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Dayton Redbud Arts & Crafts Spring Festival

Saturday, April 27th • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- ◆ **Arts & Crafts Vendors:** Downtown, Artisans Courtyard & Braithwaite Studios
- ◆ **Free Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides:** Through Dayton with stops at BB&T, Braithwaite Studios, Artisans Courtyard & Wilbur Pence Middle School (parking available in the school lot)
- ◆ **Ducky Races:** Start at 1 pm at Cooks Creek Slab and finish near Ft. Harrison
 - * Duck purchase available at Dayton BB&T, Primrose House, Braithwaite Studios, The Cottage, Mane Street Salon, Hair Corral, Heartland Outfitters, Carl Estes Barber Shop, Silver Lake Mill & Sandra Kays in the Dayton Farmers Market
- ◆ **All American Car Cruise-In (Valley Cruisers):** Main St.—BB&T, start 12:30 pm
- ◆ **Children's Activities**
- ◆ **Live Music**
- ◆ **Lots of Delicious Foods**
 - * Thomas House, 222 Main St.
 - * Dinky's Dogs cooked by Police Chief D.L. Conley (beside Braithwaite Studio)
 - * Braithwaite Studios & Coffee Shop, 415 Mason St.
 - * Hank's BBQ – Dayton Farmers Market
 - * Señor Burrito Loco – New Mexican Restaurant, 270 Dingledine Lane (behind post office)
 - * Homemade Donuts – Sadie Rose Foundation, 206 Main St.
 - * Kettle Korn, Fried Pies, Tropical Shaved Ice, and more throughout the festival area
- ◆ **Artisans Courtyard of Dayton** (230 Bowman Rd.)
 - * Arts & Crafts Vendors with Live Demonstrations
 - * Art Activities & Art Show for Children
- ◆ **The Heritage Museum** (382 High St.)
 - * Big Book Sale!
 - * Visit the Galleries, featuring Harrisonburg Artist Mary Caples Morrison (1907-1995) and the new Civil War Gallery.
- ◆ **Fort Harrison** (335 Main St.): Open for Tours, 10 am – 2 pm
- ◆ **Shops at Dayton Farmers Market**
 - * Drawings for Gift Certificates & "Spring Cleaning" Specials at the Shops
- ◆ **Sidewalk Sales at Downtown Merchants**
- ◆ **ABC Dayton:** Sponsoring free performance by the "Monticello Strings," an ensemble of JMU professors & students at Dayton Church of the Brethren – 1:30 pm
- ◆ **Clowns Sponsored by Primrose House** – meandering around the festival
- ◆ **Silver Lake Mill**
 - * Guided Tours: 12 pm – 3 pm
 - * Free Children's Activities – Planting "Magic Beans," coloring of Silver Lake Mill pictures, and "Make it—Take it" ceramic painting."
- ◆ **Free Redbud & White Dogwood Tree Saplings:** Between Park View Federal Credit Union and Braithwaite Studios on Mason St. – starting at 10 am until supplies last.

Plus Lots More!

Visit Dayton's web site at www.daytonva.us for updates on activities or watch for flyers and newspaper ads.

Come Celebrate Spring in Historic Dayton!

HAPPY
EASTER



Dayton Easter Egg Hunt!

Please join us on Saturday, March 30th, at Sunset Park for a community Easter Egg Hunt. The fun starts at 2:00 p.m. with a coloring contest, followed by a special visit from the Bridgewater Fire Department and the Easter Bunny!

At 2:30 p.m., we'll start hunting for eggs; there will be three different age groups - children ages 4 and younger, ages 5-7 and 8-10. Each age group will be on a different course.

Don't forget to bring a basket or bag to hold all of your prizes and a camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Hope to see you there!

Message From the Mayor

It is alright to "get excited" over the things coming to Dayton in 2013. With Easter almost upon us, we want you to look forward to the following upcoming calendar of events listed in this Spring Edition:

- Easter Egg Hunt at Sunset Park
- Dayton Redbud Arts & Crafts Spring Festival
- Course with a Cause "The Dayton Muddler"
- Dayton Autumn Celebrationto highlight a few.

I want to encourage each of you to participate either by at-

tending these events, and/or spreading the word throughout our surrounding communities. We here in Dayton should consider ourselves very fortunate and blessed to live in a Town where we care for each other, reach out to our neighbors, and look forward to exciting times and projects ahead. So, please be mindful of those who are less fortunate and experiencing difficult times, and pray for their healing and recovery.

Also, when the opportunity lends itself this Spring, please

reach out and say a simple "Thank You" to our own Dayton Police Dept., the Administrative Staff, and our Public Works department for all their dedication in keeping our Town Safe, Clean, and Inviting to visitors. With your help and our "Operation Care" Program and outreach to our Schools, Dayton can establish a history of "setting an example" for others to follow.

Have a wonderful Spring!
Take Care & May God Bless!
Charles T. Long, Mayor



Glass is Back!

Dayton Recycling Changes

The Town will be changing recycling contractors, effective April 3, 2013. Also, glass is now being accepted again for recycling, effective immediately.

The final collection by our current contractor, Green Earth,

will be on Thursday, March 28th, so please be sure the recycling bin you currently have is left at curbside by this date until it is picked up. **Waste Management will collect curbside recycling on Wednesdays of each week, with their first collection beginning on April 3rd.** There is no change in regular trash collection—it will remain on Fridays. Waste Management will deliver

their recycling bins the end of March. If you do not receive a bin from Waste Management by April 1st, please call the Dayton Town Office at 540-879-2241, and one will be delivered to you.

Letters are being sent to town residents with an updated listing of acceptable items for recycling. This information is also available on the Town's web site or at the Town Office.

Smoke Testing Notice

The Town of Dayton has been experiencing significant increases in sanitary sewer flows during rainfall events. We could use your help in eliminating what we believe to be a contributor to this problem—inflow.

Inflow is water that enters the sewer system through improper connections, such as downspouts, groundwater sump pumps, foundation drains, drains from window wells and outdoor basement stairwells, and drains from driveways. Section 6-78.51 of the Town Code stipulates that,

"No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer." Please look over your property and ensure that you have no improper connections to the sanitary sewer system and that no lines that need repair. We request that any improper connections be removed by April 15, 2013. After that date, the Town plans to run smoke testing in an effort to identify inflow sources. Smoke testing involves charging the sewer system mains with, according to the manufacturer, "a non-toxic

smoke" that will escape through openings in the systems, including improper connections.

Removing improper connections will reduce the flow of clear water to the sanitary sewer system. This results in a reduction of the amount of water that has to be conveyed, pumped, and treated, thereby reducing operating expenses, which are ultimately borne by users in the form of monthly user fees.

You will be further notified by the Town of smoke testing in your area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Town of Dayton Office at 540-879-2241.

Chief's Corner

As policemen, we are often in contact with our community through the violations of law, and while great good can be born of such encounters, we sure like it when our paths cross in ways other than confrontation.

I've enjoyed listening to my officers explain to me how much they've enjoyed participating in Operation Care over this past year. For those who might not be aware, Operation Care is a program designed for the citizens of Dayton who might enjoy having their wellbeing checked on throughout the year.

Let me explain how Operation Care works in case you are interested in getting signed up. I suppose it's important to state that Operation Care has no cost to you, and all you have to do is

call **540-879-2161, ext 326**, to get signed up. Once you are on the Operation Care visitation list, a Dayton Officer will call or drop by your house monthly to see how you are getting along. The officer will also ask if there is anything that you might need taken care of around your property. It might well be that you are doing just great and that there is nothing in the world that needs taken care of, but a visit is nice just the same. Our officers love getting to know the citizens whom they serve, and we think it's a good idea to let the community know their officers.

I'd also like to thank Walmart for hosting a Child Safety Seat Day this past February 9th at our local Dayton store. Four members of our police department

staff are certified to install child safety seats for the public, and Walmart jumped at the chance to help us out by providing space and advertising the event. When we do Child Safety Seat checks, we make sure seats are properly installed, though installation is only part of what we do. We also ensure that the seats are within usage dates, meet current safety regulations, look for signs of damage or wear, and provide materials and equipment as needed. If you'd like your seat checked, give our office a call at **540-879-2161, ext 326**, to set up an appointment.

Have a great spring!
Chief Donald "Dinky" Conley



Vehicle License Fee Changes

The Town of Dayton has moved the due date for the Vehicle License Fee from April 15th to December 5th of each calendar year. This move has been completed to allow the Town of Dayton to use DMV records when assessing the fee to residents. The fee for the Vehicle License has not been changed.

Each year, you will receive a bill in the mail at the end of October or early November with the amount you owe for the Vehicle License Fee. The fee will be based on every vehicle in your name as of January 1st of the calendar year. If you purchase a vehicle during the year, you will not owe the tax until the next year. However, if you sell a vehicle during the year, you will still owe the

tax as long as it was owned on January 1st of the calendar year. You will no longer need to communicate to the Town when you purchase or sell a vehicle as we will get our information directly from the DMV.

Due to these changes, you will not pay the Vehicle License Fee this year until December 5.

To enforce non-payment of the license, the Town will utilize the DMV VRW Program. This program allows the Town to notify the DMV of any residents that have not paid the vehicle license. Once notified, the program will not allow a resident to conduct business with the DMV until payment is received by the Town of Dayton for the vehicle license.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at (540) 879-2241.

Thanks,
Justin Moyers
Treasurer

Manager's Desk:

The snow event of March 6th was well-handled by Town personnel, thanks to early warnings and preparation. Snow removal efforts were successful, and resulted in fewer complaints than usual.

Work continues on FY-14 Budget preparation, including proposing a number of repair/replacement projects for Council Review.

Manager's Open Door:

Continuing in April, residents, business owners, and others with a question, idea, or comment for Dayton and its future, economic development, or businesses, are invited to attend a 'Manager's Open Door' in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and discuss it directly with me.

The schedule for the second quarter of 2013 will be:

April 2, May 7, and June 4.

Regards,
John Crim, Town Manager

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton web site for updates and changes)

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., Apr. 8th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., May 13th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., June 10th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., Apr. 18th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., May 16th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., June 20th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

**Dayton Municipal
 Offices Closed**

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri., Mar. 29th

Memorial Day

Mon., May 27th

2013 Events Calendar

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sat., Mar. 30th, 2 p.m., at Sunset Park
- **Redbud Arts & Crafts Spring Festival:** Sat., Apr. 27th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Dayton Community Yard Sale Day:** Sat., May 11th, 7 a.m. - until
- **Course with a Cause (The Dayton Muddler) & Fun Day:** Sat., Aug. 3rd
 (Muddler: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. & Fun Day: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.)
- **Dayton Autumn Celebration:** Sat., Oct. 5th, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Dayton Christmas Parade:** Sat., Dec. 7th, 4:30 p.m.
- **Dayton Christmas Party:** Wed., Dec. 11th, 6 p.m.

Holiday Refuse Collection

Week of Memorial Day

- **Yard Waste:** Wed., May 29th
- **Recycling:** Thurs., May 30th
- **Trash:** Sat., June 1st



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