



Summer 2023

Dayton Discovery

Official Newsletter of the Town of Dayton, VA

Mayor's Message

Cary Jackson

I hope everyone is enjoying the start to the summer season. Summer provides families time to reconnect and enjoy more time with each other. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to show your family members how important they are to you.

This time of year also gives the Town an opportunity to look back at the accomplishments which were made in the fiscal year which ended June 30th. The new water treatment plant went online in February and will provide clean water to residents for many years to come. The Town continues to repair and maintain over 15 miles of sewer lines as well as water lines. The Town continues to update the fleet of vehicles including police and public works vehicles. The Wayfinding Sign project has been approved and installation will begin this fall. The project includes new welcome signs on Rt. 42 as well as signs directing travelers to significant points of interest, as well as our business and historic district.

Virginia State Code requires all jurisdictions to update their Comprehensive Plan every five years. This plan provides a path for the Town Staff, Council and its citizens. The plan focuses on the town makeup and administration, employment & commerce, transportation, public services, land use, and how those elements affect each other and the future of the Town. Each section of the plan is an

overview of how the Town intends to address concerns, manage growth and be conscious of revering the things that have made Dayton an outstanding place to live. I would like to thank the Planning Commission, Council and staff for all of their work in updating the plan.

The Dayton Town Council allocates funds to the Dayton Economic Development Authority who is responsible for dispersing the funds to approved Façade Grant applicants. We encourage businesses to apply for the grant which will be no less than \$500 and no greater than \$2500.

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 look forward to seeing you at our local businesses and restaurants and our upcoming community events including the Summer Concert Series, Dayton Police Department's National Night Out, and Dayton Days (see the event schedule on page 2 for dates and locations).



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Upcoming Town Events



JULY 15 Dayton Summer Concert Series: Kelly May Brown & Crystal Armentrout
7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

AUG 01 National Night Out, hosted by the Dayton Police Department; 6 pm - 8 pm, Sunset Park

AUG 19 Dayton Summer Concert Series: The Roadducks
7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

SEPT 16 Dayton Summer Concert Series: Big City Band;
7 pm - 9 pm, Dove Park

OCT 07 Dayton Days Autumn Celebration
8:30 am - 4 pm, Downtown Dayton

Town Event Survey

We have put together a survey to gauge interest for future events in Town. Please take a few moments to complete the survey - there are 8 questions total. There is space on the survey to write in new ideas, and we'd love to hear some! Scan the QR code to take the survey.



Authority & Board Vacancies

Looking to get involved in local government and have a voice in your community?

We have vacancies on the Economic Development Authority and the Board of Zoning Appeals! We are looking for diverse candidates that have an interest in the future development of Dayton.

The Dayton Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) shall be responsible for conducting public hearings of 1) appeals of administrative decisions made by the Zoning Administrator, 2) applications for variances which are regulated by the Zoning Ordinance, and 3) the establishing of setbacks for non-conforming buildable lots of record within the Town. Members of the BZA are recommended by the Dayton Town Council and appointed by the Circuit Court of Rockingham County.

The primary purpose of the Dayton Economic Development Authority (EDA) is to administer the Town's Façade Enhancement Grant. The EDA meets quarterly to review and act on these applications unless there are no applications that quarter. Members of the EDA are appointed by the Town Council.

The deadline to apply for both vacancies has been extended to August 10, 2023. To be eligible for consideration, a letter of interest and resume is required to be submitted to Meggie Roche, Economic & Community Development Coordinator at mroche@daytonva.us or dropped off at Town Hall.

Town Staff Transitions & Additions

There have been several exciting developments at Town Hall in terms of staff!

Earl Mathers is now the Interim Town Manager & Clerk to Council.

Christa Hall, formerly the Community Development Coordinator & Clerk to Council, is now the Treasurer.

Meggie Roche, formerly the Economic Development Coordinator, is now the Community & Economic Development Coordinator.

New employee **Mae Lawrence** will start in July as a Facilities Technician. This is a brand new position for the Town, and she will be primarily focusing on the upkeep of Town facilities & landscaping in addition to event support.

New employee **Christine Wade** will start in July as a full-time Administrative Assistant & Deputy Clerk to Council.

New police officer **Jeremy Hevener** will start in July.

Manager's Message *Earl Mathers*

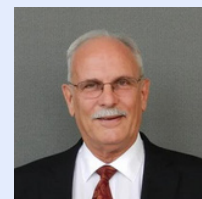
Dayton, Virginia – Abundant Charm in a Small Package

Over the course of my life, I have been privileged to visit many different places around the world. Based on my observations of hundreds of communities, I can state with conviction that Dayton, Virginia is a very special place. Despite its small size it has tremendous charm, historical significance and a unique personality that most folks find very appealing. From the Dayton Market to the charming downtown area and out to Silver Lake, Dayton exudes a kind of warmth that isn't found in many places these days.

Like everywhere in our contemporary world, Dayton is not immune from society's problems, but they do seem to be a less negative influence than in most places. Residents are justifiably proud of their community and when I mention to friends from around the region that I am working in Dayton, they invariably make favorable comments about the town. Due to several well-known events and the attractiveness of the community in general, lots of people from around the Valley and beyond visit Dayton.

Dayton is also blessed with a relatively stable Town Government despite a couple of high-profile departures in the last year. Exceptional financial stability and an extremely dedicated staff ensure that service quality will remain strong. It is an honor for me to serve as Interim Town Manager for a few months as we go through the process of recruiting a permanent replacement. I am confident that we will find the outstanding candidate Dayton deserves to serve as its next Town Manager. That person will find a welcoming community, competent staff and a supportive Town Council. These are the key ingredients for long-term professional success and will provide the impetus for creating a lasting legacy.

Earl Mathers
Interim Town Manager





Chief's Corner



D.A.R.T. LOG

DAYTON ANIMAL RECOVERY TRACKING LOG

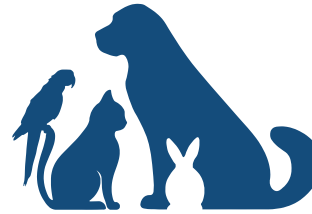
The Town of Dayton Police Department is putting together a directory of all pets & their owners, in order to reunite lost pets with their owners faster!



HOW TO SIGN UP

Send an email to Officer Dean Roadcap, droadcap@daytonva.us, with the following information:

- ✓ Owner name, address, and phone number
- ✓ Name and breed of pet
- ✓ Picture and/or detailed description of pet
- ✓ Microchip information
- ✓ Any information related to a history of aggression or other behavioral concerns



Upcoming Police Department Events

AUG 01 National Night Out
6 pm - 8 pm, Sunset Park

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

AUG 07 Chief's Town Hall
6 pm, Town Hall Council Chambers

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 2022 annual report.

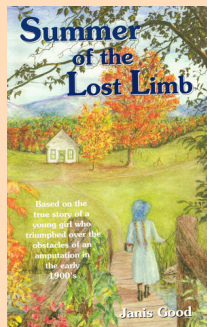
Library Free Friday at Fort Harrison!

July 21st from 10 am until 1 pm is Library Free Friday at Fort Harrison!

Catherine Campbell will be on-site to talk with our visitors. Catherine, a.k.a. Janis Good, is the author of "Summer of the Lost Limb", the heartfelt true story of Mary Rohrer. Mary was only five years old when she lost her leg in a farming accident on her family's farm in Rushville. With the help of her family, neighbors and local doctors, Mary survived her injury and went on to live a long and meaningful life here in Dayton's Mennonite community.

Catherine will do short talks with the children at 10am, 11am and 12 Noon. Visitors are also welcome to visit Fort Harrison's Mary Rohrer collection.

Each child participating will receive a booklet for our new Passport to History program and a sticker to remind them of their lesson about Mary.



Town Talk



The latest updates on Town projects you want to know about!

Wayfinding Signage

The Town awarded the fabrication and installation of new wayfinding signage to Rite Lite at the May council meeting. The project is expected to be complete this Fall.

New Playground Equipment

A new playground set will replace one of the aging sets at Sunset Park. (Don't worry - it will still be purple!) The new set is expected to be up by early fall.

New Water Fountains

New water fountains with bottle filling stations will be installed at Dove Park, Sunset Park, and Cook's Creek Park by August.

Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant

The Town received approval to proceed with the next phase of the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant. Staff has been working with DHCD to finalize the grant contract. Public input will be a very important component to the next phase, so stay tuned for announcements!

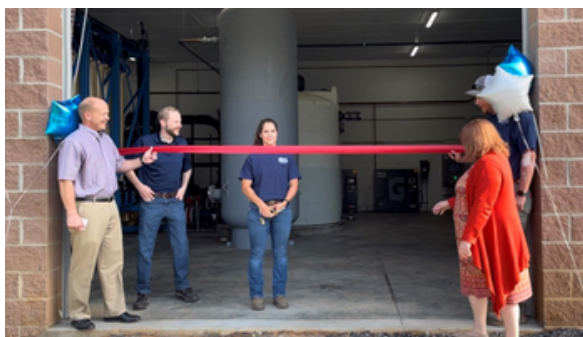
Sign up for Town alerts to be notified about water service interruptions, road closures, special events, meeting agendas, and more!

1. Go to www.daytonva.us
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"

Water Treatment Plant Ribbon Cutting

The Town held a Ribbon Cutting & Open House for the new Water Treatment Plant on Friday, May 12th.

The approximately \$3.5 million project will significantly increase the amount of water the Town can produce.



Just one of the new filtration systems can produce more than the three filtration systems combined that were in the old plant.



The upkeep of the new system will also be much easier and should significantly reduce the amount of water system problems the town has. Jennifer Reppe, Dayton's Lead Water Plant Operator, is pictured above.

Town Meetings

Economic Development Authority Meeting

July 10 @ 5:30 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

July 10 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

July 27 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

August 14 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

August 17 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

September 11 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

September 21 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Town Council Meeting

October 10 @ 6:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

October 19 @ 6:00 pm

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

Holiday Closings

Labor Day: September 4

Columbus Day & Yorktown

Victory Day: October 9

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.**

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.

Grass Cutting Reminder

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 according to Town Code. Please refrain from blowing grass onto the road & sidewalk.



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pertaining to Town matters, please call
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