



Summer 2022

Dayton Discovery

Official Newsletter of the Town of Dayton, VA

Mayor's Message

Cary Jackson

Summer is here and with that a chance for families to spend more time with each other enjoying time around the home, vacationing and reunions. It's been great seeing so many families enjoy the Town parks and coming out to the Summer Concert Series at Dove Park. We hope to see even more of you at the rest of the concerts this summer. See the event schedule on page 2 for the remaining concerts.

A lot has been going on around Town lately! Between major business milestones, sign dedications, local events, grant awards, and graduations it seemed like there was something to celebrate every weekend.

The Town saw a huge crowd for the 12th annual Redbud Festival on April 23, perhaps the biggest ever. Silver Lake Mill continued their bicentennial celebrations with Old Fashioned Milling Day on May 21. Fort Harrison welcomed guests to a Colonial Trades Fair on June 18 with live demonstrations of colonial era trades.

We had businesses who celebrated major milestones recently. The Dayton Market and Mole Hill Bikes both celebrated their 35th anniversaries.

Speaking of celebrations, I'd like to recognize the businesses that received Facade Enhancement Grants in the past year. The Dayton Town Council allocates funds to the Dayton Economic Development Authority who is responsible for dispersing the funds to approved Façade Grant applicants. This past fiscal year, the Authority approved grants for Silver Lake Mill, Mole Hill Bikes and Rocktown History. Each business had a great project in mind! We encourage businesses to apply for the grant

which will reimburse up to 50% of project costs, not to exceed \$2,500. (Final amount awarded is at the discretion of the EDA.)

The Virginia Historical Highway Marker Program documents facts, persons, events, and places prominently identified with the history of the nation, state, or region. Dayton had two markers placed recently, including recognition of Dayton as the birthplace of Shenandoah University with a marker placed at the Dayton Market, and the recognition of Silver Lake Historic District with a marker placed at Silver Lake.

Congratulations to the many students who have graduated high school and college. I am excited for you and the many adventures that are in your future. Always believe in yourself and push yourself toward greatness. Never let someone tell you that you can't succeed. Remember to be kind to others, enjoy time with your friends, take time to travel and don't be afraid to try new things.

We recognize that the economy has hit many people hard. As you plan your summer activities, remember that Dayton has much to offer. Spend a day shopping at our local shops, eat at our local restaurants, go treat yourself at a local salon, or buy a bike here in Town and set out on the greenway and roads nearby.

We look forward to seeing you around Town at our local businesses and restaurants and at Town events.



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Upcoming Town Events



JULY
16

Dayton Summer Concert Series: Thieves of Burden
7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

JULY
30

Dayton Summer Concert Series: Fashionably Late
7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

AUG
02

National Night Out, hosted by the Dayton Police Department; 6 pm - 8 pm, Sunset Park

AUG
06

The Muddler
7:45 am, Dove Park

AUG
27

Dayton Summer Concert Series: Josh Davidson
7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

SEPT
10

Dayton Summer Concert Series: Kelly May Brown & Crystal Armentrout; 7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

OCT
01

Dayton Days Autumn Celebration
8:30 am - 4 pm, Downtown Dayton

Dayton's "Historic Triangle" hosting Free Friday events with the Massanutton Regional Library

Friday, July 15, 2022 - visit www.mrlib.org for times & locations

Fort Harrison, Rocktown History, and Silver Lake Mill, known locally as our "Historic Triangle", are teaming up to host a Free Friday event for kids! Each location has an activity planned.

Kids who signed up for MRL's Summer Reading Program (there's still time to sign up btw!) can attend Free Friday, being hosted by Dayton's "Historic Triangle."



Christmas in July



hosted by Dayton Merchants

Saturday, July 23, 10 am - 4 pm

Free DIY Snowman Kit!

First stop at Rustic Oracle for instructions, hat and bag.

Continue on to Nanny's Nook, Hopeful Things & Dressed Up Threads, Triangle Emporium, Fab Refurbs, and Braithwaite Studios for all of the pieces to complete your snowman!

Manager's Message *Angela Lawrence*

Summer Greetings!

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer. One of my favorite aspects of summer in Dayton is watching all the gardens grow. As I walk around town, I see vegetable gardens that range in size from a small, raised bed to gardens taking up almost a whole yard. I am so thankful that people share their bounty. There have been days that I come home to summer squash left at my back door or cucumbers delivered by my neighbor long before my small garden has begun to produce. And the flowers! I love to see all the different flowers throughout town.

As you may have noticed, we have been busy in Dayton. The Water Treatment Plant upgrade is in the construction phase. The new building will be going up soon. We still anticipate having the new plant running by spring of 2023. You will likely not see any changes to your water, but we will see changes in efficiency and reliability.

The railing along the greenway has been extended to the bridge to enhance safety. If you have not walked or biked the greenway lately, I encourage you to do so. Start at Cooks Creek Park and walk to the Mill.

Thanks to VDOT, Main Street was paved as was the area in front of Cargill. New crosswalks have gone in near Wilbur Pence Middle School and will be in soon near Cargill. Future improvements will continue to enhance safety. Other roads in town will be resurfaced this summer as well.

The new fire hydrant was installed across from Ft. Harrison. New sidewalks will be going in on College Street in August.

The police department hired a sixth officer, and purchased new tasers and body cameras for each officer. They also received new radios (grant funded) and a new vehicle (grant funded).

The public works and water and sewer departments purchased two new vehicles, a street sweeper, a pump house generator, three mowers, two new mower decks and a snow plow for one of the new vehicles.

Our new fiscal year began July 1. We are happy to report that we ended the last fiscal year in excellent financial shape.

Please reach out to Town staff if you have any questions or concerns.

With gratitude for this amazing community,

Angela A. Lawrence, Town Manager





The Town of Dayton Police Department
invites you to join us at

National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

6 pm - 8 pm

Sunset Park, 145 Sunset Drive

Together we are making communities safer! Join us for free food, games, giant obstacle course, and more while you get to know our local law enforcement officers!



Silver Lake Mill hosted Old Fashioned Milling Day on May 21. Pictured here are attendees watching fresh corn meal be made!



Fort Harrison hosted a Colonial Trades Fair on June 18. Pictured here are attendees viewing a live demonstration!

Planning Commission set to review updated Comprehensive Plan

The Dayton Planning Commission (P.C.) is in the process of updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which is required to be reviewed every five years by State Law. This plan is used to help guide future policy and decision making in the Town. A draft plan will be presented at the P.C. meeting on **August 18th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Dayton Town Hall. As always, the Town welcomes and encourages public input and comment at this meeting.

Town Receives Downtown Business District Revitalization Planning Grant Funds

The Town of Dayton received a Community Development Block Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a downtown revitalization plan that will guide the Town's efforts to reenergize Downtown Dayton. Through this process, the Town will create a collaborative vision for transforming Downtown Dayton into a year-round destination through streetscaping, local business, and pedestrian-oriented development.

To kick off the planning process, the Town will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall** that will introduce the project and gather community input to guide the vision for Downtown. We are encouraging all businesses to come and be represented! Areas of focus will include the gateways into Town and along Route 42. Throughout the summer, a Project Management Team will be formed and a physical inventory of buildings and open spaces in Downtown Dayton will be completed to establish a foundation for the full planning process that will be started in the fall. The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission is providing grant writing services and grant administration support.

Pictured here
are visitors
enjoying
Downtown at
the annual
Redbud
Festival.



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Monthly Street Sweeping will begin July 12

The Town of Dayton has purchased a street sweeper and will begin sweeping all streets on a regular basis.

Street sweeping will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning July 12. Residents are asked to move their vehicles out of the street on these days so that the sweeper can get to the curb or edge of the road.

Did you know....street sweeping provides many benefits including: preventing debris, litter and chemicals from entering the storm drains and ultimately discharging into local streams, wetlands and rivers; beautifying the community; keeping storm drains clear to allow for proper stormwater drainage; and reducing the need for road maintenance.



Town Meetings

Regular Town Council Meeting
July 11 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
July 21 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting
August 8 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
August 18 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting
September 12 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
September 15 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting
October 11 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
October 20 @ 6:00 pm

Live streaming now available for council meetings at www.daytonva.us.

Holiday Closings

Labor Day: September 5

Refuse collection delayed one day.

Columbus Day & Yorktown

Victory Day: October 10

Refuse collection as usual.

Town Council meeting moved to Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Refuse Collection Schedule

NOTE: When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection may be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the Town website & Facebook.

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.**

Volunteers needed for Town events!

The Town is looking for volunteers to help out at The Muddler and other Town events! If you would like to be added to our volunteer list, please email events@daytonva.us.



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