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EASTER EGG HUNT



**Saturday
April 4th
at
Sunset Park**

The fun starts at 2:00 p.m. with a special visit from the Easter Bunny and Bridgewater Fire Department.

The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2:30 p.m. for children with three different age groups: 4 & under, 5-7 & 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!

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DAYTON REDBUD SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 11th

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- ◆ **100+ Arts & Crafts Vendors:** College St.
College St. will be closed to vehicle traffic—Main St. will be open.
- ◆ **Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides:** Stops at The Heritage Museum, the intersection of College St. & Bowman Rd., Fort Harrison and Dayton BB&T.
- ◆ **Ducky Races:** Start at 1:00 p.m. 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 are: Dayton BB&T, Primrose House, Braithwaite Studios, The Cottage, Mane Street Salon, Hair Corral, Heartland Outfitters, Carl Estes Barber Shop, Country Village Bakeshop at Dayton Farmers Market, Rustic Oracle, Beyond the Barn, and Silver Lake Mill. Ducks will be on sale on festival day at The Heritage Museum parking lot at the Antique Car Cruise-In.
- ◆ **College Street Pavilion:**
 - * Flag Pole Dedication - 10 a.m.
 - * Civil War Era Dance - 10:30 a.m.
 - * Beer and Wine Garden - 11 a.m.
 - * Live Music By: **"Standing Room Only"** - Noon
 - * Bouncy House and Children's Activities - 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- ◆ **More Live Music:** College Street Public Parking Lot
 - * **"The Walnut Ridge Boys"** - 10 a.m.
 - * **"Doug Tumer"** - 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ **The Heritage Museum (Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society):** 382 High St.
 - * Civil War Enactment, Cromer-Trumbo House Tours and Railroad Exhibit
- ◆ **Antique Car Cruise-In:** The Heritage Museum
- ◆ **Fort Harrison** (335 Main St.): Open for Tours, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Sidewalk Sales at Downtown Shops**
- ◆ **\$100 Drawing:** Visit at least 4 Dayton shops on the day of the festival and receive a stamp on this newsletter or the official day-of-guide (available at the festival) at each shop you visit. Write your name and phone number on the newsletter or guide and turn it in at the beer and wine ticket tent at the pavilion by 3 p.m. to be entered into a drawing to win \$100. You do not need to be present to win.
- ◆ **Shops at the Dayton Farmers Market:** "Redbud Specials"
- ◆ **Lots of Delicious Food:**
 - * Pancake Breakfast by The School Nutrition Association of the Shenandoah Valley at Pence Middle School (7-10:30 a.m.)
 - * Pancake Breakfast by Dayton Ruritan Club at Dayton United Methodist Church (7-11 a.m.)
 - * Thomas House Restaurant & Bakery
 - * Mama's Caboose
 - * Braithwaite Studios & Coffee Shop
 - * Hank's BBQ and specialty food shops at the Dayton Farmers Market
 - * Grammie's Ice Cream
 - * Crab Cakes, variety of BBQ, Cupcake Company, Strite's Donuts, Shaved Ice and more
- ◆ **Adoptable Dogs from Paws for Pits:** Dayton Dental Service (90 Mill St.)
 - * Bringing dogs needing a home
- ◆ **Free Redbud Tree Saplings:** (Courtesy of the Town of Dayton) at various Dayton Merchants.
- ◆ **Parking:** On-street parking throughout the town, Wilbur Pence Middle School, field at the intersection of College St. & Bowman Rd., and the parking lot above Cooks Creek Park.

Come Celebrate Spring in Historic Dayton!

Message From the Mayor

Winter may have come late with a vengeance of cold temperatures and snow; however, "spring" is just around the corner. Please continue to be mindful of those individuals in our Operation Care Program in Dayton. Our Dayton Police Department (some volunteering their time) were out in full force checking on, shoveling driveways and providing assistance to those in need over the days of inclement weather. Also, a special thanks to our Public Works Department for always staying ahead of the weather and keeping our streets the cleanest of anywhere in Rockingham County. We should all feel so

fortunate and blessed.

As "springtime" is almost upon us, I would like to encourage ~everyone~ to plan your outdoor projects, spruce up your yard, landscaping and neighborhood, and enjoy our beauty that Dayton has to offer (today and future). We (Council & Staff) are hard at work planning another successful year with upcoming major events such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Sat., April 4th), Dayton Redbud Spring Arts & Crafts Festival (Sat., April 11th)-College St., concerts & movie nights at the College Street Pavilion, and the exciting Dayton Muddler (Sat., August 1st). Let each

of us bring our community closer together by doing our part to encourage others and/or participate in all of these activities.

We, as Dayton town residents, want the best from each other. So, now is the time to reach out to others, enjoy what life has to offer, feel blessed to live in a unique, quaint and protected community, and make the most out of your days! We can do this together, because Dayton is a special place!

May God bless you and your family!

Charles T. Long



With winter behind us, it's time to start thinking green lawns again. I want to remind people about the proper use of fertilizers and pesticides. This is something that not only helps with environmental issues, but could as well save you money.

First and foremost, always read and follow the instructions on the product label. If you need more

information, go to the manufacturer's website and look for the Safety Data Sheet (S.D.S.) for the product you are using. Always be sure you are applying the correct amount, as too much product is not going to work better or faster. Also, be aware of what is around your targeted area and ask yourself the following questions before you begin applying lawn chemicals:

- Will my fertilizer or pesticide reach the storm drain?
- Is the wind blowing too hard and cause my spray to drift off target? This could cause damage to other plants!
- Are they calling for rain? If it rains too soon after applying a product, it could leach into the soil, wash off site, and limit its effectiveness.

Would you like to cut back on using chemicals on your lawn? Research at Virginia Tech shows without a doubt that maintaining a grass height of four inches promotes a healthier root system, keeps the ground around your house cooler, and thickens the sod, which in turn, chokes out weeds.

If you have any questions about calibrating a spreader or sprayer, you may contact me by email at rbailey@daytonva.us or leave a message for me by calling the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241.

Happy gardening!

Russell Bailey
Dayton Public Works
V.D.A.C.S. Certified

Dayton Merchants Awarded Façade Enhancement Grant

The Dayton Economic Development Committee is excited to announce that the Town of Dayton Façade Enhancement Grant has been awarded to five different applicants, totaling \$10,000. The Façade Enhancement Grant program is intended to incentivize

property owners within the B-1 zoning district to make improvements to the exterior of their buildings and properties to improve the aesthetic and historic preservation of the community. The grant provides awarded applicants a 1:1 match for specific

improvements. The awarded applicants will be using the money to fund new awnings, front stairs, windows, and exterior paint. This is just another reason to spend time enjoying downtown Dayton this spring!

Chief's Corner

I get carried away when I write. I typed way too many paragraphs for this edition of the "Chief's Corner," and being that, I realize that I am overly verbose—I deleted just about everything. I get caught up in explanation, but truly understand that you know everything that I had set about to explain, so I decided that in this piece I'd go with the "simplistic approach."

- Lock your house and vehicles, even when you are in them. The world is ever changing and this isn't the Dayton of yesteryear.
- Alarm systems are great deterrents, so are video cameras and dogs.
- When you walk your dogs, care for your neighbor's property. Clean up after the dog. It's vile to do otherwise. Remember, we have a leash law.
- When someone shows up at your house wanting to do labor that **you didn't ask for**, turn them away. It usually ends poorly for you.
- You didn't win a foreign lottery

and you really don't have a long lost relative that left you millions. It's a scam that works off of hope and need.

- Try forgiving others' trespasses rather than taking matters into your own hands.
- If you are caught in abuse, please let us know so we can shelter you from it. We have lots of resources.
- NEVER give your personal information out over the phone. If it's the real IRS, they'd already know your SSN.
- Don't speed, don't text and drive, don't drink/drug and drive, **do** wear your seatbelt, stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Illegal narcotics will either kill you, or put you in real bad situations. (Yes, we are aware of you, and since we already offered to help you, and you declined it, we are working to arrest you. It just takes a little time.)
- Know what your kids are doing online and who they are talking to while online.
- If you need help with your kids,

please, please ask. We really want to help, especially if someone is harming them, perhaps by selling drugs to them. Be brave. You are a parent before you are a friend to them. We can nail the distributor with your help.

- Do yourself a big favor. **If you have a Wi-Fi modem at home, verify that you have it password protected!** If you do not, you are inviting trouble to your doorstep. Your Wi-Fi can be accessed from anyone within your proximity and a hacker or scammer can drive around with a laptop computer, pick up your wireless connection, and use it to send spam, attack servers, commit fraud, visit child pornography websites, upload and download copyrighted content or carry out other malicious activities. These malicious activities can be traced back to your computer.

Feel free to visit or call. Have a great spring!

Chief Daniel Hanlon

Phone: 879-2161, ext. 317



**Deli
&
Catering**

540-908-0029

Mama's Caboose has found a new home in Dayton! Join us in welcoming this addition to our business community.

Diane Roll, owner of Mama's Caboose, opened up her shop at 221 Main Street on March 12th.

Specializing in gourmet deli sandwiches, salads, soups and sweets (e.g. locally made sweets from *Sweet Nana Cakes* and healthy diabetic friendly cookies from *Sweet As Nature Bakery*), they also offer a wide variety of catering and food truck services.

If you haven't treated yourself to Mama's Caboose yet, be sure to stop by for a tasteful experience (eat-in or carry-out), and remember them for your catering needs.

Visit *Mama's Caboose* on Facebook



Dayton Redbud Festival All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

To benefit the School
Nutrition Association of
the Shenandoah Valley
Saturday, April 11th

7:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Pence Middle School Cafeteria

\$5.00 - to support scholarships and professional development. The School Nutrition Association of the Shenandoah Valley is a professional affiliation for school nutrition personnel to promote health and nutrition for our local children.

Dayton Ruritan Club Pancake Breakfast

at

**Dayton United
Methodist Church**

215 Ashby Street

Saturday, April 11th

7- 11 a.m.



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Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website for updates and changes)

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., Apr. 13th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., May 11th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Jun. 8th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., Apr. 16th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., May 21st, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Jun. 18th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Municipal Offices Closed

Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th

Events Calendar

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sat., Apr. 4th (2 p.m.) - Sunset Park
- **Dayton Redbud Spring Arts & Crafts Festival:** Sat., Apr. 11th (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- **Dayton Community Yard Sale Day:** Sat., May 9th (7 a.m. - until)
- **Dayton Muddler:** Sat., Aug. 1st
- **Dayton Autumn Celebration:** Sat., Oct. 3rd (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Holiday Refuse Collection

Week of Good Friday

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., April 1st
- **Recycling:** Wed., April 1st
- **Trash:** Fri., April 3rd

Week of Memorial Day

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., May 27th
- **Recycling:** Wed., May 27th
- **Trash:** Sat., May 30th



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