



Spring 2022

# Dayton Discovery

Official Newsletter of the Town of Dayton, VA

## Mayor's Message

*Cary Jackson*

Spring is here with all the excitement that the season's change brings.

The kids had plenty of opportunities to play in the snow this winter, but with that fun comes additional work for our Public Works and Water departments. I want to give a sincere THANK YOU to them for the long hours they worked to ensure our streets were safe and clear from snow and ice.

We look forward to the continued progress in infrastructure improvements, most notably sidewalk repairs, VDOT paving of Main Street and several other residential streets (more information will be available on our website and Facebook as we get notice regarding which dates streets will be paved and/or resurfaced), and the groundbreaking for the upgraded Water Treatment Plant.

We have some exciting events coming up, including the return of the Easter Egg Hunt at Sunset Park which has been cancelled the last two years due to Covid. We are keeping some changes brought about during Covid though - the Easter Egg Drive-thru will also be open the Friday before Easter! Our annual Redbud Festival, National Night Out, Muddler, Dayton Days and the Summer Concert Series will bring visitors to Town which will give a boost in revenue for our businesses while providing fun activities for our residents.

It's that time of year when staff and committee members are working hard making recommendations for next

year's priorities which is the starting point for our next budget. Town Council had a retreat in March to discuss priorities for the budget and will continue to make important decisions throughout the process.

Thank you to all who responded to our community input survey. We had a representative sample of 123 households and received excellent feedback and useful information which will be used to guide the comprehensive plan, capital improvement program, and the budget. Overall, respondents valued our small town charm and quality of life in Dayton.

Here's to sunnier days and warmer weather in April and throughout spring! I hope to see you out and about, enjoying all that Dayton has to offer.

On a much sadder and serious note, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to all those affected by the tragedy at Bridgewater College on Tuesday, February 1st when two dedicated officers, John Painter and J.J. Jefferson lost their lives while protecting their community. I am beyond grateful for the sacrifice of these two men to protect our community and the other officers who put their lives on the line that day.



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**Are you a resident and registered voter in the Town of Dayton? Are you passionate about local issues and helping your community? If so, a seat on the Dayton Town Council may be right for you!**

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, there will be a General Election for the following seats:

- Mayor with a 2-year term (term ending December 31, 2024)
- Two Council seats with a 4-year term (term ending December 31, 2026)

Candidates run without party affiliation and there is no primary. Residents interested in running for Town Council must file all paperwork with the Rockingham County Voter Registrar's Office by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Forms and more information may be found on the Rockingham County Voter Registrar's page at [www.rockinghamcountyva.gov](http://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov).

**Join us in the Town's Council Chambers on May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for a brief Council Pre-orientation Session. Town Manager Angela Lawrence will highlight what it takes to serve on the Dayton Town Council. This meeting will also be available for livestreaming and viewing on the Town's website.**



## Manager's Message

### *Angela Lawrence*

Happy Spring!

It is so nice to see flowers blooming, trees budding, and people enjoying the outdoors. The spring banners are up downtown, pansies are in the flower pots, and preparations are being made for landscaping around town. You may notice several flower beds being cleared out. Many bushes were dead, dying or overgrown. We are clearing many of the beds and replacing them with new bushes and later in the season we will add flowers to provide more color. The greenway landscaping will also be updated.

We have been busy working on long-term projects. The Water Treatment Plant Upgrade is underway. Equipment has been ordered and the construction and installation contract has been signed. We will break ground soon and hope to have the new plant functioning by next spring. This will not affect water pressure or hardness, but will increase our capacity while reducing operations and maintenance costs. We considered a water softening system during the initial design phase, but the cost was millions of dollars plus significant ongoing expenses for supplies. It would have raised water rates exponentially. It was determined it would be more feasible and less expensive for residents to continue to use their household water softeners.

We have been planning for a wayfinding signage program that has been ongoing for quite some time. Many years ago, a grant was submitted and was finally received about 2 years ago. With COVID and other factors, the project has taken longer than expected. Hopefully, this fall we will have it completed. Following VDOT regulations, signs will direct people from Rt. 42 to the historic downtown, Rocktown History & Welcome Center, Silver Lake Historic District, and other sites. Once those signs are up, we will replace the aging welcome signs on Rt. 42.

Sidewalks on a portion of College Street will be replaced this spring or summer and a new fire hydrant will be going in across from Fort Harrison.

It is budget season (again!). Council recently held a planning retreat to determine priorities for the coming years. They used results from the community survey and other information to help determine priorities. The budget and capital improvement program (CIP) will reflect those priorities. Council will host a budget work session in April with a public hearing regarding tax rates in May and the public hearing for the full budget and CIP in June. We anticipate leaving real estate tax rates the same (.08/\$100). Unlike most towns, we do not have a separate personal property tax, although we have a vehicle license fee. The county public hearings and decision making is separate from ours. If you have questions about Town taxes, please call or email. If you haven't already, please subscribe to the email alerts on our website. You can choose which alerts you receive. Meeting agendas and minutes are included in those choices.

The Town, like all other businesses, knows the importance of retaining valuable employees. We currently have excellent employees who work very well as a team. It is increasingly harder to recruit and expensive to train new employees. We are grateful for our dedicated staff! With appreciation for our community and our staff,


Angela A. Lawrence, Town Manager



**Fort Harrison**  
**COLONIAL**  
**TRADES FAIR**

**10 a.m to 4 p.m.**  
**Saturday, June 18**

Authentic live demonstrations and sales!



**335 Main Street, Dayton**



**Silver Lake Mill is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year! Lots of fun activities are planned throughout the year, including an Old-Fashioned Milling Day, an ice cream social with ice cream churned by the mill, dinner theater performances, and more leading up a grand celebration on October 28th! More information about their events is available on [SilverLakeStories.org](http://SilverLakeStories.org).**

**Elvis is coming!**  
Shake, rattle and roll as master tribute artist Stewart Chapman brings *The King* to life  
**2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
Wilbur Pence Middle School

**Tickets on sale now**  
Advance Tickets, \$20 - [fortharrisonva@gmail.com](mailto:fortharrisonva@gmail.com)  
or available at Triangle Emporium in Dayton  
Tickets at door, \$25

Checks payable to Fort Harrison Inc., P.O. Box 365, Dayton, VA  
Advance sale tickets will be mailed to individuals.  
To benefit Fort Harrison.





## Chief's Corner

Are you interested in hearing about our Town's public safety?  
Attend the Police Department Town Hall event on Tuesday,  
May 17 at 6:00 pm in the council chambers at Town Hall!

Chief Trout will be hosting this Q&A style event. He will answer the community's questions related to public safety, discuss department goals, and provide highlights from the 2021 annual report.

The Dayton Police Department is planning to start a new podcast! Chief Trout will host, answering community questions related to policing, case law, and legislative questions in regards to policing, and community/town events. The department would love to hear from the community about topics you would like to discuss. Please email any ideas you have to [police@daytonva.us](mailto:police@daytonva.us), or contact Chief Trout.



### Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Reminder

Helpful tips for bicycle and pedestrian safety

- Cross at intersections or crosswalks whenever possible.
- See and be seen at night by carrying a flashlight.
- Head up, phone down. Watch out for fountains, manholes and staircases.
- Use sidewalks wherever possible, if not walk facing traffic.
- Bike with traffic.
- Drivers: look out for bicycles and yield to pedestrians.

Sign up for Town alerts to be notified about water service interruptions, road closures, special events, meeting agendas, and more!

1. Go to [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us)
2. Click on the @ subscribe button in the black toolbar in the middle of the page
3. Enter your email address
4. Select the topics you would like to receive updates about
5. Click on "Subscribe me"

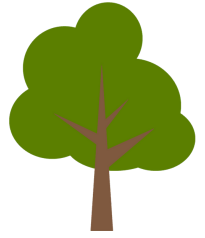


ROCKTOWN  
HISTORY

Rocktown History would like to send a huge shout out of thanks and appreciation to the town staff and neighbors who have helped with leaves, snow, banners, signage, and everything else! It's so great to be part of a community that cares!

## Trees Play an Important Role in Ecosystems

Trees are an important part of the local ecosystem providing shelter, food, and other benefits to nearby creatures – including us! As the town continues to grow, creating and caring for green infrastructure (like trees) is increasingly important. Trees help make the Town livable – providing shade, clean air, clean water, and other useful benefits for human and environmental health. We encourage residents to plant and maintain trees to enhance the health and beauty of the community.



Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, Dominion Energy, and Virginia Forestry have excellent resources for which tree to plant near power lines and other considerations available on their websites!

### Can't get to the DMV? The DMV is coming to YOU!

Where: Dayton Town Hall - Assembly Room (Lower Level)  
When: May 9, 10, & 11 from 9 am - 4 pm (Appointment only).  
Schedule on [www.DMVnow.com](http://www.DMVnow.com)

DMV  
**Connect** offers:

- ▶ REAL ID
- ▶ Drivers' licenses
- ▶ Identification cards (adult and child)
- ▶ Disabled parking placards
- ▶ Vehicle titles
- ▶ Address changes
- ▶ Vehicle registrations
- ▶ E-ZPass transponders
- ▶ Compliance summaries
- ▶ Transcripts
- ▶ Hunting and fishing licenses
- ▶ Knowledge Testing (at select visits)

Schedule your appointment with DMV Connect at [www.dmvNOW.com/appt](http://www.dmvNOW.com/appt).  
More than 40 transactions available online at [www.dmvNOW.com](http://www.dmvNOW.com).

## Upcoming Town Events

**Easter Egg Drive-Thru:** Friday, April 15 @ 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Stop by the drive-thru window at Town Hall for an Easter goodie bag!

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 16 @ 10 AM

Location: Sunset Park

The Easter Egg Hunt returns! There will be three age groups. 4 years & under, 5-7 year olds, and 8-10 year olds.

**Community Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 14, Community Wide

**Dayton Police Department Town Hall:** May 17 @ 6:00 pm

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers

Keep an eye out for the Town's annual events calendar!  
Coming to your mailbox soon!

REDBUD Arts & Crafts FESTIVAL

Downtown Dayton - College Street

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 10 am - 4 pm

Live Music ● 100+ Vendors ● Kids Activities ● Food Trucks ● Carriage Rides ● Antique Cars ● Pony Rides

Parking available at Wilbur Pence Middle School & The Koogler Field

# Town Meetings

**Joint Public Hearing - (Zoning Ordinances) Special Called Planning Commission Meeting & Regular Town Council Meeting**  
April 11 @ 5:30 pm

**Council Budget Work Session**  
April 18 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
April 21 @ 6:00 pm

**Regular Town Council Meeting & Real Property Tax Public Hearing**  
May 9 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
May 19 @ 6:00 pm

**Budget Public Hearing**  
June 6 @ 6:00 pm

**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
June 13 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
June 16 @ 6:00 pm

Live streaming now available for council meetings at  
[www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us).

# Holiday Closings

**Memorial Day:** May 30

**Juneteenth:** June 20

**Independence Day:** July 4

## 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 is collected on Fridays. Containers should be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon preceding the collection day and be removed to a point at the side or rear of the structure not later than 8:00 a.m. of the day following collection. **All waste must be placed in the provided tote.**

## Street Sweeping

The Town will be street sweeping the week of April 18th. Please watch for notice on the Town Facebook page and website, and remember to move vehicles from the street.

Town of Dayton  
125-B Eastview Street  
Dayton, VA 22821

Phone: 540-879-2241  
Fax: 540-879-2243

Office/Drive Thru Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
24-hour drop box

[www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us)

For after hours non-emergencies  
pertaining to Town matters, please call  
540-434-4436.



## Main & Huffman Street Paving



VDOT contractors will be paving Main Street beginning Tuesday, April 12 (weather permitting). It is expected to take 4 working days. Paving will begin at the southern end. Work will be curtailed early on Friday, April 15 for the holiday weekend with no work on Monday, April 18. Work will resume on Tuesday, April 19. Paving on Huffman, between Rt. 42 and Main Street is scheduled to immediately follow and take 2 days. The paving company will be delivering a notice to all households and businesses. All vehicles will need to be moved off the roadway! Detours will be established as needed.

## *2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report*

### *Town of Dayton*

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2021 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 2021.**

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) 879-2241

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes 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://www.daytonva.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf6721/f/uploads/2021\\_water\\_quality\\_report.pdf](https://www.daytonva.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf6721/f/uploads/2021_water_quality_report.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	0.04 Max	No	Daily 2021	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: 0.56-0.91	No	Monthly 2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate ppm	10	10	Range 4.82 - 6.12	No	January and April 2021	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Barium ppm	2	2	0.029	No	January 2021	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium ppm	-	-	5.32	No	January 2021	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	NA	80	27	No	August 2021	By-product of drinking water chlorination
(HAA) Haloacetic acids ppb	NA	60	4	No	August 2021	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	0.40 to 1.06	No	Monthly 2021	By-product of drinking water chlorination

The results in the table are from testing done in 2017, 2020 and 2021. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.