



## Mayor's Message

*Cary Jackson*

As summer comes to an end, the cooler temperatures of fall have already appeared. The crisp air means we are approaching my favorite time of the year. I love the fall and all that comes with it, decorating for Halloween, carving pumpkins and of course Dayton Days. With the cancellation of all events last year, it has been a joy to see residents and visitors in attendance at our events this year. The Redbud Festival was a nice tune up but we are ready to see the streets full of vendors, residents and visitors enjoying Dayton Days.

September marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, an event that not only changed America, but the world. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost in the attacks, which made the attacks the worst on U.S. soil since Pearl Harbor. As many of you can, I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when I heard of the attacks. Emotions ranged from sadness, anger to despair over the loss of life and the impact those losses would have on countless families. The way the country united in the coming days weeks and months was a powerful moment in time. People were respectful towards each other and worked together towards common goals. It wasn't "they and us", it was "we" and many things

were accomplished. If our country had more groups willing to work together rather than against each other so much more could be accomplished.

The Cheese Shop had a wonderful grand opening in their new expanded space in The Dayton Market. We had many businesses who were recognized in the 2021 Best of The Valley contest. Congratulations to The Dayton Market, Town and Country Furniture, Hank's BBQ, Grammie's Ice Cream, Mama's Caboose, Dayton Tavern, The Prissy Country Girl, The Cheese Place, and The Thomas House, for being recognized.

I would like to thank several of those who have served the town and will be moving out of the town limits. I would like to thank Brad Randolph for his service on the Planning Commission, Greg Brennan for his service on the Economic Development Authority and Dale Rodgers who has served as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee and served as our Vice Mayor. Your service to Dayton is appreciated.

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish you the best for the remainder of 2021 and a bright 2022.



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*Go Green - Go Paperless!*

To receive Dayton Discovery electronically, email [events@daytonva.us](mailto:events@daytonva.us)



## We want to hear from you!

On behalf of the Dayton Planning Commission, the Town is conducting a community input survey to help with the required 2022 update of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Dayton and to help guide future policy and decision making in the Town. The plan contains goals related to land use, the environment, the economy, transportation, and many other elements that make Dayton our Small Town, Hometown, Downtown.

This is YOUR chance to provide input for the Comprehensive Plan Update. We welcome all residents, business owners, employees in town and just those interested in our beautiful historic town to participate in this survey, which will take about 15 minutes to complete. The survey may be taken online by visiting our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) under the News & Notices section on the homepage, or by scanning the QR Code below. Paper copies may be picked up at the Town Hall during regular business hours or you may contact the Town Hall and request that one be mailed to you.

The Planning Commission will use this information to evaluate the effectiveness of the Town and gather recommendations for improvements in the upcoming years. If you have any questions or would like to offer additional information, please don't hesitate to contact the Town office at 540-879-2241.



Scan now to take the survey!

## Manager's Message *Angela Lawrence*

Happy Fall! This is personally my favorite time of year. The weather begins to cool off so that we can get out and walk the wonderful neighborhoods of Dayton and spend time in the parks and greenway. The fall decorations go up. The Koogler field is full of sunflowers for the expressed purpose of making people happy and encouraging them to share happiness. We have much to be thankful for and the Dayton community is at the top of the list!

Just when we thought it was safe to get back to normal activities, COVID-19 and its many variants have driven new cases to surge again. The Virginia Department of Health website, [www.Vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.Vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine) is an excellent resource. The Central Shenandoah health district continues to post vaccine and testing sites on their Facebook page, as well. Follow them for booster information when it becomes available.

With the uncertainty related to COVID-19, we will continue to monitor the situation before deciding on holiday events and activities. Please follow us on Facebook or our website for updated information. Our new website [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) allows you to sign up for alerts that go straight to your email. Just go to the website and subscribe!

We are pleased to have completed the long-awaited Mill Street Storm Water Drainage Project. Two significant rain events have shown that the project area is draining very well and streets, yards, and homes are remaining dry. We have already begun working with engineers to look at strategies to help with the additional storm water in the downtown business district.

We are also pleased to announce that the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade equipment purchase was approved by Town Council at its September meeting. The new system will enhance our ability to provide safe drinking water in an efficient and reliable manner to our residents and businesses for many years to come.

Finally, staff works very hard to fulfill the vision and goals set forth by Town Council. If you have a question or concern, please call Town Hall and speak to an appropriate staff member or me directly. You will see in this newsletter, there are many ways for you to get involved in a positive way.

*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much...Helen Keller*



**Dolly's Dressmaker & Tea for Two**  
*Girl's Pastimes of the 1800's*  
Sunday, November 7, 2021  
1 pm to 4 pm

\$10 per adult ■ children under 12 free

- View the collection of antique 1800's dolls in period fashion
- Learn how to repair and acquire 19th-century dolls
- Discover how young girls of the time period learned sewing skills
- Explore Fort Harrison's large collection of quilts and coverlets

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Guided by 1800's era re-enactors in period dress  
Join us for tea in our circa 1840-50's kitchen  
Bring your favorite doll to share with us!

**FORT HARRISON**  
335 Main St. Dayton, VA 22821 [fortharrisonva@gmail.com](mailto:fortharrisonva@gmail.com)

**Silver Lake**  
SINCE 1822  
200 Years of Stories

### Got a photo?

We are looking for photos taken near Silver Lake before 2000. Let us know if you are interested in letting us scan it for the upcoming 200th Anniversary of the lake and Mill!

Call (540) 421-2256

Email [silverlakemill@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakemill@gmail.com)



# Chief's Corner



## We're Hiring!

The Dayton Police Department is currently accepting applications for Certified Police Officers. We are looking for officers who want to be part of a small-town community where values matter and being nice to your neighbors is a way of life. If you are interested in joining our team, please visit our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) for instructions on how to apply.

## Looking Back at National Night Out (NNO): A night that unites the community & law enforcement

It was great seeing so many community members at NNO! Between the food, music, games and competitions - it was a blast!

Pictured: Far left, Game Warden Ian Ostland and his K-9 partner; Middle, Chief Justin Trout waiting to be dropped in the dunk tank; Far right, Lieutenant Travis Hooker and others competing in a donut eating contest!



### Wayfinding Project Update

The Town is making progress on new wayfinding signs that will draw visitors from Route 42 into our downtown and historical areas. The Wayfinding Task Group (WTG) met with our consultant, Frazier Associates, in early September to provide feedback on the first draft of designs. We hope to have this project complete by Summer of 2022.

### Dayton Main Street: Calling all interested parties!

Are you interested in making Dayton storefronts a more inviting and vibrant place to visit? Then you should think about getting involved with the new Dayton Main Street organization!  
Contact Meggie Roche, Economic Development Coordinator, at [mroche@daytonva.us](mailto:mroche@daytonva.us) to find out more information.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Town of Dayton would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season! As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, we will make any announcements about Holiday parades or events on our website and social media.

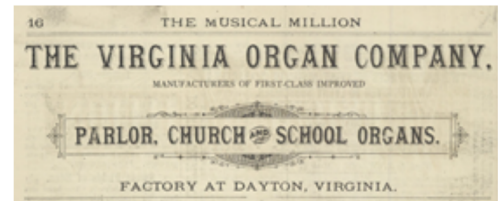
## HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU TRICK-OR-TREAT AT TOWN HALL



Friday, October 29  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Stop by the drive thru to say hi and get some Halloween Candy!  
Kids and adults!

## Historic Dayton: A look back at the Virginia Organ Company



In the late 1800s, Dayton was fast becoming a center of music publishing in Virginia. Shenandoah Collegiate Institute and School of Music, now Shenandoah University located in Winchester, focused on music at its core. Printers Joseph Funk and Sons relocated from Singers Glen to Dayton and re-established itself as The Ruebush-Kieffer Company. Ephraim Ruebush and Aldine Kieffer printed many music books and a monthly periodical called The Musical Million, a Journal of Music, Poetry, and Chaste Home Literature.

The Musical Million included musical scores, articles related to music and religion, and letters from subscribers to the journal. The Million also contained numerous advertisements for Ruebush-Kieffer books. In practice, the Million was a savvy marketing tool for the business partners to sell the shape-note system which then encouraged purchases of their products.

Dayton's musical history also includes a manufacturing operation. In November of 1882, Aldine Kieffer built the Virginia Organ factory on Mill Street in Dayton.

An 1882 issue of The Old Commonwealth newspaper reported that the citizens of Dayton were excited to have a new business venture in their town: "We are glad to note this enterprise which we believe will be of immense advantage not only to the thriving village of Dayton, but of this whole section. The organ company expects to be able to manufacture about fifty organs per month at the start, which will be increased to meet the demand."

Again, the Million supported product advertising. A December 1882 article reported that "A look through the factory of the company will convince the most incredulous that an enterprise of more than ordinary magnitude has been successfully established in our town, and an examination of their instruments will further prove the excellence of work and superiority of design announced by them."

The Virginian Organ Factory burned down in 1886. The losses were so great that the venture was discontinued. Rocktown History displays an organ manufactured by the Virginia Organ Company in the gallery pictured here:

Article Provided by Rocktown History



**Help Wanted: More history of local shape-note music is sought for an exhibition project. If you have any knowledge or artifacts which you would like to discuss, please contact Tyler Brinkerhoff (JMU '22) at [brinketb@dukes.jmu.edu](mailto:brinketb@dukes.jmu.edu) or stop by Rocktown History.**

# Upcoming Town Meetings

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

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

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

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

**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
December 13 @ 6:00 pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
December 16 @ 6:00 pm

Town Meetings are now back to being in-person at Town Hall! But for those who still wish to tune in virtually, live streaming will now be available. Check our website and social media for a link to watch the meetings.

# Holiday Closings

**Columbus Day/Yorktown  
Victory Day:** October 11

**Election Day:** November 2

**Veteran's Day:** November 11

**Thanksgiving:** November 24 -  
half day, and November 25-26

**Christmas:** December 23-25

**New Years:** December 31

## Refuse Collection Schedule

NOTE: When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection may be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

Household trash 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 debris collected on Mondays.

Bulk/heavy items collected on first Tuesday of month. Items must be put out no more than 48 hours ahead of time and must be placed at the curbside.

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Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
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# Dayton Days

## AUTUMN CELEBRATION

Free shuttle service available from Turner Ashby High School, John Wayland Elementary School, and Woodmen Life

41st Annual Dayton Days Autumn Celebration

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Downtown Dayton @ Main and College Streets

Check out all of these awesome vendors who will be there!

### Body Care

- 307 Candy's Soap & Sea Bath
- 337 Taylor Made Organics
- 376 Totes McGoats Body Soaps

### Candles

- 3 Bold Buffalo Candle Company
- 104 Forgotten Creek Candle Company
- 369 Isle Candle Company
- 64 Olde Crow N Co LLC
- 55&56 Ruffled Feather Candle Company
- 81 Sophia Alexander Candle Company
- 114&115 Star Valley Candles

### Children's Items & Interests

- 343 Frances J. Alderman, Inc.
- 134 Grace & Truth Reformed Pres Church
- 86 KayKay Rain Boutique
- 90&91 Liz & Patty DePoy
- 367 Omi's Toybox

### Clothing & Accessories

- 389&390 Bitty Boggans'
- 12 Blue Jacks Apparel
- 34&35 Bridge Country Crafts
- 374&375 Cider Mill Leather
- 1 Cottage Crafts
- 385 Dye Happy
- 76H Fit to be Tied

### Clothing & Accessories (cont.)

- 347 Gifts 4 U
- 123 Grandma Jacks
- 320 Judy White
- 355 Little Beiboos Crafts
- 358&359 Loops by Hook
- 75H Love & Freedom Designs, LLC
- 67 Nancy's Eclectic Stitch
- 106&107 Purple Pineapple
- FDL-6 S2 Creations
- 323 Shonda Rae
- 112 SO Divine Creations
- 357 Von's Crafts
- 10 Wandering Soles

### Food & Drink

- DP10&11 Backyard Gourmet
- 222&223 Better N Gramma's
- 225&226 Cosmic Smoke -N-BBQ
- DP3 Country Concessions
- 65 Crazy Fox Coffee/Jackson's Corner Café
- 207&208 Dayton Ruritan Club
- 220 Dayton UMC Youth Group
- 212 Dysart's Pork Rinds
- DP1&DP2 German Bratwurst Food Truck
- 211 K's Grill Thai-American Food
- 27&28 Lucky Duck Kettle Korn
- 227&228 Mt. Sidney Ruritans Club
- 60&61 Posh Fairy Floss

### Food & Drink (cont.)

- 218&219 Rutz Backyard BBQ
- DP7&8 Scotty's Italian Ice
- 217 Sherri's Crabcakes
- 215&216 Smiley's Ice Cream
- 205&206 St. Michael's UCC
- 87 Sweet Treats
- 221 Swoope Volunteer Fire Co
- DP4 Thai Master Grill
- 351 The Long Acre Farm
- DP6 The Lovin' Crab
- 213&214 Tony's Pizza
- 203&204 Tri-Spring Farm
- 201&202 Ubon Thai Victorian Restaurant

### Fine Art & Pottery

- 32 1000 Words Boutique
- 36 Art & Adornments by Mae
- 352 Artwork by Cheryl Miller Lackey
- 122 Cara Walton Photography and Crafts
- 4 Corey Egbert Illustration
- 6 Dan Lee Pottery
- 69 Doodlz by Nancy
- 74 Earth Angel Pottery
- 51 FireWork
- 13 Heather Hansohn Pottery
- FDL-3 Heron Hill Studios
- 113 Impressions Media
- 133 Jessica Marie Fine Arts
- 370 KnitKnack Paddy Craft



## Fine Art & Pottery (cont.)

- **330-A&B** Lisa Geiman
- **16** Melinda B. Shiflet
- **124&125** Motley Making Designs
- **315** Mountain Valley Art
- **62&63** Mouth Drawings
- **24** Panoramic Palette
- **380** Pours and Cords
- **68** Smoke Bear Studios
- **303** The Mosby Foundation
- **383&384** The Prince Gallery
- **44** Wade Outside Photography

## Home Decor & Crafts

- **345** Bailey's This N That
- **342** Barbara Williams
- **325** Barb's Crafts and More
- **49** Bill & Barb's Crafts
- **372&373** Bird Cage House Crafts & Bonnie Bibs
- **95, 96 & 97** Bittersweet Creations
- **387** Blair Made
- **378&379** Buzzard's Primitives
- **398** Cat and Mouse Crafts
- **2** CJ's Wreaths and More
- **366** Claudia's Creations
- **306** Country Lovin' Farm Livin'
- **305** Creations By Anita
- **388** Designs by Buds and Blooms
- **318** Don's Woodcrafts
- **108** Elizabeth Corbin
- **7** Everything Chenille
- **52** Ford & Jane Dysart
- **321** Glam Pumpkins & Fantasy Fairies
- **11** GlamChicByMichelle
- **82** Glass By Manda
- **43** Glass Gal
- **127&128** Gochenour's Woodcraft
- **304** Gypsy Girl Art & Cat Lady Quilts
- **332&333** Handyman Service
- **59** Happy Valley Crafters
- **335** Hilda's Crafts
- **50** Hippiepigboutique
- **71** I'm Hooked Crafts, LLC
- **131** J.R. West and Co.
- **349&350** Jane of All Trades
- **8&9** Jeanne's Silk Floral Creations
- **322** Jonna McFadden
- **88** K3 Kids International
- **129** Kharisma Creations LLC
- **66** kvkcreations
- **79** Krafty Katt
- **58** LEP Wood Turning
- **348** Linda & Thom Noble
- **340** Little Flower Field
- **126** Main Street Flowers & Gifts
- **45** MAK Crafts, LLC
- **17&18** Mary Waggy & Susan Smith
- **316** Melissa & Ashley Painter
- **139** Monsalvat Woodworking

## Home Decor & Crafts (cont.)

- **354** Ornametal Welding
- **334** Pam Moore
- **346** Papa K's Woodworking
- **41&42** Petals and Paint
- **37** Pieceful Things
- **83** Pink Buggy Designs
- **132** Primrose Co Creations
- **328** Ricky Dysart
- **FDL-2** Samantha's Creations
- **338** SB WoodWorks
- **20** Seth's Custom Creations
- **361&362** Sew Down Crafty
- **394** Sharp Family Creations
- **339** Shay's Woodland Creations
- **5** Shenandoah Crafts
- **381&382** Shenandoah Mountain Homestead
- **386** Shoemaker & Sutton
- **102&103** Shotsies Creations
- **395** Shut The Front Door Décor
- **25** Simple Charm, LLC
- **FDL-4&5** SK Metal Designs
- **109&110** Stuff-N-Such
- **38** Suzi Q Craft Creations
- **326** Tabletop Campfires
- **391** Terry's Treasures
- **77** The Crafted Pair
- **46** Three Wishes Craft Shop
- **111** Tikicommander.com
- **99** Top Dog Boutique
- **392** Unique Finds By Design
- **31** Wood in Motion

## Jewelry

- **48** 2 Little Birdies
- **353** Amanda's Jewelry Box
- **33** Black Cat Jewelry
- **80** BPAUL Creations
- **329** Brecken Geiman
- **54** Cathy's Custom Jewelry
- **78** Designs by Kent
- **314** Designs by Melanie
- **331-B** Essential Earth
- **324** GG Beads
- **360** Ginger's Gems
- **371** Got Rocks Jewelry
- **344** Mamie Jane Co
- **377** Modern Maille Jewelry
- **393** OAK Designs
- **356** Orebaugh Original Crafts
- **89** Owl Feather Designs
- **14** ReImagined in VA
- **302** S.E.W. What Bead Company
- **336** Sparkling Creations
- **101** Sue Dille Designs
- **105** Sugar and Smoke
- **368** Sweet Geneva
- **341** Victoria's Frivolities
- **319** Wire & Rocks

## Miscellaneous

- **FDL-1** Kloe's Kreaions
- **308** Ready or Knot Survival
- **116** Skylark Hammocks

## Music

- **396&397** ITUMIRAY
- **15** Whisper Music & Native Influence

## Packaged Food & Desserts

- **19** Back Creek Farms
- **29** Chocolate Moonshine Co.
- **57** Dayton United Methodist Church
- **53** Eagle's Sugar Camp
- **317** Falling Bark Farm
- **130** Fort Valley Nut Company
- **327** Handmade Quilts and Breads
- **140** Hott Apiary
- **72** Purple Witch Teas
- **331-A** Raw Mountain Honey
- **84&85** Snookie Snookerwitz
- **73** Valley Olive Oil & Balsamics
- **30** Whiskey Valley Jerky

## Pet Products

- **70** South Paws K9 Bakery, LLC
- **47** Spot On Dog Treats
- **93** Two Lucky Labs, LLC

...And so much more!

- Live Music
- Beer Garden
- Book Fair at Wilbur Pence Middle School, 10 am - 2 pm
- Historical attractions like Silver Lake Mill, Rocktown History, and Fort Harrison
- Unique shops throughout downtown and at the Dayton Market

Visit our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us) for a festival map and vendor locations!