

# Dayton Discovery

THE TOWN OF DAYTON



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**Many thanks  
to Woodmen of  
the World in  
Dayton for  
donating new  
American flags  
as needed for  
our Municipal  
Building, parks,  
Dayton Cemetery  
and the cannon.**

**We appreciate  
your patriotism  
and continued  
support of our  
community over  
the years.**

## 2015 Summer Events

College Street Pavilion, Dayton

MAY 30TH	🎵	7PM	WHO SHOT JOHN
JUNE 6TH	🎬	8PM	BIG HERO 6
JUNE 13TH	🎵	7PM	KELLY MAY BROWN
JUNE 20TH	🎬	8PM	BEARS
JULY 4TH	❤️	1PM	PAVILION BLOCK PARTY
JULY 11TH	🎵	7PM	SHENANDOAH ALLEY
JULY 25TH	🎬	8PM	THE GRINCH
AUGUST 1ST	❤️	8AM	DAYTON MUDDLER
AUGUST 1ST	🎵	7PM	BRYAN ELIJAH SMITH
AUGUST 8TH	🎬	8PM	TANGLED
AUGUST 15TH	🎬	8PM	WE ARE MARSHALL
AUGUST 29TH	🎵	7PM	WILLIAM WALTER & CO

Discover Historic Dayton. Small Town. Hometown. Downtown.

College Street Pavilion is located at 360 College Street in Historic Dayton, Virginia. The summer event schedule is subject to change, so please visit our town Facebook page, call 540-879-2241 or visit our town website: [www.daytonva.us/community/events](http://www.daytonva.us/community/events), for the most up-to-date information. Since parking at the pavilion is limited, we encourage residents to walk or pedal to the pavilion for events if they are able. While the summer events are hosted for Dayton residents, friends and family who live outside of Dayton are also welcome.

Music events are \$5/person; 12 and under are free. If you bring a \$5+ receipt from a purchase made at any Dayton merchant from the day of a live music event, your entrance fee is waived. One receipt per person, and one person per receipt. "Twenty-one and older" coolers are allowed at live music events and will require an ID check and wristband.

The Dayton Muddler is a unique 3.2 mile adventure course through the Town of Dayton, with proceeds benefiting the wounded warriors. Individual, Team and Youth races available. Early registration for Individuals is \$50 until July 1<sup>st</sup>, \$60 after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth registration is \$20 for ages 10-15. Pre-registration is required. Visit [www.daytonva.us/muddler](http://www.daytonva.us/muddler) for additional information.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Block Party is the perfect way to celebrate Independence Day. Enjoy a town potluck, kids water activities, a cornhole tournament, and sunshine at the pavilion. The Town will provide hotdogs and hamburgers at 1:30 p.m., and everyone in the town is encouraged to bring a side dish to share. "Twenty-one and older" coolers are allowed. It's going to be a great day in "Small Town USA."

Movies are free of charge and are displayed on a 16'x9' blow-up movie screen. Ideally, we'd like to start the movies earlier than 8 p.m., but it would be difficult to see the movie on the screen because of the light if they started any earlier during the summer months. The Turner Ashby Football Team will be signing autographs prior to the August 15<sup>th</sup> "We Are Marshall" showing.

## Mayor's Message

It has come a point in time that our Town of Dayton is not only being recognized for its historical values and attractive buildings, but Dayton is now acknowledged for its exciting annual venues of concerts/movie nights in the park, the Dayton Mud-dler, Redbud Festival, charity run/walks and Dayton Days, to name a few. Our quaint and historical appeal of Dayton has now attracted many people throughout the adjoining states and surrounding communities.

With this move of positive notoriety and exposure of our town, we should ALL take pride in our community, strengthen our relationships, invest our time and attention to our exciting activities, walk/jog to improve your health, and most importantly, now is the time to spruce up your property with landscaping,

flowers, weekly mowing of your lawn, etc. Many people will be traveling throughout our town this summer, and we want them to know that Dayton is a special place, both with its appeal of the community, as well as the excitement with our annual activities.

Most towns and residents find themselves becoming complacent (self-satisfied) and overlook the importance of beautification and overall personal health and well-being. I want to change this mindset of thinking here in our town by encouraging and challenging each of you to do the following during this summer:

- ◆ *Clean up and beautify your residence (make it a family or community activity).*

- ◆ *Attention to roadside appearance.*

- ◆ *Walk and exercise through town to improve your overall health and well-being.*

- ◆ *Enjoy and experience the many events in our town.*

Dayton has the opportunity to be an example for other communities by improving our personal properties and health, all while identifying Dayton as the most "fit and attractive place to live or visit." Live life and enjoy!

***"Discover Historic Dayton: Small Town, Hometown, Downtown"***

May God continue to bless you and your family!

Mayor Charles T. Long  
Town of Dayton

## Dear Dayton Community

In the past couple years, Dayton has had a strong focus on community events and economic development initiatives for our downtown area. One of the most exciting parts about the events we've hosted and businesses we've promoted is—IT'S WORKING! We hope you would agree that Dayton is a happening little town! We have seen our community come together through events like the Twelve Days of Dayton, the Redbud Festival, summer movies and concerts at College Street Pavilion, and the Dayton Muddler (just to name a few). The turnout and excitement these events have generated has been amazing. The merchants we have in our town attract shoppers from all over. In the next couple weeks, you'll be seeing banners with our new town motto, *"Discover Historic Dayton: Small Town, Hometown, Downtown,"* going up on Main Street and College Street. We have something really great happening in Dayton right now, and a lot to be proud of.

What's even more exciting than what we're already doing, is how much more that can be

**done! We are looking for Dayton residents who want to become involved in helping Dayton become recognized as one of the best small towns in America. This cannot happen without your help.**

If you are interested in heading up projects, such as turning the vacant Courtyard area on Bowman Road into something beneficial to our community—we need you! If you have marketing skills that could help promote our town and all that we have to offer—we need you! If you would like to see more events for specific age groups—we need you! If you can stuff envelopes—we need you! If you want to invest in your community—WE CAN USE YOU! We have big ideas for our little town, but we need your help to make them a reality.

**If you want to learn more about how to become involved or how your knowledge and expertise can be used in our community, please join us on June 16<sup>th</sup>, anytime between 5:30—7:00 p.m., at Silver Lake Mill. If you aren't able to attend, feel free to email me at [snewman@daytonva.us](mailto:snewman@daytonva.us) for more information.**

We look forward to making Dayton an even better place to live and visit together!

Sincerely,

Shelley Newman  
Dayton Town Council  
Economic Development  
Committee, Chair

**Dayton  
Redbud Festival  
2015 Winners**

**"Best Food Vendor"**

**Through the Fire Catering**  
Specializing in grilled & smoked  
foods (Stuarts Draft, VA)

**"Most Attractive Vendor"**

**Designs by Melanie**  
Hand wire-wrapped sterling silver  
jewelry (Singers Glen, VA)



## Chief's Corner

Hello Dayton! I imagine that you occasionally tire of my messages concerning law enforcement, so I've a treat for you. I've decided to turn this installment of the Chief's Corner over to a town resident so that she might voice a shared concern over speeding/reckless driving in our beautiful community.

Enjoy!  
Chief Hanlon

Forgive any errors in sentence structure, spelling, etc., as I'm typing out this note to our community with my two year old in my lap! First of all, I am thankful for the opportunity to write to you from the Chief's Corner. I came to the last town council meeting flustered and a little intimidated to voice my concerns over speeding on Thompson Street. I left the meeting encouraged by sympathetic responses and the opportunity to write in the town newsletter.

We are new to Dayton and moved into a house on Thompson Street in the summer of 2012. We soon discovered I was pregnant with twins, and our home has grown to shelter five children, one dog, and three chickens. We love Dayton.

Over the past three years, we

have noticed a lot of speeding down Thompson Street. In one car accident, one of the vehicles ended up in our yard, and another occurred between a bike and a car in our front yard. The cyclist was injured with bone protruding from his wrist. Just last week, one of our neighbor's grandchild was almost hit by a car as the young child started to run after a ball.

Traffic is heaviest on all our streets in the mornings and evenings as residents go to and from work. Folks are somewhat distracted, maybe calling their spouse on the way home, or anticipating projects and challenges at work. I know the neighborhood children are not always on my mind as I drive through our streets, but I want to present some statistics to you.

♦ *For both stopping distances and the severity of crashes, speed matters. Travelling at 40 mph, the average driver who sights a pedestrian in the road 100 feet ahead will still be travelling 38 mph on impact; while driving at 25 mph, the driver will have stopped before the pedestrian is struck.*

♦ *Odds of pedestrian death at 20 mph are 5%.*

♦ *Odds of pedestrian death at 30*

*mph are 45%.*

♦ *Odds of pedestrian death at 40 mph are 85%.*

Although there is rarely egregious speeding on Thompson or Mill streets (some of the most heavily traveled residential roads in Dayton), the speed limit is 25 mph. If drivers regularly exceed this by a mere 5 mph, the odds of a child who is hit while riding his bike, or chasing her ball in the road increase to 45%. Some sources would place these odds much higher than 45%, based on the fact children are less likely to survive this kind of trauma, as compared to adults.

Here is my point—keep a close eye on your speedometer. Even small increases in speed put pedestrians and children playing in their yards at risk. And parents, let's do our best to protect our children by keeping them a safe distance from the road, enforcing the use of bike helmets, and avoiding heavily trafficked roads like Thompson and Mill streets for biking, skateboarding and family walks. Let's all work together to ensure a safer community for our children.

**Remember, school's out, so please drive safely and be watchful of children playing this summer!**

## Manager's Desk



*Pictured above with the "Little Free Library" is Macy Randolph, granddaughter of Peggy Lineweaver.*

## Little Free Library

Do you enjoy reading but hate to keep buying books that just end up on a bookshelf collecting dust after they're read (not to mention the cost)? With your busy schedule, is it difficult to find time to visit the library? Well, here's an option for you—a "Little Free Library" right in our own neighborhood. If you haven't noticed the "Little Free Library" on High Street, be sure to check it out. It's a very creative idea for a "self-serve" book exchange.

Peggy Lineweaver, of 285 High Street, received this unique gift for Christmas from her daughter and son-in-law, Callie and Adam Randolph, from Mill Street in Dayton. They built the little library from a recycled window and included the footprints of three grandchildren. The little library

was installed in late December and is gaining popularity. Ms. Lineweaver says it's a joy to see people using the little library, and it has given her an opportunity to meet lots of people from the community. She invites you to "walk on up, take a book, leave a book," and enjoy!

Little free libraries are becoming a hit in communities around the world. What a great idea for a community project for families or civic groups, and such an innovative way to inspire literacy and encourage everyone to read, especially children over summer break.

If you're interested in starting a "Little Free Library," be sure to visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) for lots of information on how to start one, plans and tips for building one or to purchase a model, and you can even register your little library on their website.

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## Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website for updates and changes)

### Meetings

#### Town Council

##### Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Mon., July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

##### Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., July 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

### Holiday Closings

#### Municipal Offices Closed

##### Independence Day

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

### Events Calendar

- **Summer Events at College Street Pavilion**

Visit the Town's website/Facebook for up-to-date information on events.

- **Dayton Muddler**

Sat., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> (8:00 a.m.), College Street Pavilion

- **Dayton Autumn Celebration**

Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

### Holiday Refuse Collection

#### Week of July 4<sup>th</sup> (no change)

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., July 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Recycling:** Wed., July 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Trash:** Fri., July 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Week of Labor Day (change in trash day)

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Recycling:** Wed., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Trash:** Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>



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