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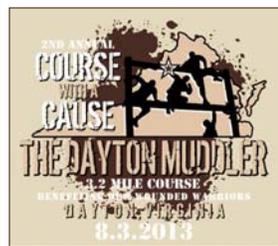


Summer Water Conservation Tips

- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation. Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street, and avoid watering on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates.
- Use sprinklers that deliver big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller water drops and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.
- Spreading a layer of mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting, and never remove more than one-third of the grass blade at one time. Grass about three inches tall usually looks better, holds soil moisture better than closely clipped, encourages a deeper root system, and helps prevent weeds from invading.
- Rather than following a set watering schedule, check for soil moisture two to three inches below the surface before watering.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water plants.
- Collect water from your roof to water your garden.
- Wash your cars on the lawn and your pets outside in an area of your lawn that needs water.



Pictured above (left) is Mayor Charles Long honored as a "Paul Harris Fellow" by the Rotary Club of Bridgewater during their 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Club's establishment in 1938.



DAYTON MUDDLER & FUN DAY

Saturday, August 3rd

Muddler: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fun Day: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

2nd Annual Course with a Cause—"Dayton Muddler" is a 3.2 mile Endurance/Adventure Course through Dayton with individual and team participation throughout a variety of 12 obstacles along the way (Water Run & Wall Climb, Block Haul, 150 ft. Water Slide, Aerial Sprays, Mud Crawl, Hay Bale Climb, to name a few), and will begin at Wilbur Pence Middle School. Registration Forms for interested participants are available at the Dayton Town Office or from the Town's website. Entry Fee is \$40.00 for individuals and each team member. Net proceeds go to the "Wounded Warrior Project" through our local veterans. ***Come join us for this exciting event whether you're participating in the race or cheering for the runners!***

- 8:00 a.m.—Individual Muddler Run
- 9:30 a.m.—Team Muddler Run

Dayton Fun Day will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the west side of Wilbur Pence Middle School. Highlights of activities include:

- Food & Drinks
- Games, Rides & Other Fun Activities
- Cake Walk
- Music provided by a local DJ

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join in the fun!

Message From the Mayor

The time has come and the season is upon us to "Enjoy the Outdoors" in beautiful Dayton! Treasure these times of enjoyment with Family & Friends with cookouts, games, walks & recreation. Be active, get in shape (heart health), and take in all the beauty. Please be mindful of our children playing in their yards this Summer and/or riding their bikes through Dayton.

We should be thankful and feel blessed to live in a such a great community, so feel free to reach out to your neighbors, beautify your residence, and help protect your property by being a participant in our Neighborhood

Watch program.

Remember, this is your community as Dayton Town Residents. I only ask of you two things this Summer:

- Take pride in your residence by beautifying your property.
- Please help us by participating in our exciting annual event on Saturday, August 3rd—west side of Wilbur Pence Middle School. This event being "The Dayton Muddler," a 3.2 mile endurance/obstacle course through Dayton for which your participation is needed by spraying the runners (coming from VA, WV, MD & PA) with a wa-

ter hose as they pass by your residences (Ashby St., Mill St., Eastview St., Thompson St., Main St. and Bowman Rd.), and cheering them on as we raise awareness and money for the "Wounded Warrior Project."

This day shall also include our annual "Dayton Fun Day," which will consist of Food, Fun, Games, & Rides! You and your family will want to be there and witness a special day and a lot of fun.

Have a Great Summer!
May God Bless!

Charles T. Long, Mayor

Manager's Desk

Mowing operations have begun and will continue until Fall. Water line repairs have been completed and three fire hydrants have been replaced or relocated. When sidewalk replacements are completed, the street paving, as well as several alleys, will be repaired. Sunset Park's split rail fence has been repaired, and improvements to the landscaping have been made.

A new landscaping wall has been added to the southern Day-

ton Welcome Sign along Rt. 42. A similar such feature is planned at the northern Dayton Welcome Sign. Flower beds are being spruced up and replanted.

The State is very close to approving the Town's application for the Heritage Museum to be the Town's Official Visitor Center, as well as a State Certified Tourist Information Center. When finalized, blue and white signage will direct visitors from the Mt. Crawford I-81 Exit, directly to the

Museum. The familiar blue Dayton brochure is being upgraded/reprinted and will be used in the State's I-81 and I-77 Rest Area Brochure Program, as well as four State Welcome Centers, and elsewhere. Other Town businesses/attractions are being encouraged to participate, which will add to Dayton's image presence on I-81.

John D. Crim, Town Manager

Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste is collected on Wednesdays of each week by Dayton Public Works. Below are some friendly reminders of the requirements on yard waste collection:

- Yard waste (grass, weeds, clippings, twigs, leaves, etc.) must be disposed of in paper biodegradable bags.
- Please keep the bags under 25 lbs. to enable easy handling.
- Do not put rocks, dirt, or trash in the bags.
- Keep the bags dry until they are set out for collection as they begin to disintegrate when wet; however, they will be picked up during rainy days unless under severe weather conditions.
- Do not put limbs over 2 ft. long in the bags—please break them down or tie in bundles not exceeding 25 lbs.
- Larger tree limbs will be picked up by the town's grapple truck if they are under 6 in. in diameter and no longer than 8-10 ft. They must be placed near the curb or property line (not in the street or on the sidewalk), and will not be picked up if placed near electric or other utility lines.

Please contact the Dayton Town Office at 540-879-2241 for additional information.

Chief's Corner

I hope everyone is excited about Spring being here and the sunshine, but with that comes the closing of schools, and more kids playing in our parks and riding their skateboards and bikes. Please be aware of this when driving through our town.

I would like to welcome Officer Larry Michael and Officer Jeremiah Nugent to our staff. Both of these officers came to our Department from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, and bring many years of experience and qualifications to our community.

Our Operation Care program

is doing really well. If you know of anyone that you think should be a part of this program, please let me know. I want to thank the students of Wilbur Pence Middle School's FCCLA Club for the bags of Chex Mix that were provided for our Operation Care members.

Our security program at Pence Middle School has been a huge success. Our staff and the staff at the school have bonded really well. I also appreciate all the support that we have gotten from the parents, but this would not have been possible without the support of Mayor Long and the members of the Dayton Town Council.

I would like to thank you all.

We have had several break-ins in town, so again, I want to encourage our residents to secure your vehicles and your homes. Never leave anything valuable inside of your vehicles.

Once again, we want to begin work on rebuilding our Neighborhood Watch Program, so anyone who would like to be involved in helping with this please contact me at the office at 540-879-2161.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

Chief D. L. Conley

Beware of Those Scammers!

Please beware of phone calls from a person claiming to be with the electric or gas company, and may be using phone number 515-897-7921. The caller states that service will be cut off unless the bill is paid within a matter of hours, usually by using a pre-paid debit card such as a Green Dot card, or ask for bank account information. The caller may also claim that a problem with the electric meter could result in a fire if not replaced right away, offering reimbursement from the

power company if the customer pays immediately.

If you receive any phone calls from someone asking for payment over the phone, do not give out any personal or financial information and notify the Dayton Police Department at 879-2161. If you have questions about your electric or gas bill, call the number listed on your bill.

Another scam has hit our area involving Medicare/Medicaid. A local resident reported receiving a phone call from someone claim-

ing to be with Medicare/Medicaid, and stated that the government is issuing new Medicare/Medicaid cards. After a short conversation, the caller began asking for banking information. According to a Medicare spokesperson, there are no plans for new cards, and that Medicare officials never collect personal information over the phone. Please do not give out any personal or banking information over the phone.

WATER & SEWER RATE SCHEDULE	
Effective July 1, 2013	
Water	Monthly Rate
0 – 2,000 gallons	\$6.90 minimum
2,001 – 350,000 gallons	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons
350,001 gallons and up	\$2.55 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer	Monthly Rate
0 – 2,000 gallons	\$9.80 minimum
2,001 – 350,000 gallons	\$4.85 per 1,000 gallons
350,001 gallons and up	\$4.25 per 1,000 gallons
Minimum Monthly Charge for Water & Sewer - \$16.70	
No Change in Refuse Fees (\$17.45 Residential / \$19.50 Commercial)	



Water Quality Report for 2012

The Town of Dayton's Water Quality Report for 2012 has been mailed to Dayton water customers. For those who did not receive a report, copies are available at the Dayton Municipal Building, on the Town's web site, or you may request a copy by calling the Town Office at 540-879-2241.

Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton web site for updates and changes)

Town of Dayton
125-B Eastview St.
Dayton, VA 22821

Phone: 540-879-2241
Fax: 540-879-2243

Office Hours:

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

www.daytonva.us

Meetings

Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., June 10th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., July 8th, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Aug. 12th, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., June 20th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., July 18th, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 15th, 7 p.m.

Holiday Closings

**Dayton Municipal
 Offices Closed**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thurs., July 4th

LABOR DAY

Mon., Sept. 2nd

2013 Events Calendar

- **Course with a Cause (The Dayton Muddler) & Fun Day:** Sat., Aug. 3rd
 (Muddler: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. & Fun Day: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- **Dayton Autumn Celebration:** Sat., Oct. 5th, 8:30 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 Independence Day

- **Recycling:** No Change—Wed., July 3rd
- **Trash:** Sat., July 6th

Week of Labor Day

- **Recycling:** Thurs., Sept. 5th
- **Trash:** Sat., Sept. 7th



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