

Refuse Collection

Trash: Every Friday

Yard Waste: Every Monday

Bulk Waste: 1st Tues. of each month

Holiday

(Columbus Day) Yard Waste - Tuesday, October 13th

(Election Day) Bulk Waste - Wednesday, November 4th

(Thanksgiving) Trash Pick-Up - may be delayed*

(Christmas) Trash Pick-Up - may be delayed*

(New Year's) Trash Pick-Up - may be delayed*

*Trash collection may be delayed on holiday weeks—place trash out as usual and leave out until collected.