



Spring 2021

Dayton Discovery

Official Newsletter of the Town of Dayton, VA

Mayor's Message *Cary Jackson*

We have turned the page on 2020 and happily welcomed 2021. I would like to compliment everyone on how we, as a town, persevered during the global pandemic. Businesses had to pivot to curbside deliveries and e-commerce. Town staff did a great job performing essential functions while keeping themselves and the community safe. Residents spent more time outside and were able to get to know their neighbors. I have also noticed lots of new pets bringing joy to their new families.

It was a year of cancelled events, lost revenue for businesses, and sadly, loss of life. I send my thoughts and prayers to those who have lost family and friends during the pandemic. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated when you are able.

Over the past month, we have had beautiful sunny days, cold windy days and snow. As usual, you can never predict what the weather will do this time of the year. Thankfully, though, Spring has arrived with beautiful flowers, baby birds, and lots of bunnies hopping around town!

Speaking of bunnies, the Easter Bunny came through Town last week and received a warm welcome from the Dayton community. I know the Easter Bunny loved seeing everyone's smiling faces! The Mill Street project is well under way. A big "THANK YOU" to our businesses and residents for your patience during the construction. This project will significantly improve stormwater drainage in portions of the Town.

It's that time of year when staff and committee members are working hard making recommendations for next year's financial plan which is the starting point for our next budget. Town Council will have a retreat to discuss recommendation's and develop priorities for the budget.

I am very excited about this coming year with our events returning! The Redbud Festival is June 5th; The Muddler, August 7th; and Dayton Days, October 2nd. Our concert series begins in July at Dove Park. I look forward to seeing everyone out at these events supporting our Town and local businesses!



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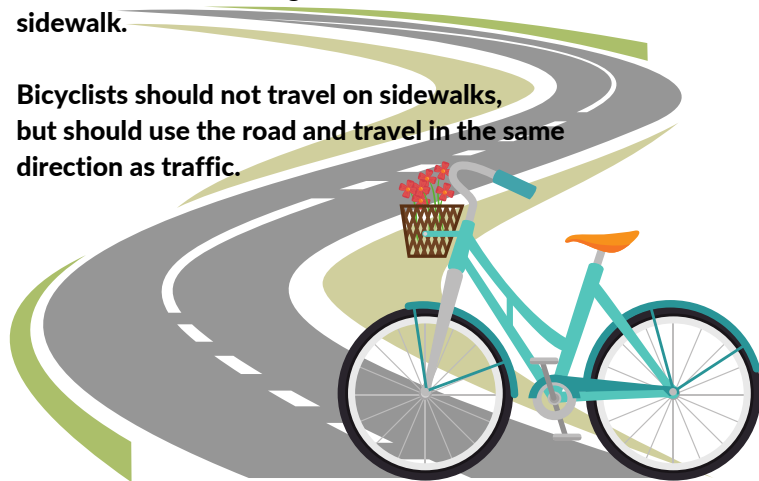
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Pedestrian and Bike Safety

As the weather begins to warm up, more people are out walking and bicycling. Please remember to be courteous and share the road.

Pedestrians should always use a sidewalk when available, or walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Bicyclists should not travel on sidewalks, but should use the road and travel in the same direction as traffic.



Silver Lake Bicentennial coming soon in 2022

Silver Lake will celebrate its 200th birthday in 2022, and a planning committee has been formed to generate ideas and help for special events and activities. Silver Lake Mill was also built at that time and will be joining in the bicentennial celebration. Residents near the lake and others interested in the popular landmark lake have volunteered to serve on the committee. Photographs from the Silver Lake area are being collected along with stories related to the lake and ideas for the celebration. Contact Cheryl Lyon by email, silverlakemill@gmail.com.



Spring is a great time to get your picture taken in front of the LOVE sign at Rocktown History Museum!

Manager's Message *Angela Lawrence*

Happy Spring ... A time of new beginnings and growth. I hope that the snow events are over and the flowers will continue to bloom. With the weather becoming nicer, I have noticed even more people out walking and bicycling - enjoying all that Dayton has to offer.

You may have noticed that we have been removing some bushes, shrubs, and gravel from the gateway/welcome sign and other garden beds. Other changes, such as direction signs and welcome signs will come later this year.

As for beginnings and growth, we are excited to have new Town staff working hard for all our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Meggie Roche, Economic Development Coordinator, started in January and hit the ground running. She will be working with businesses and residents to better develop the Main Street area, recruit and retain appropriate businesses for Dayton, update our economic development plan, and coordinate events and marketing efforts. Meggie is a JMU graduate who most recently worked for Spotsylvania County Department of Economic Development.

Jennifer Reppe, Lead Water Plant Operator began her position in early April. She will keep the water plant operating as efficiently and effectively as possible, while also assisting in the project management of the water plan upgrade. She is also looking forward to helping with the landscaping around Town. Jennifer previously worked at the Harrisonburg Treatment Facility and is also a JMU graduate.

Tammy Warner, Accounting Technician, has recently begun working in the Treasurer's office. Her primary responsibilities include accounts payable and customer service. She most recently worked for Dynamic Aviation.

Finally, Adam Meek, former Lead Water Plant Operator, was promoted to Public Works Supervisor in January. He is supervising the fieldwork related to the Mill Street project, leading the public works department, and assisting with the transition at the water treatment plant. He was a huge help during this year's multiple snow events, but is ready to start focusing on mowing and warmer weather activities.

I feel grateful every day for the opportunity to live in and serve the Dayton community. I look forward to many more new beginnings and positive growth.



Chief's Corner

Over the past year, the Dayton Police Department has continued to work diligently to provide a safe community for Dayton residents. There have been a lot of changes as we have added new technology. With the implementation of our new record management system, the police department was able to provide the Town with its first annual report. The annual report summarizes all of the work the Dayton Police Department has accomplished over the previous year. Transparency and accountability to the community are extremely important for the department. The annual report encompasses 2019 and 2020 and is available for viewing on the police department webpage.

Please keep an eye out on the Department Facebook page, the Town Facebook page, and the Town website for department events we plan to host in the future. Hopefully over the next few months, Covid will settle and we can have our Cones with a Cop, Coffee with a Cop, and National Night out events.

As always, thank you for allowing us to serve such a wonderful and supportive community.

Sincerely,



Chief Justin Trout



The Dayton Police Department won first place in the Berry Food Drive to benefit the Salvation Army. The Department would like to thank Cargill and Girl Scout Troop 1111 for the assistance they provided with helping to feed families in need. Without their assistance, many families in Rockingham County would go without basic necessities.



What is Mary Rohrer's Day?

Many of our Mennonite neighbors were family and friends of Mary, a young Old Order Mennonite. In 1908, Mary lost her leg in a farming accident at her family's farm along Dry River. Three local doctors performed the surgery that saved Mary and she was fitted for a new artificial limb. Mary went on to live a long life in service to her family and friends here in Dayton.

For many years, Fort Harrison has displayed Mary's wheelchair, crutches and her first artificial limb, as well as other items she used as an adult. In May 2019, we were fortunate to display additional items on loan from the local Mennonite community.

This year, Mary Rohrer School Day will be held on May 7th, when local schools are invited to visit with Catherine Campbell (pen name, Janis Good), author of "Summer of the Lost Limb". Catherine will meet with each school group and talk about Mary and the interviews she conducted with her in preparation for writing her book.

Saturday, May 8th, will be Friends and Families Day. Everyone in the community is invited to meet Catherine and learn about Mary, a young girl who survived a tragic accident and went on to live a long and eventful life here in the Dayton community.

Hours for both events are 9 AM til 3 PM. No admission charge. Signed books will be available for purchase. We plan to hold the event outside, due to possible Covid restrictions. For more information, contact Pat Early at fortharrisonva@gmail.com.



Mill Street Project Update

The work on the Mill Street Stormwater Drainage Project continues. Whenever work is done in an older area, there are many unknowns. These unknowns have added to the timeframe of the project, but we are hopeful that the project will continue at a good pace going forward. The intersection at College and Mill Streets will be closed beginning April 12th for a few days and the intersection at High and Mill Streets will be closed as the project progresses. Once the drainage portion of the project is complete, paving will take place. Please be alert when driving through town and watch our Facebook page for updates.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Regular Town Council Meeting

April 12 @ 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

April 13 @ 5:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

April 15 @ 6:00 pm

Town Council Budget Work Session

April 19 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

May 10 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

May 20 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

June 14 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

June 17 @ 6:00 pm

Holiday Closings

Memorial Day: May 31, 2021

Juneteenth: June 18, 2021

Independence Day: July 5, 2021

Refuse Collection Schedule

NOTE: When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection may be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

Household trash collected on Fridays.

Yard debris collected on Mondays.

Bulk/heavy items collected on first Tuesday of month. Items must be put out no more than 48 hours ahead of time and must be placed at the curbside.

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Friendly Reminder:
Please remember
to pick up after
your dog!



2021 Dayton Events Calendar



May

- 8 Saturday**
Dayton Community Yard Sale
7:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 8 Saturday**
Mary Rohrer Days at Fort Harrison for Friends and Family
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
335 Main Street, Dayton, VA 22821
Catherine Campbell (pen name, Janis Good), author of "Summer of the Lost Limb" will be there to sign books and discuss the life of Mary Rohrer
No Admission Charge

June

- 5 Saturday**
11th Annual Redbud Festival
10:00 am - 4:30 pm
College Street & Dove Park
Arts & Crafts Festivals, Live Performances
- 19 Saturday**
Fort Harrison Colonial Trades Fair
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
335 Main Street, Dayton, VA 22821
Authentic Live Demonstrations and Sales

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All events are subject to change

July

- 10 Saturday**
Dayton Summer Concert Series
Performer: Kelly May Brown
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dove Park
360 College Street, Dayton, VA 22821

August

- 3 Tuesday**
National Night Out
with Dayton Police Department
Sunset Park
- 7 Saturday**
The Muddler (An Adventure Race)
In partnership with Harrisonburg Police Foundation

- 28 Saturday**
Dayton Summer Concert Series
Performer: Big City Band
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dove Park
360 College Street, Dayton, VA 22821

October

- 2 Saturday**
41st Annual Dayton Days Autumn Celebration
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
College Street and Main Street
Arts & Crafts Festival, Live Performances

Get Involved!

There are many ways for residents and businesses to give back to the community.

Businesses can sponsor events that benefit the community, such as Town concerts, parades and more!

Residents and civic groups can volunteer at events to help with preparation, set up, and day of logistics.

Get a group together to make it a fun experience!

Contact the Town of Dayton at events@daytonva.us or 540-879-2241 to find out more.



2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Dayton

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2020 is now available for your perusal on the Town of Dayton website (see address below). This report is designed to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water quality. The Town of Dayton is committed to providing you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water meets all state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Office of Drinking Water. **Please note that we did not have any violations during the year 2020.**

If you have questions about this report, want additional information about any aspect of your drinking water, or want to know how to participate in decisions that may affect the quality of your drinking water, please contact:

Ms. Angela Lawrence, Town Manager at (540) 879-9538

GENERAL INFORMATION

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (1) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (2) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (3) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; (4) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; (5) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water from surface sources is treated to make it drinkable while groundwater may or may not have any treatment. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Water quality results are shown in a table on the reverse side of this page. In the table and elsewhere in the report you will find many terms and abbreviations with which you may not be familiar. Definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms. Detailed information regarding the sources, treatment and quality of your drinking water, source water assessments, and testing for the presence of various contaminants such as nitrate and lead, are also included.

The full water quality report may be found on the Town of Dayton website:

<https://d1clhyenx8n1f8.cloudfront.net/uploads/2017/10/CCR2020.pdf>

WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Microbiological Contaminants						
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found / Range	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Turbidity NTU	NA	TT=0.3 NTU	0.05 Max	No	Daily 2020	Soil runoff
		TT=95% of monthly samples must be <0.3 NTU	All monthly samples were < 0.3 NTU 100 % of the time			
Inorganic Contaminants						
Fluoride ppm	4	4	Range: 0.64-0.98	No	Monthly 2020	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate ppm	10	10	Range 3.71- 4.21	No	Quarterly 2020	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Barium ppm	2	2	0.025	No	January 2020	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium mg/L	-	-	3.19	No	January 2020	Erosion of natural deposits; de-icing salt runoff; water softeners
Lead & Copper						
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found / Range	Exceedance	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Lead ppb	0	AL=15	2.42 (90 th percentile) One of the ten samples collected exceeded the lead AL.	No	July 2020	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	0.106 (90 th percentile) None of the ten samples collected exceeded the copper AL.	No	July 2020	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Radiological Contaminants						
Contaminant / Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found / Range	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters pCi/L	0	15	1.1	No	March 2017	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta pCi/L	0	50	1.4	No	March 2017	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined Radium pCi/L	0	5	1.7	No	March 2017	Erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products						
Contaminant/Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
(TTHM's) Total Trihalomethanes ppb	0	80	35	No	August 2020	By-product of drinking water chlorination
(HAA) Haloacetic acids ppb	NA	60	2.4	No	August 2020	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Disinfectant Residual Contaminants						
Contaminant/Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found / Range	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Chlorine mg/L	4	4	0.45 to 0.97	No	Monthly 2020	By-product of drinking water chlorination

The results in this table are from testing done in 2017 and 2020. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.