

# Dayton Discovery

THE TOWN OF DAYTON



The Heritage Museum

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## DAYTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m.

**(Participant Line-up at 3:00 p.m.)**

The Dayton Christmas Parade will begin on North Main Street at the bridge near Fort Harrison and travel south, ending at Mason Street. Line-up for participants will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Main Street, from Eberly Road to the bridge, and when this area is filled, line-up will extend to the block of Main Street north of Eberly Road (the section where Mole Hill Bikes is located).

Parking will not be permitted on Main Street during the parade, 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 Dingedine Lane. Dingedine Lane will remain open with two-way traffic flow while the streets are closed.

The following streets will be closed during the parade:

- Main St.
  - from Mill St. to Eberly Rd. (3:00 p.m. until approx. 5:30 p.m.)
  - from Eberly Rd. to John Wayland Hwy. (3:00 p.m. until approx. 5:30 p.m.)
  - from Mill St. to Mason St. (4:00 p.m. until approx. 5:30 p.m.)
- Huffman Dr. – from John Wayland Hwy. to Main St. (4:00 p.m. until approx. 5:30 p.m.)
- College St. – from Main St. to Mill St. (4:00 p.m. until approx. 5:30 p.m.)
- Mill St. – from Main St. to College St. (4:00 p.m. until approx. 5:30 p.m.)

The Town would like to invite 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.

Free Coffee & Hot Chocolate, compliments of the Town of Dayton, will be served by Braithwaite Studios & Café during the parade at two locations along Main Street: Pit Stop Automotive lot and the “triangle” at The Cottage.



### Open Fires

As a follow-up on information regarding open fires included in the Fall Dayton Discovery, open fires require a Control Burn Permit from the Rockingham County Department of Fire & Rescue. Their direct phone number for permit information is (540) 564-8297.

## Message From the Mayor

The Holiday Season is upon us, and I want to take this time to encourage and challenge each Dayton Town Resident to find that special inner self in all of us that seeks the desire to help those less fortunate in our community over this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. As I have said in the past, we should feel so fortunate to live in such a great place within Rockingham County with our rich history, Mennonite culture, beautiful scenery, and many upcoming & exciting new features coming to Dayton.

If we would all look from within our own Town of Dayton, you will find those individuals in need of a special visit (just to talk), maybe a kind gesture of yard work, or even a spontaneous act of good will with delivering

baked goods and/or special treats. These individuals I am speaking of are listed on our Dayton "Operation Care" program. I challenge you, as a Dayton Resident, to seek out these special people and do something "from the heart." This is a time of giving, and all I ask is that we do our part to reach out to others, and your return will be a "feeling of satisfaction and love," guaranteed! For those interested in more information on Operation Care, contact Dayton Police Chief Conley at 879-2161.

Please take time this Holiday Season to walk the streets or drive around our community and look at how things are taking shape with the many improvements to downtown—new businesses being opened, a new park

and outdoor fitness equipment being installed, along with new activities and venues coming to Dayton. It is an exciting time, so let us band together as a unique and caring community of Dayton. Thanks to our Town Council, Planning Commission Members, and Town Employees for their hard work and dedication in providing the services you have requested, and for the activities you will need to see for yourself.

Please come and join us in celebrating the Holiday Season at the next two annual events: the Dayton Christmas Parade and Town Christmas Party.

May God Bless you and your family during this Holiday Season! I wish you the Best!

Charles T. Long



## DAYTON TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Town of Dayton will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for town residents on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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: ***Into Hymn (JMU Vocal Group)***
- ◆ Refreshments served by the Dayton American Legion Post 27 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ Door prizes donated by local businesses and the Town
- ◆ Crafts for children
- ◆ 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 those needing a ride by calling the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241 by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the party.

## Ideas Needed for Naming Dayton’s New Park

The Town of Dayton is soliciting for suggestions to name the new park on College Street. Please submit your ideas to the Dayton Town Office at 879-2241 or email them to [townofdayton@gmail.com](mailto:townofdayton@gmail.com).

## Chief's Corner

It's easier to fall victim to a scam than you might think. A scam artist is, in a twisted sense, a professional salesman – albeit a heartless one. In very little time a professional scam artist will quickly understand just how to pull you into their game. They often use intimidation; create confusion, but most essentially, a scammer will work off of your *hope and trust*.

Scams take several forms. There are money conversation scammers that will ask you to cash a check, keep part of it for yourself, and then send the rest off to the scammer via Western Union. You do this only to have the bank call you a short time later with news that the check was a fraud and that you are responsible for the loss. Law enforcement gets involved and most often the scam is occurring out of a country without extradition treaties with the United States.

Scams can take the form of prize winnings or estate inheritance. Both usually are too good to be true, but all you have to do is send a small amount of money to begin the processing of paperwork. You do this, and then you have to send more money so that the lawyer can do his/her part, then there is tax that must be paid, etc. The expenses pile up and there is no end to it so long as you keep sending money.

Scams can also be for driveway sealing, roof repair, painting or even credit card machine services.

Here is the bottom line. When it comes to things that are too good to be true, DO NOT proceed without first checking all of your resources. Contact your police department and explain the situation. Do online research, contact your attorney. Never, EVER, give out your personal information even if the person calling says

they are representing your bank. If someone comes to your house looking to do unrequested repair work, send them away! If you decide that you do need repairs done, contact local contractors who are bonded and insured, and whose reputations you can verify. If you feel intimidated or unsure, contact your police department right away. We are always happy to come and identify persons operating in this manner.

With the Giving Season upon us, give ONLY to charities that you can verify. Our Dayton Neighborhood Watch will have its annual *Christmas Giving Tree* displayed at the Braithwaite Studios on Mason Street. With the kind support they received last year, they were able to put joy into the hearts of twelve families for Christmas.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chief Donald "Dinky" Conley

## Police Department Organizing a Dog Log Program

The Dayton Police Department has a responsibility not only to provide services to its citizens and visitors, but for their dogs as well! Dayton officers are frequently dispatched to "dog running at large" calls. Most often our officers recognize our furry friends by name, and to whom and where they belong. Unfortunately, there will occasionally be a few pups we do not know, and some who may be visiting from out of town.



lice cruiser. When we cannot find the owner of a collarless canine, we have no alternative but to take the pooch to the SPCA. We'd like to avoid causing you and your dog that hardship.

The "DOG LOG" will contain information about you and your dog. In the event an officer is on patrol and finds that your dog has gotten loose or needs to be identified in anyway, the log would enable us to do so.

We are asking the citizens of Dayton and their visitors to register for our Dog Log by sending an email or mailing in the following information about your dog, as well as placing the proper identification tag of ownership on your

dog with your phone number and pup's name.

- Owners name and address
- Best phone number to contact you
- Dogs name and a detailed description (breed, color, size, friendly/not friendly, etc.)
- A picture of the dog

Please inform the Department of your guests who may also have dogs to register, even if it is just for the week. We look forward to getting to know you and your dog!

You may email your information to [mrobles@daytonva.us](mailto:mrobles@daytonva.us), drop it by the Dayton Municipal Building or mail to: Dayton Police Dept., 125A Eastview St., Dayton, VA 22821 (Phone: 879-2161).



# Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website 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](http://www.daytonva.us)**

## Meetings

### Town Council

#### Scheduled Monthly Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)

- Mon., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

#### Scheduled Monthly Meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

- Thurs., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

## Holiday Closings

### **Municipal Offices Closed**

- Thanksgiving**  
Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas**  
Tues. & Wed., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- New Year's**  
Tues. & Wed., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
Mon., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>
- Presidents' Day**  
Mon., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

## Events Calendar

- **Dayton Christmas Parade:** Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.  
(Participant Line-up at 3:00 p.m.)
- **Dayton Christmas Party:** Wed., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30—8:00 p.m.  
Dayton United Methodist Church, 215 Ashby St.
- **Dayton Redbud Spring Arts & Crafts Festival:** Sat., April 12<sup>th</sup>

## Holiday Refuse Collection

- Thanksgiving**  
**Recycling:** Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Trash:** Fri., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas**  
**Recycling:** Thurs., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Trash:** Fri., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>
- New Year's**  
**Recycling:** Thurs., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Trash:** Fri., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Note: If the contractor is running behind schedule, collection will resume the following day.*



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# 2013 Dayton Town Council Year in Review

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## Happy holidays to all!

We know this is a busy time of year for everyone with preparations, travel and spending time with family and loved ones. On behalf of the Mayor and Town Council, we would like to take a few minutes to catch you up on the busy and productive year the Town of Dayton has had with events, projects, community safety and infrastructure improvements.

## 2013 Events:

- Dayton Redbud Spring Arts & Crafts Festival (4<sup>th</sup> annual—added arts & crafts vendors this year)
- Easter Egg Hunt (1<sup>st</sup> egg hunt sponsored by the Town)
- Dayton Muddler (2<sup>nd</sup> annual obstacle course event benefiting the wounded warrior foundation)
- Dayton Fun Day (the return of our free carnival for the kids)
- Dayton Autumn Celebration (34<sup>th</sup> annual—record crowd estimated)
- Dayton Christmas Parade (8<sup>th</sup> annual — upcoming on December 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Dayton Town Christmas Party (upcoming on December 11<sup>th</sup>)

## Projects:

### *College Street Event Center*

We have finished the parking lot and restrooms. We are currently working on the site preparation and landscape of the green space, and will be building a stage. Our plan is to have the center ready for events late spring or early summer.

### *Cooks Creek Park*

We have started a two-phase project of refurbishing and expanding the play equipment and functionality of the park.

Phase I - We have purchased a new play structure to replace the old one that has been removed. Installation of the new structure is almost complete. We have also purchased and installed some outdoor exercise equipment, and are currently excavating the spot for an outdoor workout area.

Phase II - We plan to replace the rest of the playground equipment and finish the workout area beginning in July of next year with the new budget.

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## **Community Safety:**

### *Resource Officer*

With the rise of violence in our nation's schools, we have approved the use of the Town's law enforcement resources for added protection at Wilbur Pence Middle School. The Town's Police Department is providing an officer to be at the school every day during school hours. This position is called a resource officer, and anyone that fills that role must be properly trained. All of our officers are trained for this duty, and rotate this responsibility so the kids get to know all the officers.

### *Operation Care*

This is a program that our police department started and maintains. The objective of this program is to assist the members of Dayton's elderly/handicapped population. They provide welfare checks and assist in the arrangement of needed services (i.e. meals, lawn care, etc.).

## **Infrastructure:**

- Replaced two unusable 1915 fire hydrants on High and College Streets, as well as moved the one on the corner of Main and Rt. 42 to be more accessible.
- Repaired High Street broken sidewalk areas.
- Re-painted curbs, center lines, and parking spaces around Town.
- Re-paved road sections and alleys in numerous areas of Town.
- Replaced 30 ft. of sanitary sewer line in Hott Lane.
- Replaced landscaping along Rt. 42 and park areas around Town.
- Repaired storm drain manholes near southern end of Ashby Street.
- Repaired drainage swales off Keswick Circle, and on Sunset and Northview.
- Repainted Rt. 42 welcome signs, replaced landscaping, and added retaining walls to sites.
- Flushed Town fire hydrants.
- Installed exercise equipment at Cooks Creek Park.
- Restored landscaping at Sunset Park.
- Re-painted Phibbs Park sign.
- Constructed College Street Park.
- Re-painted crosswalks at Cooks Creek Park, Mason and Main Streets, and near the triangle building in the center of Town.