

Dayton Discovery

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Community Meeting Scheduled for Dayton Greenway Project

Interested community members are invited to attend an open meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2016, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Dayton Municipal Building Council Chambers, 125 Eastview Street (north entrance—upper level). Town officials, the design team, town residents, and interested parties will discuss preliminary conceptual designs, which will help the town develop a multi-use greenway that traverses through a variety of areas in Dayton and connect various community assets within the downtown district.

The Town of Dayton is creating a conceptual master plan with the assistance of the Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC), an outreach center of Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies. The project is sponsored in part through a grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry Urban & Community Forestry Program and the U.S. Forest Service.

This project aims to help the Town of Dayton realize many goals: enabling pedestrians' safe access to key destinations within the town; spurring economic development by providing a trail system, which connects town assets to tourist destinations; promoting active living through greenway development; providing opportunities for displaying interpretive signage/art about local history, culture, people and place; and enhancing the streetscape and associated open spaces within the town.

At the public meeting on March 31st, the design team will give a 45-minute presentation to describe the grant awarded to the Town of Dayton, and explain the two preliminary design concepts. Attendants at the presentation will be asked to comment, provide feedback, and come to a consensus about the design ideas presented. After this meeting, CDAC student designers will revise the design by consolidating the two concepts into one, final conceptual design, which will be presented at a later date. This design process and final design concept will be documented in a report, which the Town of Dayton can use to leverage funding for implementation.

The team from the Community Design Assistance Center completes community design work using a participatory design process, so it is crucial to hear the public's voice and opinion. All participants' time will count toward Dayton's required in-kind contribution, which is a requirement of the grant.

The design team hopes that this open meeting will attract a broad range of community groups such as the town council, local citizen groups, local residents, business owners, employees/staff within the downtown district, hikers, bikers, artists, and others who have a vested interest in the location and character of a proposed greenway/trail network in Dayton.



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Dayton Discovery

electronically.

Mayor's Message

Wake up and take in ALL the beauty that "Spring" has to offer here in Dayton! Sometimes we take for granted the simple things in life: happiness, health, God given abilities, community involvement, faith and family.

Let us be ever so mindful of our beautiful surroundings, great neighbors (those we know and those we should reach out to know), the historical aspects of Dayton, and great things and opportunities yet to come. Make it a "priority" (and I do not mean as a wish list) this Spring 2016 for everyone in Dayton to get outdoors and please do the following:

- Spruce-up/clean-up your lawn, landscape, flowerbeds, etc., and make Dayton a unified and

most beautiful community.

- Exercise your body and your mind by walking, biking, and/or exercising within the town at least 2-3 days per week.
- Schedule your weekends to attend our many exciting outdoor activities this year (including the Redbud Festival, Easter Egg Hunt with a visit from Peter Cottontail Rabbit, and Concerts at College Street Pavilion to name a few).
- If interested, contact Virginia Golf Cars (Chad Dunham) to purchase your personal means of transportation to events, casual visitations in town, and travel to our future/newest eating & tavern establishment coming to 245 Main Street.

Work is in progress within your Town of Dayton this year, from new sidewalks connecting to College Street and Cooks Creek Park, new single family homes being built, new Well #4 connection at Silver Lake, and renovations to the historical building at 245 Main Street, where a new eating/tavern establishment will be born.

Exciting times ahead here in Dayton, so get out and enjoy the people and the outdoors!

May God Bless You &
Your Family!

Charles T. Long
Mayor

Interim Manager's Report

Spring is beginning to "spring" in the Town. Clean up and maintenance is continuing at our parks in anticipation of pleasant weather and upcoming activities.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Sunset Park on March 26th, at 2:00 p.m. This fun event will be followed by the Redbud Festival on April 9th. For additional details on both events, please visit the Town's website.

Two significant Town projects are moving forward. One is the development of Well #4 to provide an additional supply for our water system. The well is a good one that has test pumped at over 1.5 million gallons per day. We expect this well to be online on or about August 1st.

The second is the Sidewalk Improvement Project that will extend a new sidewalk from Wilbur Pence Middle School along Bowman Road to College Street. This project is scheduled for completion by August 8, 2016.

Finally, it's budget time again. The Finance Committee will be presenting a draft fiscal plan for FY 2016-17 in the near future. By law, we are required to have an adopted budget in place by July 1st.

The dedicated employees con-

tinue to work on behalf of the Town's citizens to keep Dayton the special community that it is!

Bill O'Brien
Interim Town Manager



Reminder Regarding Yard Waste Collection

With the warm weather approaching and the days getting longer, it's time for sprucing up our lawns and gardens. Please remember that all yard waste (except for limbs larger than your finger), must be placed in paper biodegradable bags, and be free of household trash, rocks or dirt.

Tree limbs and trimmings too large to bag must be tied in bundles not exceeding five feet in length and of reasonable size to allow convenient handling. Disposal of tree stumps, trunks or limbs larger than six inches in diameter is the responsibility of the property owner.

Chief's Corner

You may not be aware that the Town of Dayton once had a vibrant Neighborhood Watch Program that was the envy of surrounding communities. At its best, the Neighborhood Watch kept it simple. Our members were a group of well intentioned citizens who valued their neighbors, and who enjoyed one another's company. Together they met once a month to conspire to do good within Dayton, and had a lot of fun together in the process.

The Dayton Neighborhood Watch fundraises during community events, and the proceeds go towards Operation Care and the UVA Children's Hospital. The Dayton Police Department also utilizes the membership in times of need. For instance, a toddler may have wandered from a house and is in danger. The Dayton PD would alert Dayton Neighborhood Watch members via text or email to be an extra set of eyes in such an event.

Over time, the group has suffered attrition as key members moved out of the area, and some became so encumbered by other family activities that the program now exists in a less-than-robust state. Let's change that. The world needs more communities joining together for the *good* of humankind and I'm looking for help from you.

Now, I'm sure you've questions, maybe misconceptions of what the Dayton Neighborhood Watch is, so do give me the opportunity to ease your mind. As a member of the Dayton Neighborhood Watch, you would not be issued a detectives hat, nor given a trench coat as some Neighborhood Watch signage is misinterpreted. You would not act as a police officer, or a private eye. The group would not be of use to you to espouse political agenda. It is most defiantly NOT a Dayton Police Department program.

From my beginning, way back

in 2001, when I began to liaison for the group, I explained that the program was yours, but facilitated by the Dayton Police Department. I insist upon that still. I've made two of my officers available to liaison with you, the new and invigorated infusion of members of the Dayton Neighborhood Watch.

If you, your family, or friends would like to explore the possibilities, I invite you to make contact with Officer Devin Clark at 540-879-2161, or send her an email at dclark@daytonva.us.

Best regards,

Chief Daniel Hanlon



**Turn in your unused
or expired medication
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, April 30th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Hosted by: **Dayton Police Department**

Location: **Dayton Municipal Building**

Collection area will be at the doors near the drive-thru.

No liquids, needles, or sharps—only pills or patches.



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

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., April 11th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., May 9th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., June 13th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., April 21st, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., May 19th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., June 16th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Good Friday

Fri., March 25th

Memorial Day

Mon., May 30th

Events Calendar

- **Dayton Easter Egg Hunt**
Sat., March 26th, 2:00 p.m.
- **Redbud Spring Arts & Crafts Festival**
Sat., April 9th, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- **Dayton Community Yard Sale Day**
Sat., May 14th, 7:00 a.m.
- **Dayton Muddler**
Sat., Aug. 6th

Holiday Refuse Collection

Good Friday

No Change in Refuse Collection

Memorial Day

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., June 1st
- **Recycling:** Wed., June 1st
- **Trash:** Sat., June 4th

Bulk/Heavy Waste

No Change
(First Tuesday of each month)

All refuse must be placed
at curbside by 7:00 a.m.
on collection day.

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The header of the poster features a bright yellow sun with rays at the top center. Below the sun, the words "easter egg" are written in a bold, purple, sans-serif font, and "hunt" is written in a larger, bold, green, sans-serif font. A pink ribbon banner with a white border is positioned below the text, containing the phrase "Come join the fun!" in a white, cursive font. The background of the header is a light blue sky with several white, stylized clouds. At the bottom of the header, there is a row of colorful Easter eggs in various patterns (striped, polka-dotted, and solid colors) interspersed with green grass and small pink and red flowers.

easter egg hunt

Come join the fun!

Saturday, March 26th

Sunset Park

145 Sunset Drive in Dayton

The fun begins at 2:00 pm with a special visit from the Easter Bunny and Bridgewater Fire Department.

The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2:30 pm 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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The Dayton, VA

REDBUD

spring
arts & crafts

FESTIVAL

April 9th

10AM - 4 PM College Street in Historic Dayton, VA

Local Arts & Crafts Vendors - Free Redbud Saplings
Beer & Wine Garden - Sales at Downtown Merchants
Live Music by Standing Room Only with Kelly May Brown,
The Walnut Ridge Boys & Doug Tumer - Delicious Local Food
Civil War Era Dance Group - Ducky Races & Other Children's Activities
Antique Car Cruise-In - Dog Adoptions - Carriage Rides - Museum Tours and MORE!
Visit www.daytonva.us or like The Town of Dayton on Facebook for more information.

Visit Dayton's website at www.daytonva.us for upcoming details of festival events.
Festival guides will be available at local merchants and other locations at the festival.

Wilbur S. Pence Middle School



Saturday

April 9th

8 - 10 a.m.

***Stop by for breakfast on your
way to the Redbud Festival!***

Benefits the School Nutrition Association of the Shenandoah Valley, a non-profit organization committed to seeing that school children in the Shenandoah Valley are provided with nutritious food selections so that they can develop life-long healthy eating habits.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Featuring Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Juice, Milk & Coffee.

**Adults—\$5 / Children (ages 4-10)—\$3
Children 4 & under free!**

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THE DEANES



APRIL 16TH 2016 6:00 – 9:00 PM



HELD AT: TURNER ASHBY HIGH SCHOOL

800 NORTH MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, VIRGINIA 22812

CONCESSION

4:30PM-TILL: BY

ADMISSION:

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