

Spring 2023

# Dayton Discovery

Official Newsletter of the Town of Dayton, VA

## Mayor's Message *Cary Jackson*

Spring is here and the bunnies have already starting showing up around town. There was little opportunity for the kids and kids at heart to play in the snow this winter, but there is always next year. I am very happy to announce that our new water treatment plant went live in February and the town was able to pay for the 3.3-million-dollar project from our reserves. There will be a ribbon cutting and open house at the plant on May 12 at 9 am. Feel free to come and tour the new facility. Dayton is very unique, as we have no debt and a terrific credit rating. Most municipalities have sizeable debt.

After a longer construction phase than expected, I am happy to announce that Glo Fiber is available in most neighborhoods in town. "This House is Glo-ing" yard signs are popping up around town and I can assure you from personal experience that this internet service is significantly faster at a lower cost than what you may be using now.

I'm proud of our town council for their continued support of infrastructure projects and the allocation of funds to complete these projects. The town has made significant progress on improvements and this year will be no different.

We have many exciting events scheduled for this year. The annual Redbud Festival is April 15th and will feature more than 100 vendors displaying their arts and crafts, live music, carriage rides, antique cars, pony rides and more. National Night Out, 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.

The planning commission and staff have been working on the town's comprehensive plan since last year and it is now complete. The plan is updated every five years and will serve as an outline of goals and objectives for transportation, public services and facilities, public safety, water and sewer services, parks and recreation, beautification, cultural and historic resources and capital improvement projects.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the events supporting our town and local businesses!



*Mayor Cary Jackson*

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# Manager's Message:

## Bob Holton

I can't believe the past four months have passed so quickly. I'd like to thank everyone for their help and support during my time as interim Town Manager. From the town council to the employees to the citizens, all of you have been so kind and supportive.

Here's what I learned over my time here: The staff serving you is first rate. I didn't see a weakness from top to bottom.

The Council really cares about this community. I've seen plenty of councils, mostly good, but some not so good, and Dayton's ranks up there near the top.

Your finances are in excellent shape. You have no municipal debt and that's quite an accomplishment. You have positioned yourselves to handle both good and bad times with no debt and some money in the bank. There are more than one hundred towns in Virginia who wish they were in your position.

The citizens love this little town. For the most part, they don't want to see a lot of change in the future and favor protecting the small town character at all costs.

The only negative I've seen is the same situation I see at all levels of government. We just don't get along as well as we should. Maybe that stands out more at the federal level, but it exists here as well. Hopefully, your new town manager will help all of us reach a consensus that Dayton is a special place that's worthy of everyone's support.

Again, thanks for letting me be a part of Dayton. I'll never forget my time working for this wonderful community.

Bob Holton  
Interim Town Manager

*The entire Town of Dayton staff would like to express our sincere gratitude for Mr. Holton's services over the last couple of months. He has done an amazing job moving the Town forward and building community relationships. He will be greatly missed!*

**Join us for a Ribbon Cutting and Open House at the new Water Treatment Plant!**  
**Come celebrate the completion of the new plant!**

**Friday, May 12th, 2023**

**Ribbon Cutting at 9:00 am, followed by an Open House until 11:00 am**

The new building is seen on the left. The old building on the right will now be used to house the SCADA office, chlorine and fluoride rooms, and a dechlorination section.



## Upcoming Election Information

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! One Council seat with a term ending December 31, 2024 will be on the ballot at a Special Election which will be held on November 7, 2023. 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 20, 2023.**

Forms and more information may be found on the Rockingham County Voter Registrar's page at [www.rockinghamcountyva.gov](http://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov).



## Spring Cleaning Reminders

Please keep the following information in mind while working on your Spring home projects!



Heavy/bulk items are collected at curbside on the first Tuesday of each month by the Dayton Public Works.

*May Heavy Trash will be collected on May 4 instead of May 2.*



Yard waste (grass, weeds, leaves, garden waste, small twigs) is collected weekly by the Dayton Public Works Department. All yard waste must be placed in paper biodegradable bags only and free of all other trash items. Tree Limbs/Bush trimmings must be tied in bundles not exceeding five feet in length and of reasonable size to allow convenient handling with no limbs greater than six inches in diameter. Anything larger than this must be disposed of by the property owner.



Remember to regularly mow your lawn! Grass or weeds must be cut before reaching eight inches in height from their base to their most extended growth. Please refrain from blowing grass onto the road & sidewalk.



Home improvement projects? Please remember to contact Miss Utility before you dig. Projects such as decks, fencing, accessory buildings, and mailbox placement may require zoning approval. Please contact the Town before beginning work!



Looking to get rid of some items you no longer use? The Town of Dayton Community Yard Sale will be on Saturday, May 13!

A colorful banner for the Redbud Arts &amp; Crafts Festival. The text 'REDBUD Arts &amp; Crafts FESTIVAL' is written in a playful, pink and white font. Below it, the date 'Saturday, April 15, 2023' and time '10 am - 4 pm' are displayed in a bold, blue font. The location 'Downtown Dayton' is written in a bold, black font. At the bottom, a list of activities is provided: '100+ Handmade Arts, Crafts &amp; Food Vendors • Live Music • Beer Garden • Carriage Rides • Ducky Races • Pony Rides • And More!'. The background features a stylized landscape with green hills, blue mountains, and pink flowers.



# Chief's Corner



**CONES WITH A COP**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH**  
**12:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**AT GRAMMIE'S ICE CREAM**  
**3092 JOHN WAYLAND HWY A,**  
**DAYTON, VA 22821**

Start your summer with the Dayton Police Department and enjoy a free ice cream cone for kids 13 & under



## Ground Penetrating Radar Study Conducted at Fort Harrison

Recent discoveries at Fort Harrison help us to better understand what life was like here on the inner frontier during the years leading up to and during the French and Indian War. For several years we have enjoyed the privilege of working with Dr. Dennis Blanton of the James Madison University Anthropology Department and his archaeology students.

The next step in our quest to unearth more knowledge about those early years is a geophysical study using advanced GPR (ground penetrating radar) and magnetometry.

GPR is a non-intrusive process that uses radar pulses to image the subsurface. When used in archaeology, GPR detects underground features and directs where excavations will be most useful.

Archaeo-Geophysical Associates, LLC of Fort Collins, Colorado, recently conducted the study of the grounds of Fort Harrison as well as the surrounding fields and pasture. The Board of Directors looks forward to hearing the results of the survey. The board also extends its thanks to the Koogler family for allowing us to examine their property, which surrounds the house and summer kitchen.

A grant from the Virginia Commonwealth Fund as well as contributions from local businesses and friends of Fort Harrison made this project possible.



Photo Credit: Jim Sanders

### Upcoming Fort Harrison Events:

Dolls and Their Houses: April 29th, 2023, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 7th Annual Colonial Trades Fair: June 17th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm



## FREE CONCERT SERIES

HOSTED BY THE TOWN OF DAYTON  
**AT THE DOVE PARK PAVILION**  
**THIRD SATURDAYS, MAY - SEPTEMBER**  
 GATES OPEN AT 6 PM. MUSIC IS FROM 7 - 9 PM.

MAY 20



MICALA CURRY & THE BACK RHODES



WHO SHOT JOHN

JUNE 17

JULY 15



KELLY MAY BROWN & CRYSTAL ARMENTROUT



THE ROADDUCKS

AUG 19

SEPT 16



BIG CITY BAND

**GRAB YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND COOLERS!**  
**ALL CONCERTS ARE PICNIC STYLE (BYOB ALCOHOL ALLOWED) & PET FRIENDLY!**  
**FOOD WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT SOME CONCERTS - CHECK OUR FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS!**

## Wayfinding Signage Update

The Town of Dayton has received VDOT approval to proceed with Wayfinding Signage. There will be 20 directional signs throughout Town pointing visitors to significant areas of interest. The two existing gateway signs on Route 42 will also be replaced to match the wayfinding signs. A preliminary sketch of the signs is seen below. The Town is currently accepting bids for fabrication and installation, and hopes to have the project completed no later than Spring of 2024.



## Silver Lake Mill Hosting Pop-ups to benefit the Mill

The Silver Lake Mill will be hosting pop-up sales on Saturday, April 15, and Saturday, May 13. They will be selling overstock from the old gift store in order to fund the preservation of the Mill and some of the great projects they have coming up.

4 Hands 8 Paws, a not-for-profit mother and son team, will be at the Silver Lake Mill during the Dayton Redbud Festival. Come support their efforts to raise money selling their original animal loving merchandise for a dog pickup waste station by the lake and surrounding area.

# Town Meetings

## Regular Town Council Meeting

May 8 @ 6:00 pm

## Planning Commission Meeting

May 18 @ 6:00 pm

## Regular Town Council Meeting

June 12 @ 6:00 pm

## Planning Commission Meeting

June 15 @ 6:00 pm

## Regular Town Council Meeting

July 10 @ 6:00 pm

## Planning Commission Meeting

July 20 @ 6:00 pm

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

# Holiday Closings

## Memorial Day:

May 29

## Juneteenth:

June 19

## Independence Day:

July 4

## Refuse Collection Schedule

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.**

**Yard Waste is collected on Mondays.**

**Bulk/heavy items are collected on the first Tuesday of the month.**

## Online Bill Pay Reminder

Friendly reminder that only utility (water, sewer and trash) bills can be paid online at this time. Utility bills can be paid online by clicking "Pay My Bill" on the homepage of the Town website. Taxes cannot be paid online, and must be paid via cash or check and mailed or brought to Town Hall.

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## 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.

## Reminder: Street sweeping takes place the second Tuesday of the month.

Street Sweeping will take place in the morning. Please try to have all vehicles removed from the street so that the machine can effectively clean all the way to the curb!

