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Introducing Dayton's New Town Manager



Dear Citizens of Dayton,

I would like to first thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community. The first time I came to the Shenandoah Valley was in 1987 when I started my student career at Bridgewater College. Since those days, I was privileged to be able to work for the Town of Bridgewater from 1997 to 2002. I have maintained relationships with many of my friends in the area and even bought a cabin in nearby Deerfield in November of 2015. In April of this year, the Dayton Town Council asked me to be the Town Manager.

I look to the future with optimism and hope for great things. As we balance the way of life so dear to many in the Town with the challenges of growing a bit to maintain economic viability, I think we have a unique setting that will help us attract the very best of businesses that will enhance and fit well in the community. We have challenges to overcome, but none so great that as a community we have to worry. We have good neighbors that are eager to work with us to achieve mutual goals. I look forward to partnering with them to bring success for us all.

Finally, we are all truly blessed to be able to live in such a caring and flourishing community. I see great things on our horizon. I am honored and humbled that I am able to be a part of such a magnificent place and be allowed to help shape its future.

Sincere regards,

Bobby Popowicz
Town Manager

Mayor's Message

I want to personally thank everyone in the Town of Dayton for your most recent concerns and thoughtfulness expressed to myself and our "Family" during the sudden loss of my Mother on Tuesday evening, May 24th of this year. An incurable rare form of lymphoma (cancer of the lymph nodes) may have taken her life suddenly, but her love of children and for the Town of Dayton will live on forever. It was her Mother (my Grandmother Margie Rubush) who had our original roots and ties to the Town of Dayton through the Shenandoah College—Dayton Conservatory School of Music. It was through this connection that my Mom invested her time and attention to most all of our Town's annual activities—from "Dayton Days" to "Redbud Festivals," then to our

"Dayton Muddler" obstacle course through Dayton, where she had not missed any until this year being our fifth annual event, benefiting our wounded veterans. So again, "thank you" as my "Dayton Family" for your prayers and concerns during this difficult time in our lives.

Now, as we move ahead and look forward to great times with family and friends—"SUMMER" is here!! So, let us enjoy these special times as we gather for backyard picnics, great food, games, concerts at the College Street Pavilion, and then our annual "Dayton Muddler" coming on Saturday, August 6th (www.daytonva.us/muddler).

These times should not be taken for granted, so embrace these moments, love thy neighbors, and continue to make the Town of Dayton a "special place" for everyone who

visits.

As you have noticed, many changes are continuing to take place for the good throughout our Town (e.g. new sidewalk on Bowman Road, new residents moving in, new well at Silver Lake, and construction projects taking shape). See these "positive" opportunities as a way to reflect that your Council and Planning Commission members are looking out for the betterment of our community now and in the future. There is no old town or new town, we are the community of faith and family of the Town of Dayton!!!

May God Bless You & Your Family!

Charles T. Long
Mayor

Dayton Greenway Update



The image above is taken from the Community Design Assistance Center's Silver Lake Trail design that would connect Cooks Creek Park to Silver Lake.

The Dayton Greenway Conceptual Master Plan is being prepared by the Design Assistance Center of Virginia Tech, and is scheduled for completion this month. The final designs to be included in the plan,

which show various phases of the greenway, potential trail locations, etc., are available on the Town's website at www.daytonva.us and at the Dayton Municipal Building for public review.

The Conceptual Master Plan will provide the Town with a vision as well as the documents needed to apply for grants to assist in funding this project. The proposed trail locations are subject to change and are dependent upon consensual agreements of property owners.

The Town of Dayton would like to thank the committee members, local residents and businesses, and other interested participants, for all their time and invaluable input in the design of this plan. Thanks also to the Community Design Assistance Center team for their exceptional work and professionalism in developing the Conceptual Master Plan. This plan was partially funded by a matching grant sponsored by the Virginia Department of Forestry Urban and Community Forestry and the U. S. Forestry Service.



Doggie Waste Bags

In an effort to help keep our neighborhoods free of dog waste, the Town is providing dog waste bags contained in plastic bone-shaped dispensers that are refillable and can be clipped on a leash. The Town also provides dog stations at our parks for convenient disposal of dog waste.

The dog waste dispensers are free to town residents while supplies last and may be picked up at the Dayton Municipal Building (one per household please). Vehicle litter bags are also available.

These items were made available by the Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program. Dayton participates with Rockingham County in a cooperative program that combines annual grant funds to localities for litter prevention and recycling programs.

Chief's Corner

To my law abiding citizens, it would give me great pleasure to never again hear, "I'd no idea this sort of thing happens in Dayton..." Just know that "it" does, and with unpredictable frequency. There isn't a magic wall of impenetrability that encompasses our town's border from outside influence, and I think it is good when the veil obscuring our local criminal element is briefly lifted so that it might be viewed by the unsuspecting. I cannot help but grin as I'm forever amused by how blind we are to what we don't wish to see.

Don't push the panic button. Dayton is a *beautiful* place to raise a family, and I cannot think of a more fair statement to make of a community than that, and it can be even more so if you will more openly communicate with me.

I'm sure you know that our police force is small; made smaller over the past year and a half, training budgets slashed, etc., and we cannot remain effective without your involvement. I need your eyes, your ears, and your information. Please call 911 when you see a criminal activity, or when you need to speak to an officer concerning suspicion of criminal activity. The 911 center will dispatch us or relay to us the need to call you. Our office number should only be used to set appointments, or for non-

criminal conversation.

To those of you who are acting outside of the law, what you *don't* know is what I *do* know about you. My PD doesn't tout our successes. I keep most of it out of the paper on purpose. Those sitting in jail know of our abilities. You might be, "too good to get caught," as I've heard in the past, and maybe so, but those you associate with aren't. They will make a mistake.

For those of you stuck in the cycle of selling drugs or being addicted to them, here's an oversimplified example of how it ends for you:

1. *It started out innocently, believing you will maintain control of the drug because you are different than everyone else on the face of the planet. What's a little help with the stress of life? You trust whoever is introducing it to you and you try it.*
2. *You like the escapism, and you felt great when high. You realize you've not felt great for a long time. What's wrong with feeling great? You do it more.*
3. *You become reliant on the high. You can't stop because NOTHING else is as important as getting another fix—NOTHING. Not your kids, not your job, nothing else matters.*
4. *Relationships and employment become impossible to maintain. You lie, you steal, and you do anything necessary to get high.*
5. *Your world becomes one of paranoia, but you still aren't making mistakes that will get you caught.*
6. *But ... your buddy gets pulled over because a taillight is out and the officer notices an illegal item within the vehicle.*
7. *During the subsequent arrest, your buddy decides that he/she has information that they are willing to give if it can help their legal situation.*
8. *If we aren't already aware of you, your "buddy" reveals you and is willing to make a buy from you because he likes you and all, but he likes jail less.*
9. *We begin an investigation that leads to your arrest.*
10. *Your world remains full of paranoia. You have to decide if you want to tell us where your drugs come from ... and you're still likely to go to jail ... just maybe for not as long, if you help us by making buys. Your choice.*
11. *Either way, you get clean, rearrested or die.*

Rather than experience the above scenario, I'd rather you come visit me at my office and say, "You know what, I'm tired of living this way. I'm tired of the fear, tired of the addiction, tired of the abuse, tired of it all. Help me help myself." Something that bold would gain you a supportive relationship with my police department, rather than a life of constantly looking over your shoulder, wondering if your luck is running out.

Chief Hanlon

P.S.

This "Chief's Corner" was written prior to a recent incident on Mason Street in which a thirty-something year old male overdosed on heroin. A Good Samaritan stopped to render aid, and an alert business owner called 911. Dayton Officer Devin Clark responded and initiated CPR, and alongside County Fire/Rescue successfully resuscitated the victim. The subsequent DUID investigation revealed that the victim had also overdosed, died, and had been resuscitated in February of this year in another jurisdiction. Addiction is a beast—so monstrous that even the likelihood of death doesn't matter. Please, please, please, GET HELP!

History Day in Dayton!

- ◆ **Saturday, June 18th:** The Dayton Historic Triangle members welcome you with special events at The Heritage Museum, Silver Lake Mill, and Fort Harrison (Daniel Harrison House).

- ◆ **Historic Triangle Plein Air Progressive Paint Out:**
Capture the historic sites and natural beauty of Dayton!
Refreshments provided for artists.

June 25th, 11 am: Silver Lake Mill

July 30th, 11 am: Fort Harrison (Daniel Harrison House)

- ◆ **Historic Triangle Scavenger Hunt:**
Visit the Cromer-Trumbo House at The Heritage Museum, Silver Lake Mill and Fort Harrison in search of "Dayton 1816" clues on the last Saturday of each month in June, July and August, 1-4 p.m. Tokens awarded for completed cards.

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Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.daytonva.us

Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website for updates and changes)

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., June 13th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., July 11th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 8th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., June 16st, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., July 21th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 18th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Independence Day

Mon., July 4th

Labor Day

Mon., Sept. 5th

Events Calendar

- **Summer Events at College Street Pavilion** - Visit the Town's website or Facebook for up-to-date information on events.
- **Dayton Muddler**
Sat., Aug. 6th (www.daytonva.us/muddler)
- **"Dayton Days" Autumn Celebration**
Sat., Oct. 1st

Holiday Refuse Collection

Independence Day

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., July 6th
- **Recycling:** Wed., July 6th
- **Trash:** Fri., July 8th

Labor Day

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., Sept. 7th
- **Recycling:** Wed., Sept. 7th
- **Trash:** Fri., Sept. 9th

Bulk/Heavy Waste

First Tues. of each month (no change)

***Note:** Trash collections may be delayed during weeks with holidays until the following day. If all collections were not completed on Friday, they will resume on Saturday. Check the website or call the Town Office for updates.*



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2016 Summer Events

College Street Pavilion, Dayton

MAY 28TH	🎵	7PM	WHO SHOT JOHN
JUNE 4TH	🎬	8PM	THE LEGO MOVIE
JUNE 11TH	🎬	8PM	INSIDE OUT
JUNE 18TH	🎵	7PM	KELLY MAY BROWN
JULY 2ND	❤️	1PM	PAVILION BLOCK PARTY
JULY 9TH	🎬	8PM	TRUE GRIT (1969)
JULY 23RD	🎵	7PM	MIKE DAVIS
JULY 30TH	🎬	8PM	FROZEN
AUGUST 6TH	❤️	8AM	DAYTON MUDDLER
AUGUST 6TH	🎵	7PM	BRYAN ELIJAH SMITH
AUGUST 13TH	🎬	8PM	LITTLE GIANTS
AUGUST 27TH	🎵	7PM	WILLIAM WALTER & CO

Discover Historic Dayton. Small Town. Hometown. Downtown.

College Street Pavilion Summer Event Fine Print

📍 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, 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. "21 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 our nation's wounded warriors. Individual, Team and Youth races are available. Early registration for Individuals is \$50 until June 1st; \$60 after June 1st. Youth registration is \$20 for ages 10-15. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Visit www.daytonva.us/muddler for additional information.

❤️ The July 4th Block Party (on July 2nd) is the perfect way to celebrate Independence Day. Enjoy a town potluck, kids water activities, tie dye, and sunshine at the pavilion. The Town will provide hotdogs and hamburgers at 1:30pm, and everyone in the town is encouraged to bring a side dish to share. "21 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 8pm, 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 13th "Little Giants" showing.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

For Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County Residents

Upcoming Collection Dates:

June 18, 2016
August 20, 2016
October 15, 2016

Time:

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:

City of Harrisonburg Recycling Facility
2055 Beery Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



Accepted materials:

- Oil-based paint, solvents, spent fuel, motor oil, syringes and needles, pesticides, herbicides, lead acid and dry cell batteries, fluorescent lights, antifreeze, and cleaners. Materials must be in original containers. Collection will be limited to 5 units per household per event.
- Materials must be labeled and in their original containers.
- Protect yourself and visit the US Environmental Protection Agency's website for information on how to package and transport a mercury containing device to the collection site.
- No containers over five gallons in size.
- No latex paint
- No chlorinated solvents (methylene chloride)
- No regular recyclables. Please place them out for regular weekly collection.

For questions or more information, please call City of Harrisonburg Recycling Facility at 540-434-5928 or Rockingham County's Recycling Coordinator at 540-564-3008.

What is household hazardous waste?

Household hazardous wastes are defined as leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients. Products such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.