Mayor’s Message

First, I want to say that I hope your Christmas and New Year holidays were filled with blessings. My favorites were enjoying time with family and riding around our Town, enjoying the Christmas light.

I want to also thank the Town of Dayton for their support, especially in the last few months. When my wife and I first moved to Town, we quickly fell in love with the small-town atmosphere and how friendly everyone was. We noticed the parks, families taking evening walks, the sound of horse and buggies on Sunday mornings, the welcoming smiles from local businesses and the significance of the history of our Town and surrounding areas. We knew, after just a few months, that we were in our forever home in our forever town. So, I appreciate, honor, and respect the chance to serve our Town as Mayor and I am excited to get started. I “move forward” and get more involved with decisions regarding the safety, growth, protection, beauty, and history in our Town, I will do so with a sense of pride, respect, and advocacy, with a heavy dose of communication that I hope will be contagious. I am very excited to work with and represent the wonderful people in our Town. I am also excited to work with and get to know all of the Council Members. I’m so very proud to be a part of “Team Dayton”.

Mayor Sam Lee

Marketing and Events Coordinator Hired

On January 7th, The Town of Dayton welcomed Mike Betts to the staff as our Marketing and Events Coordinator. Mr. Betts has many years of experience in marketing, events planning and customer appreciation promotions in various national venues. Most notably, Mr. Betts will also serve as the Executive Director of First Night Harrisonburg for its 28th annual New Year Eve’s gala.

Mr. Betts is the Founder/Director of the Grand Caverns Signature 5K Race that is held bi-annually. He is also involved with the Shenandoah Valley Track Club. One of their signature events, the Mountain View 10K, provides scholarships to area high school seniors who run Cross Country. This event is the Valley’s only scholarship fundraiser for cross country athletes. As a Board Member of the Grottoes Ruritan Club, he also involved with the Caroling in the Cavern event held during the holiday season. And, Mr. Betts is the race director for the Teachers 1/10th Marathon sponsored by Bluestone Running. This event is a fundraiser to reimburse area teachers for out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

In his professional life, Mr. Betts coordinated and co-planned the CFAN International Annual Conference. He was the Operations Manager for Global Broadcast News based out of Israel and had a broadcast station in Lebanon. He was also the Director of Marketing for Bright House Networks based out of Tampa Florida.

Mr. Betts holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication from the University of South Florida, and a Master of Arts Degree in Media Management from Regent University.

Congratulations to Mr. Betts as he embarks on his next journey as the Marketing and Events Coordinator for the Town of Dayton. The Town of Dayton is pleased and excited to have him on the team.
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!

RETIREEMENT WISHES
Conrad Eye, Water Plant Operator for the Town of Dayton, retired at the end of December, after 27 dedicated years. Thank you so much for your service. May this retirement journey be filled with smiles and joy.

April 27!
If you are interested in becoming a Craft/Food Vendor for the Redbud Event, please contact the Town Office.

Thank you from Ft. Harrison
Thanks to all those volunteered to make the National Wreaths Across America event on December 15th in the Dayton Cemetery a great success!
Leaf and Refuse Collection Info

Leaf collection has concluded for this season. If you have more leaves, they must be put in “paper” biodegradable bags and set out on yard waste collection day (each Monday) and be free of house-hold 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.

Visit Rockingham County’s website at www.rockinghamcountyva.gov for information on the disposal of brush at the landfill or call their office at (540)564-3159.

Refuse NOT acceptable for disposal through the Town of Dayton refuse collections:

- Dangerous materials or substances such as poisons, acids, caustics, infected materials, explosives, hot ashes, or materials burning.

- Materials resulting from construction, demolition, remodeling, or from the clearance of vacant or improved property in preparation for construction or occupancy. This type of material must be disposed of by the home-owner or contractor, as applicable.

- Any materials, which create an unusually bad odor such as manure or rotten or unhatched eggs.

- All large and bulky materials, such as motor vehicles or parts of motor vehicles, tree trunks and stumps that may require special preparation and processing for disposal.

- Bodies of dead animals.

*Gas and oil must be removed from appliances, furniture, electronics, bicycles, and push mowers.

The Town will not be responsible for the collection of materials in plastic bags if such bags are torn or overloaded so as to prevent normal handling.
## Calendar of Meetings and Holidays

(check the Dayton website for updates and changes)

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### Events Calendar

- Easter Egg Hunt (Sunset Park)
  - April 20th
- Redbud Festival
  - April 27th
- Town-Wide Yard Sale
  - May 11th

### Holiday Refuse Collection

PLEASE NOTE: When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay.