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COMING SOON!



Steakhouse Seafood Restaurant Bar & Grill

245 Main Street
Phone: 540-908-0029

Dayton will have two new restaurants opening soon! Along with our very popular Thomas House Restaurant & Home Bakery—with their delicious home cooked meals, we are excited that downtown Dayton will offer a great variety of dining enjoyment, and attract many visitors to our town.

Dayton Tavern proprietor Dianne Roll anticipates the restaurant will open on January 17th. The historic building on Main Street, where the restaurant will be located, is owned by Lough Brothers Construction, who is also currently renovating the building. This building was built in the late 1890's by George P. Hott and was the original location of the Dayton Post Office. Much of the original building is being preserved, which will enhance the historic atmosphere and contribute to Dayton's motto: *Discover Historic Dayton—Small Town, Hometown, Downtown*. Diane Roll, is also the owner of Mama's Caboose, which moved to downtown Dayton in March, 2015. Dayton Tavern will specialize in steaks and seafood, and will also be the new home of Mama's Caboose, which will continue to provide a "high-end" custom catering service. Their food truck will also continue to travel to local festivals and other events. With the great reputation of Mama's Caboose, Dayton Tavern is sure to offer a fine dining experience. Visit their website at daytontavern.com.

Restaurant Hours: Weekdays 11 am—8 pm
Weekends 11 am—10 pm
Sunday Brunch 9 am—2 pm

Twelve Days of Dayton

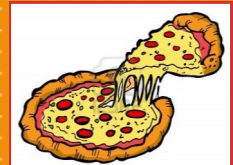
There are lots of events happening in Dayton for the holiday season during the Twelve Days of Dayton.

You don't have to go far for your Christmas shopping needs. Visit our local Dayton merchants for a wide array of gift options.

Invitations were mailed out to Dayton residents listing the various holiday events from our local merchants & organizations. If you did not receive one, stop by or call the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241 for a copy or visit Dayton's website at www.daytonva.us

Michael's Pizza Place

Phone: 540-879-2223



Michael's Pizza Place, located at 270 Dingleline Lane (behind the Dayton Post Office), will be opening soon. In addition to pizza, their menu will include cheese steak and other subs, pasta, boneless wings, fries and more. Be sure to stop by for lunch or dinner and give them a try. If you don't feel like going out—no worries, they will be glad to deliver to your door! We are delighted to welcome them to our town.

Mayor's Message

It is that time of year again when we should ALL be ever so "thankful" for the many blessings we have been given, and thankful to live in such a great community within Rockingham County.

Yes, it is the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons that bring joy to our hearts as family and friends come to visit, eat delicious meals, share items and baked goods with those in need and/or thought of during these special times, and also a tough period for those here in Dayton who have lost a loved one and reflect on their relationship, special moments and holidays from years past.

I challenge each of you, here in this special place we all call "Home in Dayton," to not only be thankful for those blessings and relationships we have, but to reach out to others during the holidays of

Thanksgiving and Christmas, and provide a spontaneous visit to those on our "Operation Care" list, and/or participate in the "Giving Tree," which is located at our own Braithwaite Studios here in Dayton. If questions, please feel free to contact our Police Department at 879-2161.

With this being said, as a reminder to all to be considerate of others, and willing to step out of your comfort zone and help anyone here in need (including your neighbors). This community has the potential of being the most tight-knit, most active, most giving, most attractive, and cleanest community within Rockingham County, but we must ALL do our part in order to be recognized for this. It starts with you, your property, our subdivision and gateway entrance signage, and our entire Community

of Faith-Family-Friends!

We can all be an asset to this great community, even greater than what we currently are today. So, let us enjoy this season of giving with Thanksgiving and Christmas, and make it a special and memorable time here in the great Town of Dayton! Also, please make sure to participate in our annual Twelve Days of Dayton (open-houses and specials), where our unique shops here in Dayton always have something in store for you.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and friends!

Happy Holidays!

Charles T. Long
Mayor

Manager's Desk

As we enter the Holiday Season, I want to encourage everyone to take a look around a bit. There will be all sorts of events, parties and of course our own Dayton Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. I like to think of the holidays as time of renewal and fellowship with my family and friends. People just seem to be a bit nicer during the holidays. The night air is crisp and cool. The smell of wood stoves fill the air, and with the leaves off the trees, the stars are particularly bright this time of year. Of course the children are beginning to get excited about Santa and presents under the tree, much to the delight of parents and family. I especially like the many lights that decorate the houses. I sometimes find a neighborhood and just walk around to see the creativity that went into the displays.

Sometimes we forget ourselves in the day to day activities, but this year, please take a moment to en-

joy the many blessing that surround us. Our Town is a treasure trove of experiences, sights and smells during this festive season. I encourage you to take it in this year and let the joy of the season become a part of your experiences and memories. Take a stroll through the streets of Dayton with a cup of hot chocolate and see the sights, your friends and neighbors and the joy that is Christmas and the holidays.

On behalf of the Town of Dayton Staff, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

Bobby Popowicz
Town Manager




Town of Dayton Trash Customers

- * Yard waste collection day is changing to Mondays, beginning November 28th, the Monday after Thanksgiving Day.
- * Deadline for curbside leaf vacuum service has been extended until December 15th. Leaves must be free of nuts, rocks, gravels, sticks, twigs, etc. After this date, leaves must be put in "paper" biodegradable bags and set out on yard waste collection day.

Chief's Corner

Do you ever consider the culprits behind the plague of illegal narcotic trafficking within our nation? When you do, I'm sure that you easily imagine images of the street corner drug dealer, the gang kingpin, the ruthless cartel boss, money hungry pharmaceuticals, overprescribing doctors, and a failing "War on Drugs," as the primary wrongdoers, yeah? Well, at the root it's more basic. It's supply and demand. If we ordinary Americans weren't using such enormously vast quantities, there would be no need for the supply—hence no dealers nor the horrific fallout of the trade.

Our American addict is the root of the problem and absolutely should bear the brunt of responsibility for this condition, but we can't shrug and move on *precisely because they are our countrymen and women*. We're in this together. If your life has never been touched by drugs, then perhaps you can't imagine a reason to care about drug addiction. What you probably, and the addict certainly doesn't consider, is that narcotic trafficking is directly linked to the butchery of terrorism. I quote the FBI in the following statement: *International and Domestic Terrorism Organizations and their supporters engage in a myriad of crimes to fund and facilitate terrorist activities. These crimes include extortion, kidnapping, robbery, corruption, alien smuggling, document fraud, arms trafficking, cyber crime, white collar crime, smuggling of contraband, money laundering and certainly drug trafficking.*

So, what more might be done? For starters, your Dayton Police Department has made several impactful arrests pertaining to the local drug trade—and we aren't done. We will always relentlessly pursue drug dealers, and other criminals, but I recognize that the act of repeatedly arresting an ad-

dict and calling that a solution is merely placing a finger in the proverbial leaking dike.

With that being stated, the face of Operation Care is changing. Operation Care will evolve by creating another branch of service to our community. On a purely voluntarily basis, those within Dayton who have come into contact with our police department due to crime, or any Dayton resident who comes forward for help, can receive the same caring attention from our police department and affiliated organizations that our participating senior citizens currently enjoy. No, no, no ... **addicts are not** going to participate **with** our senior citizens; the two branches of Operation Care will exist apart, but this department does not define the addict as reprobate—an outsider beyond deliverance. We aren't naïve either. We are well acquainted with the danger, and that the percentages are against us. We like challenges.

You can personally participate in Operation Care as a Dayton resident by asking to be placed on our Operation Care list because you want to use us as a deterrence to your struggle to beat the addiction. You can also help by encouraging someone who is addicted to come forward. You can be of enormous help by volunteering your time, talent, or treasure to the program. It beats the alternative of arrest after arrest, right?

Charles Dickens sums the evolution of Operation Care up perfectly, so I'll put his words on paper once more for your contemplation as the holidays approach. I'll also reveal to you that while on one hand I dwell on these powerful lines of literature, I'm also continually preparing my department for the conflicts to come.

"Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance,

benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

From "A Christmas Carol"

By Charles Dickens

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Chief Hanlon

To contact Chief Hanlon pertaining to Operation Care, please call 540-879-2161 or email ghanlon@daytonva.us.



The winter season is quickly approaching and we want to extend a friendly reminder regarding snow removal from public sidewalks for the safety of our pedestrians.

Dayton Town Code §2-64, states that all persons occupying, owning or having charge of any property within the town shall be required to remove the snow from the entire sidewalk in front of such property within six daylight hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or the Town may have the snow cleaned off at the expense of the owner or tenant. We appreciate your support in complying with this code.

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Office/Drive-Thru Hours:

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., Dec. 12th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 9th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 13th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., Dec. 15th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 19th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 16th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving

Nov. 24th & 25th

Christmas

Dec. 23rd & Dec. 26th

New Year's

Dec. 30th & Jan. 2nd

Events Calendar

- **The Twelve Days of Dayton**
Information was mailed out—extra copies are available at the Town Office or visit the Town's website for details.
- **Dayton Christmas Parade**
Sat., Dec. 3rd (4:30 p.m.—lineup at 3:30 p.m. at Dayton Municipal Bldg.)
- **Dayton Town Christmas Party**
Wed., Dec. 7th (6:30 p.m.) at the Dayton United Methodist Church Social Hall

Holiday Refuse Collection

Thanksgiving Week

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., Nov. 23rd
- **Recycling:** Wed., Nov. 23rd
- **Trash:** Sat., Nov. 26th

Christmas Week

- **Yard Waste:** Mon., Dec. 19th
- **Recycling:** Wed., Dec. 21st
- **Trash:** Fri., Dec. 23rd

New Year's Week

- **Yard Waste:** Tues., Jan. 3rd
- **Recycling:** Wed., Jan. 4th
- **Trash:** Fri., Jan. 6th

Bulk/Heavy Waste

First Tuesday of each month

Christmas Trees will be collected
as time and weather permit.



Go Green—Go Paperless! E-mail townofdayton@gmail.com to receive the Dayton Discovery electronically.

~ See Holiday Inserts Below ~

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 125-B EASTVIEW ST
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DAYTON CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 3rd

**Parade Begins at 4:30 p.m.
(Participant Line-up at 3:30 p.m.)**

The route for the Dayton Christmas Parade will be the same as last year, beginning at the intersection of Thompson and Eastview streets, travel east and turn left onto Main Street, then turn left going north on College Street, and end at the College Street Pavilion.

Parade participants may either enter the park for the Tree Lighting or continue on to Bowman Road to exit the parade. Due to limited parking at the College Street Pavilion, participants with floats or vehicles are encouraged to drop off their people at the park and continue on to alternate parking locations: The Heritage Museum, Wilbur Pence Middle School, Cooks Creek Park lot, or along High Street.

Line-up for participants will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Dayton Municipal Building. Staging for large entries (fire trucks, large vehicles, etc.) will be on South Main Street (between Mason and Thompson).

Parking will not be permitted on the following streets during the parade: Main Street (from Mason to Mill), College Street (entire street), and Thompson Street (from Main to Walnut), so please remove all vehicles from the street no later than 3:00 p.m. Alternate parking is available in the BB&T parking lot on the east side of Dingledine Lane (Dingledine Lane will remain open with two-way traffic flow while the streets are closed), or you may park along streets that are not closed.

The following streets will be closed on parade day 4:15 - approx. 6:00 p.m.

- Main St. (Mason St. to Mill St.)
- Huffman Dr. (Main St. to John Wayland Hwy.)
- College St. (Main St. to Bowman Rd.)
- Mill St. (Main St. to College St.)
- Thompson St. (Summit St. to Main St.)
- Sections of side streets intersecting with the above streets

The Town invites schools, churches, organizations and local businesses to participate in the parade. For information on parade registration, call the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241. No entry fee.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Dayton Christmas Tree Lighting will be held immediately following the parade at College Street Pavilion. We hope you will join us for some hot chocolate provided by Dayton United Methodist Church and Christmas carols led by the church youth group.





DAYTON TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Wednesday, December 7th
6:30 p.m.**

The Town of Dayton will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for town residents on Wednesday, December 7th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Dayton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 215 Ashby Street.

We invite you to come and join in this Christmas celebration with your family, friends and neighbors.

Highlights of the party include:

- ◆ Music by "Exit 245" (A Cappella group from JMU)
- ◆ Door prizes donated by local businesses and the Town
- ◆ Refreshments served by Dayton American Legion Post 27 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ Crafts for children assisted by Girl Scout Troop 1111
- ◆ Santa Claus will stop by for a visit with the children (bring your camera)

The Town will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Please help us share the true spirit of Christmas with those less fortunate by donating non-perishable food items at the party.

Transportation is available for town residents needing a ride to the party by calling the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241 by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the party.