

Dayton Discovery

2023 Holiday Edition

2023 CHRISTMAS Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1 at 6 p.m.

Join us as we start the Season with our annual tree lighting ceremony! Mayor Jackson will light the Christmas tree and Wilbur Middle School Choir will lead us in a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long! Enjoy hot chocolate and visit with Santa in his workshop!

2023 CHRISTMAS Parade

Saturday, December 9 at 10 a.m.

Line up is at 9 a.m.

Parade Route: Begins at the Municipal Building, left onto Eastview Street, right onto Thompson Street, left onto Main Street, left onto College Street and ends at Dove Park.

Interested in being in the parade? Parade applications are available at www.daytonva.us on the Discover Dayton page.



Holiday Decorating Contest

Does your house or business have the most holiday spirit in Town?! Find out by entering the 2023 Holiday Decorating contest!

Enter by sending an email to events@daytonva.us with your name, address, phone number, and entry category. (Categories and full contest details can be found on our website on the Discover Dayton page.)

Remember to SHOP & SUPPORT LOCAL this holiday season!

You don't have to travel far to find the perfect holiday gift! Dayton stores have everything you need from accessories and floral arrangements to savory snacks and sweet baked goods so you can put together the perfect holiday gift! A complete list of Dayton businesses can be found at the QR code!



A SMALL TOWN Christmas IN DAYTON

NOVEMBER 24 | 5 - 8:00 PM

Join friends and neighbors for "A Small Town Christmas", hosted by Downtown Dayton Merchants. Experience the transformation of our downtown into a magical Christmas scene straight out of a movie! There will be candle lit streets, a campfire to warm up at, and refreshments inside some of the stores.

Dayton Business Holiday Events



Rocktown History will be having a Book & Gift Sale for Small Business Saturday. November 25th, 10am - 3 pm.

Valley Water Gardens is holding a Black Friday Sale from 5pm to 8 pm



The Dayton Market has extended holiday hours and are now open Tues-Sat, 9 am - 6 pm

Plus Small Business Saturday specials around Town!

Town of Dayton Resident Christmas Party is back!!

Wednesday, December 13

**Feel Free to stop by anytime
between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm**

**Food, prizes and a picture with Santa!
All residents are invited, look out for
your save the date card.**

**at Woodmen Life
3045 John Wayland Hwy**

Celebrate Christmas at Fort Harrison

An Old Fashioned Christmas at the Daniel Harrison House

Fort Harrison is once again celebrating Christmas the old-fashioned way with music, storytelling, antique dolls and toys, children's crafts, and much more!

December 9 (Saturday): "Twas the Night Before Christmas" 4pm-6pm

December 10th (Sunday): "Joy to the World" 4pm-6pm

\$5 per person, maximum of \$20 per family.

For details and ticket information, go to fortharrisonva.org

Note: Fort Harrison's Passport to History program is ongoing! Kids need to bring along their passport booklet so they can keep adding to their collection! New booklets will be available for first timers.



5th Annual Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, December 16th, please join Fort Harrison volunteers as they place wreaths on the graves of all veteran graves in the cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 11:30 am in Pence Middle School Auditorium. Music will be provided at the direction of Melissa Harper. American Heritage Girls Troup 1199 will present the colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Placement of the wreaths will follow in the cemetery which is adjacent to the school. If you would like to sponsor a wreath (\$15 each), contact Pat at fortharrisonva@gmail.com

For more information about all of these events, contact Pat at fortharrisonva@gmail.com. Look for future details on their website, fortharrisonva.org, and on their Facebook page.

KIDS



Can you find all
the reindeer in this
newsletter?
There are
29!!



Be on the lookout for Santa's Mailbox

One will be located at Town Hall and the
other one will be at Mane Street Salon!
Drop your Christmas Letters there and
make sure to put your return address if
you'd like Santa to reply back!

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The latest Holiday news, events
& more in the Town of Dayton!

Town Holiday Closings & Changes to Trash Pick Up

Thanksgiving

Town Hall closes at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24. Trash pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, November 25.

Christmas

Town Hall closes at noon on Friday, December 22 and will be closed on Monday, December 25. Trash pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, December 30.

New Year's

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1. Trash pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, January 6.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Real Christmas trees will be picked up the first two weeks of January. Please leave them at the curb (not in the street or blocking the sidewalk) with all tinsel, hooks, and other items removed.

Leaf Vacuuming Service

The Town has started leaf vacuuming service and will continue to go throughout the entire Town until the first week in December. There is no set schedule—leaves will be vacuumed as time and weather permits. Please be patient with staff as they do their best to accommodate all houses. Leaves must be raked to the curb by the edge of the property line; however, please do not put leaves in the street, on the sidewalk, or on top of graveled driveways. Please try to keep leaf piles free of debris as that can clog the machine.

Happy Holidays from the Town of Dayton!

Let us be thankful for our blessings while gathering with families during this Holiday Season and to remember those who are less fortunate, particularly those in our community. I encourage all of us to think locally first when shopping and dining as this time of the year makes up a large percentage of local businesses' annual sales. Council, staff and I wish you and your families Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.



Sincerely,

Dayton Town Mayor, Council, and Staff

