

# Winter 2024

# Dayton Discovery

## Official Newsletter of the Town of Dayton, VA

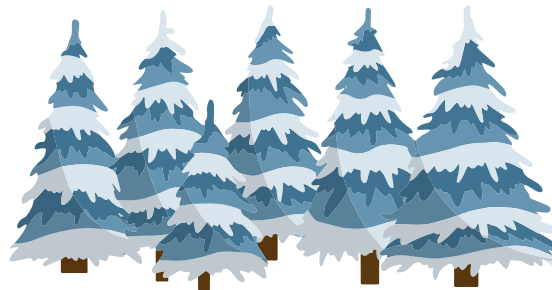
### Mayor's Message

*Cary Jackson*

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are refreshed and ready for the year ahead. Reflecting on 2023, we saw a year of growth and success for our town. We worked to build our leadership team, with most roles being filled internally. Congratulations and thank you to the staff who have taken on new roles and additional responsibilities. Personal development is an opportunity for staff to increase their skills and maximize their potential and we are fortunate to have staff who desire this development. In addition to internal promotions, the town welcomed Brian Borne as our new Town Manager. The town has received a \$50,000 grant for the planning stage of a downtown master plan. This plan will develop a well-defined future vision for Downtown Dayton. The long-awaited wayfinding signs have been installed around town directing visitors to Dayton's many points of interest. New welcome signs will be installed in the near future replacing the current signs on Rt. 42.

Council voted to approve an ordinance allowing Glo Fiber to offer cable television services for residents and this service is already available.

I would like to encourage all citizens to participate in the governing process. This will ensure that Council makes informed decisions. I believe Dayton is moving in the right direction and would like to thank our staff and current and past Council members who have worked hard for you ensuring that Dayton stays on the right path.



**KIDS!**

Can you find all the full-size snowflakes in this newsletter? There are 47 total!

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*Go Green - Go Paperless!*

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# Manager's Message:

## Brian Borne

Residents of Dayton, I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as your new Town Manager. It is with great enthusiasm that I joined this vibrant close-knit community and I look forward to working alongside you to continue building a bright future for the Town of Dayton.



As your Town Manager my primary goal is to ensure that our town continues to thrive and prosper. I am committed to promoting open communication, fostering collaboration, and maintaining transparency in all our endeavors. I believe by working together, we can address the challenges we face and take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead.

I am dedicated to upholding the values and priorities of our community, and I will strive to make decisions that reflect the best interests of all our residents. My door is always open, and I encourage you to reach out to me with your ideas, concerns, and feedback. Your input is invaluable as we work to shape the future of our town.

In the coming months, I plan to engage with various stakeholders, including local businesses, community organizations, and residents, to gain a deeper understanding of the needs and aspirations of our town. Together, we will develop strategies to enhance our infrastructure, support economic development, and preserve the unique character of Dayton.

I am confident that by working collaboratively, we can make Dayton an even better place to live, work and play. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead, and I am fully committed to serving this community with integrity, dedication, and vision. Thank you for your warm welcome, and I am eager to embark on this journey together.

## Snow Shoveling Reminder

**Please remember to shovel the sidewalks located around your residence and/or business.**



Doing so is for your safety and the safety of others. Dayton Town Code 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."



## Chief's Corner



- **Police Calendars are in! Stop in at Town Hall to grab one!**
- **Be on the lookout for the Police Survey to come out when the Spring issues of the Newsletter arrives. There will be an insert and the ability to complete online.**
- **Save the DATE for National Night Out Tuesday, August 6th, 2024 @ Sunset Park**



### Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Reminder

Helpful tips for bicycle and pedestrian safety

- Cross at intersections or crosswalks whenever possible.
- See and be seen at night by carrying a flashlight.
- Head up, phone down. Watch out for fountains, manholes and staircases.
- Use sidewalks wherever possible, if not walk facing traffic.
- Bike with traffic.
- Drivers: look out for bicycles and yield to pedestrians.

## Rocktown History Upcoming Programs



**Coffee Mills** - an opportunity to meet with friends of local history, get a peek into the collections, or just enjoy a cup of local coffee and cream!

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (starting on January 23rd\*), 9:30-11:00 am  
Bring your questions or just stop in to see where the conversation flows.

Admission to the galleries is free during the Coffee Mills.



### **FREE PROGRAM**

February 15th, 2024, 7 PM : Mountain Women Live On; Life and Legacy of Appalachian Women with author Peggy Shifflett







## Bridgewater Community Little League

**REGISTRATION  
OPEN**



Opening Day for baseball and softball is April 6. Opening Day for tee ball is April 20. Register online at [www.registerbcll.com](http://www.registerbcll.com)

Must provide three proofs of residency. More information available at: [www.bridgewaterlitttleleague.net](http://www.bridgewaterlitttleleague.net)  
Dayton residents are eligible!



## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 30th, 2024  
@ 10 AM**

**Sunset Park, 145 Sunset  
Drive**



Discover Dayton by shopping local! For a complete list of Dayton businesses, visit our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) to browse our Business Directory.



## 2023 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners Announced



**Congratulations to our Holiday  
Decorating Contest winners  
with the most holiday spirit!  
This year's competition had a  
record breaking number of  
votes for Peoples Choice!**



### Clark Griswold Award

Winner: 145 Eastview St  
Honorable Mention:  
220 Eastview St



### Winter Wonderland Award

Winner: 119 Rhodes Hill Dr  
Honorable Mention:  
510 Mason St



### Santa's Workshop (Business)

Winner: 201 Main St,  
Mane Street Salon  
Honorable Mention: 205 Main St,  
Heritage Real Estate



### Classic Holiday Elegance Award

Winner: 105 Willow Dr  
Honorable Mention:  
802 Thompson St



### Best Neighborhood

Winner: Eastview St



### People's Choice Award

Winner: 365 Ashby St.

*Congrats!*

## From the desk of Fort Harrison: *December Wrap-up*

The Board of Directors of Fort Harrison extends appreciation to all who attended and contributed wreaths for our fifth Wreaths Across America event on December 16th, 2023 at the Dayton Cemetery. Wreaths were placed on all known veteran graves in the cemetery, a total of two hundred and fourteen graves.

It is very appropriate that Fort Harrison sponsors this event since the land on which this cemetery is located was once the property of Daniel Harrison, one of the earliest settlers in this part of the Shenandoah Valley.

As a militia captain during the French and Indian War, Daniel Harrison would have been one of the first veterans in this community. The oldest stone in the cemetery is that of Mary Harrison who died in 1794 at age 26. It is believed that Daniel Harrison and other family members are buried near her grave.

Special thanks to music teacher Melissa Harper and principal John Childs of Wilbur Pence Middle School for their assistance and support of our Wreaths across America program.

## Save the Date!!! The Town of Dayton's two Arts and Crafts Festivals



**Saturday, April 6, 2024  
10 am - 4 pm**



**Saturday, October 5, 2024  
8:30 am - 4 pm**

Vendor applications open January 15. Please visit our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) and click on "Discover Dayton" and then "Events" for more information.

# Town Meetings

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
January 18 @ 6:00 pm

**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
February 12 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
February 15 @ 6:00 pm

**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
March 11 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
March 21 @ 6:00 pm

**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
April 8 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
April 18 @ 6:00 pm

Live streaming now available for council meetings at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us).

## Holiday Closings

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:**  
January 15

**George Washington Day:**  
February 19



### 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.

Yard Waste is collected on Mondays. The Town will collect Christmas trees left at the curb.

Bulk/heavy items are collected on the first Tuesday of the month.

### Online Bill Pay Reminder

Friendly reminder that only utility (water, sewer and trash) bills can be paid online at this time. Utility bills can be paid online by clicking "Pay My Bill" on the homepage of the Town website. Taxes cannot be paid online, and must be paid via cash or check and mailed or brought to Town Hall.

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