

Dayton Discovery

THE TOWN OF DAYTON, VIRGINIA



SPRING SUMMER
2019

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Mayor's Message

We finally made it to spring! Even though our area received more rain than usual over the last few months, the buds are getting ready to bloom, getting us in the mood to plant this year's back yard flower garden, enjoy a nice spring walk in our wonderful Town, or even knock the dust off that bike in the back of the garage. And while you are out and about, be sure to check out our local business and restaurants — we have some of the best around. I'm always excited this time of year because Dayton has so much to offer, so many events, including the Annual Redbud Festival on the 27th of April, followed up by a spring and summer full of music, music, and more. Make sure to check the website often and hang the enclosed schedule on your fridge for a quick reminder!

So, now I have a challenge for all the great people in our terrific Town. It's an

easy challenge and the only person you have to answer to is yourself! I know there are already people that do this, but I would like to make a challenge to everyone to do this one little thing this spring. Walk out of your front door, take a few steps, and then check on your neighbor. Make sure they are OK. If you see things they need help with, offer them a hand, if you can. Maybe they need help getting their lawnmower started or maybe they need help painting their porch. Who knows, maybe they can even help you with something around your house or yard. Anyway, you get the idea. Let's get to know each other and be the best neighbor possible. Have a wonderful spring!

See you at the Redbud and the Sadie Rose 5K.

Sam Lee, Mayor

Manager's Corner

Just a minute to update you on changes in the Town's leadership team. In early January, Robert "Bobby" Popowicz, Town Superintendent, submitted his resignation to Council after serving the Town since 2016. Council wishes Mr. Popowicz well in his new endeavor and thanks him for his service to the Town. On January 24th the Town entered into a contract with the Berkley Group to assist the Town with managing operations until a new Superintendent is employed. Mr. Joseph S. Paxton, former Rockingham County Administrator and a member of the Berkley Group's Executive Transition Team, has been appointed as Interim Town Superintendent. Mr. Paxton is

generally in the office Tuesday through Thursday each week. Please call him if you need assistance from the Town.

Early in March, Mr. Lee Early announced his retirement from his position as Treasurer effective the end of March. Mr. Early has been with the Town since September 2017. Council sends its very best to Lee and his wife in their retirement and thanks him for his hard work and dedication to the Town.

Resumes for both positions are currently being accepted by the Town. Information on how to express interest in these positions is available on the Town's website under Employment Opportunities.

Council has established a timetable to have a new full-time superintendent/manager in June 2019. The Berkley Group is coordinating that search and the first review of applicants will begin after April 8th.

The Treasurer position was advertised this past week and is open until filled. For that position, the Town is looking for a person with an accounting background and a general knowledge of governmental or fund accounting.

While vacancies in these two positions create a challenge for the Town, the Town staff is stepping up to the challenge and working hard with Mr. Paxton to ensure that Town services continue at a high level.

Fort Harrison News



The Board of Directors of Fort Harrison, Inc. is pleased to announce a dendrochronology (scientific method of dating tree rings, also called growth rings to the exact year they were formed) study has recently been performed on the Daniel Harrison House. Oak beams in the foundation and attic of the limestone section of the house reveal that the trees were felled in the winter of 1748/1749. Construction most likely followed soon after in the summer of 1749.

Pine support timbers under the brick portion of the house indicate this section was most likely built and completed between 1840-1845.

The core samples and measurements will be archived at the Tree Ring Laboratory, Columbia University. Funding for the project was provided by an anonymous donor and friend of Fort Harrison.

The study has been an exciting learning experience for Fort Harrison, as we continue to learn about and preserve this fine old house, a well known landmark here in Dayton and one of the earliest structures in the Shenandoah Valley.

On April 13th, during the HUZZAH event, the house will be open and visitors can see the areas under the floorboards and in the attic where the samples were taken.




Reminder Regarding Yard Waste & Tree/bush Collection

With the warm weather approaching and the days getting longer, it's time for sprucing up our lawns and gardens. Please remember that all yard waste (except for limbs larger than your finger), must be placed in paper biodegradable bags, and be free of household trash, rocks or dirt.

Tree limbs and trimmings too large to bag must be tied in bundles not exceeding five feet in length and of reasonable size to allow convenient handling. Disposal of tree stumps, trunks or limbs larger than six inches in diameter is the responsibility of the property owner.

Yard waste is collected on Mondays of each week, and must be placed at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.



Fort Harrison COLONIAL TRADES FAIR

Sat. June 22
10 am to 4 pm

Authentic demonstrations and sales of handcrafted items. Come dance a jig!

FUN FOR ALL!

Greenway Phase 1 Ribbon Cutting

Please join us Friday, April 26th, 10 a.m. or the ribbon-cutting ceremony! This celebration will take place on the Cooks Creek Park entrance to the Greenway.



DAYTON COMMUNITY YARD SALE DAY

Saturday May 11th
7 a.m. – Until

HUZZAH!

The Regiment is Coming!
SAT., APRIL 13
11 am to 3 pm
Musket demos, drills, firing volleys, military surgeon, learn about frontier life!

Fort Harrison



Chief's Corner

Protect your every day.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



 EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT Threatening to commit a crime that could harm or	 SURVEILLANCE A prolonged interest in or taking pictures/ videos of personnel, facilities, security features, or	 THEFT/LOSS/ DIVERSION Stealing or diverting items-	 TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY Investigating or testing a facility's security or IT systems to assess the strength	 AVIATION ACTIVITY Operating or interfering with the
 BREACH/ ATTEMPTED INTRUSION Unauthorized people	 ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE Gaining skills or knowledge on a specific topic, such as	 ELICITING INFORMATION Questioning personnel beyond mere curiosity about an event,	 MISREPRESENTATION Presenting false information or misusing documents to conceal possible	 CYBERATTACK Disrupting or compromising an organization's information
 RECRUITING/ FINANCING Funding suspicious or criminal activity or recruiting	 SABOTAGE/ TAMPERING/ VANDALISM Damaging or	 MATERIALS ACQUISITION/ STORAGE Acquisition and/or	 WEAPONS COLLECTION/ STORAGE Collection or discovery of unusual amounts of	 SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT Actions which raise concern to specific sectors, (e.g., power plant) with regard to

If you **see something, say something**[®]
 REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR CALL 911 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

dhs.gov/see-something-say-something

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Town of Dayton Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th
Sunset Park
(145 Sunset Drive)

The fun begins at 2:00 pm
with a special visit from
the Easter Bunny.

The Easter Egg Hunt begins
at 2:30 pm for children with
three different age groups:
4 & under, 5-7 & 8-10.

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



Time and Placement of Refuse:

Containers are to be placed at the property line by the street where they can be easily collected, and shall **not** be placed in the street or on the

sidewalk in a manner whereby they will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Refuse must be placed out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Containers shall be placed **no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon prior to the collection day**, and must be removed to the side or rear of the structure no later than 8:00 a.m. of the day following collection.

Dayton Redbud Festival Ducky Races
 Additional merchant: The Cottage



Town of Dayton, Virginia
 @TownOfDaytonVirginia

We will be serving up
cold & refreshing
ice-cream to
Town residents
from 5 to 6 p.m. in
Sunset Park

Followed by a public concert with
Jimmy O starting at 6:00 p.m.

Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

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

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

Office/Drive-Thru
 Hours:
 Monday - Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 24-hour drop box

www.daytonva.us

Meetings

Town Council
 Scheduled Monthly Meetings

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

Planning Commission
 Scheduled Monthly Meetings

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

Holiday Closings

Good Friday
 Fri., March 19th
No change in refuse collection

Memorial Day
 Mon., May 27th



College Street Park is now Dove park in honor of Jim Dove and his family and their contribution to making the Town a better place to live. The park is at the site of the former Jim's Drive-In, a long-time eating establishment in Town. The Council changed the name at the March meeting. Dedication date and time to be announced.

 **Go Green!**
Go Paperless!
 E-mail: kclark@daytonva.us
 to receive the Dayton
 Discovery electronically.

WANTED
 Volunteers
 We are welcoming individuals and civic-groups to join us as volunteers at any of our Town's events. For more information, please email Mike Betts at mbetts@daytonva.us

MOVIE

Outdoor Movie Time @ Dove Park:
 Join us on Saturday, May 18th, for the first outdoor movie showing of the season. We will be airing **STAR WARS: The LAST JEDI**. Start time is at dusk.



10AM-4PM DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DAYTON, VA

Visit www.daytonva.us or follow the Town of Dayton on Facebook for more information. *Severe weather date: May 2*



SHOPPING

Handmade Arts & Crafts from local and visiting vendors

Sales at Dayton Merchants: Greater Dayton Area & Downtown



FOOD & MUSIC

Delicious Local & "Festival-Style" Food, Treats, and Drinks

Bluestone Vineyard Wine-Garden

Music By: The Walnut Ridge Band, Rock Bottom Band, Doug Turner & Brent Funkhauser



HISTORY

Antique Car Cruise-In & Parade

Tours of The Heritage Museum & the Silver Lake Mill

Civil War-Era Dancers

Historic Town Walking Tours



OTHER

Redbud saplings available at participating Dayton merchants and at Festival Information Booth, while supplies last

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides

Ducky Races on Cooks Creek



KIDS

Pony Rides

Barrel-Train Rides

Face Painting

Balloon Animals

Bouncy House

Cloggers



Dayton Redbud Festival Ducky Races

Saturday, April 27th (Festival Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM)

Ducky Races Begin at 1:00 PM

Cooks Creek Park (230 Bowman Road)

Finish Line at the Low Water Bridge (slab).

Three Races - Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

1st Place - \$50 VISA Card, 2nd Place - \$25 VISA Card & 3rd Place - \$10 Gift Cert. to Local Business

**Ducks on sale now through April 26th at the
following Dayton merchants (\$5.00 each):**

BB&T -- Dayton Branch – up to Friday, April 5th

Braithwaite Studios & Coffee Shop

Carl Estes Barber

Mane Street Salon & Spa

Country Village Bakeshop – Dayton Market

Park View Federal Credit Union

Harrisonburg Rockingham Historical Society

Hair Corral

Nanny's Nook

Silver Lake Mill

Ducks for
Sale on
Festival Day
at the
College
Street
Pavilion
(360 College St.)

Proceeds: Benefit the Beautification of Dayton

Come Celebrate Spring in Historic Dayton! Lots of Fun for Everyone!



2019 Dayton

EVENT CALENDAR



APRIL

- 13 Saturday**
Blue Ridge Christian
School: Bolt-4 @ Upper
Campus (8 a.m.)
- 13 Saturday**
Fort Harrison: Virginia
Regiment/Mercer Co.
Encampment
- 20 Saturday**
Easter Egg Hunt @ Sunset
Park (2 p.m.)
- 26 Friday**
Greenway Dedication @
Cooks Creek Park (10 a.m.)
- 27 Saturday**
10th Redbud Festival &
All-Day Music
*Severe Weather Date: May 4
(Saturday)*
- 28 Sunday**
15th Annual Kids Fishing
Day @ Silver Lake

MAY

- 4 Saturday**
Sadie Rose 5K @ Cooks
Creek Park (9 a.m.)
- 11 Saturday**
Community Yard Sale
- 18 Saturday**
Movie: *Star Wars: The Last
Jedi*^ (@ dusk)

JUNE

- 8 Saturday**
Movie: *Peter Rabbit*^
(@ dusk)
- 15 Saturday**
Bon Fire (behind Parkview
Federal Credit Union)
- 22 Saturday**
Fort Harrison: Colonial
Trades Fair
- 22 Saturday**
Music: *Thieves of Burden*
(5-8 p.m.)
- 29 Saturday**
Ice Cream Social @ Sunset
Park (5 p.m.)
- 29 Saturday**
Music: *Jimmy O* @ Sunset
Park (6-8 p.m.)

JULY

- 6 Saturday**
Mini Water Park @ Sunset Park
- 13 Saturday**
Cardboard Boat Race @
Silver Lake
- 27 Saturday**
Music: *Kelly May Brown*
(7-9 p.m.)

AUGUST

- 3 Saturday**
Dayton Muddler & 1/2
Marathon

- 3 Saturday**
Music: *Danczet Rock Band*
(7-9 PM)
- 10 Saturday**
Dayton's DJ Dance Party
Nite @ Dayton Learning
Center
- 24 Saturday**
Music: *Everyday People*
(7-9 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Saturday**
Weenie Roast @ Dove Park
- 14 Saturday**
Movie: *Lego Batman*^
(@ dusk)
- 22 Sunday**
Fall Flea Market (location
pending)

OCTOBER

- 5 Saturday**
40th Dayton Days /
Autumn Celebration &
All-Day Music
*Severe Weather Date:
October 12 (Saturday)*

DECEMBER

- 7 Saturday**
Christmas Parade & Tree
Lighting @ Dove Park
- 10 Tuesday**
Resident Christmas Party
(@ WoodmenLife Building)

^Movies & Music at Dove Park (College Street Pavilion), unless otherwise noted. Movies start at dusk.



*Planned events are subject to change. See our Facebook page or website for more information.

Find us on 

daytonva.us

EVENT DETAILS

The Town of Dayton's event schedule is subject to change, so please visit our Town's Facebook page (Town of Dayton, Virginia), our website page @ www.daytonva.us, or call 540-879-2241 for more the most up-to-date information.

Since parking is limited, we encourage residents to walk or pedal to events, if they are able.

Movies are shown at Dove Park (College Street Pavilion). Movies are free of charge and are displayed on a 16'x9' blow-up movie screen. Movies will start at dusk. Don't forget your neighbor(s) and your lawn chair/blanket!

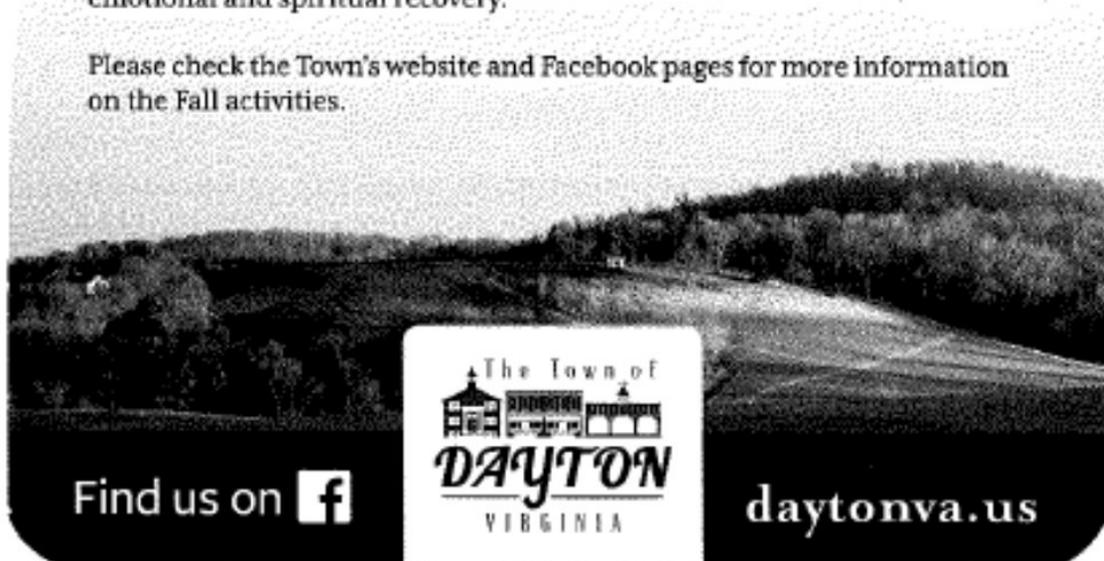
Music events are held at Dove Park (College Street Pavilion), unless otherwise noted. The 2019 Music events are free of charge. Please note: Adults 21 and older may bring in an alcohol beverage (inside a cooler) at music events held only at Dove Park. IDs will be checked and wristbands will be issued.

The Mini Water Park will be held at Sunset Park. Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for the fun – inflatable pools & slides, along with various water games.

The Cardboard Boat Races will take place at Silver Lake. Teams of two will race their pre-constructed boat (made entirely of cardboard, tape, glue and paint) across Silver Lake. Boaters will compete for "fastest" boat to cross the lake and for most "creative" design.

The Dayton MUDDLER and ¼ MARATHON provides the weekend adventurer with a unique "warrior" course, and with a "scenic" 13.1 mile "stroll" around Dayton. Try one or both of these events, and help support our nation's wounded military veterans (through Boulder Crest Retreat) with physical, emotional and spiritual recovery.

Please check the Town's website and Facebook pages for more information on the Fall activities.



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