

# Dayton Discovery

THE TOWN OF DAYTON, VIRGINIA

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Town of Dayton, Virginia

## Mayor's Message

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and I hope that you weren't too hard on yourselves with your New Year's resolutions. Our Town finished 2019 with beautiful Christmas decorations and awesome celebrations, putting an exclamation mark on a great year. Congratulations again to the winners of the Annual Holiday Decorations contest. We still have a few more months of cold weather to enjoy our favorite soup while in our favorite chair with our favorite blanket, watching our favorite movies & football, we are excited about plans for our Town's events, repairs and growth in 2020. We hope our signature events (The Redbud Festival, The Muddler and Dayton Days) will continue to get even bigger and better. Please know that your input, your involvement, and even your concerns show your pride in our Town and all is needed and appreciated.

So as the countdown to spring begins, and you need a reason to try out the new tennis shoes you got for Christmas, let me pass along a few ideas.

You can try them out visiting our downtown shops, restaurants, businesses and parks. Then try them out walking to a new or different section of Town. You could try the Dayton Market, the greenway to Silver Lake...you get the idea! And, it's even more enjoyable when you invite friends to join you for a walk to explore and enjoy what I think is the best little Town around. I'll be watching for the new walking club!

And one more thing, I can't say enough about Team Dayton, our Town Council, Town Manager, our Office and Event Staff, the Public Works Department and our Police Department. Doing what they do for our very deserving citizens while not disrupting what makes our Town such a special place to live and visit is not as easy as they make it look. I want to send a giant thank you to you all for what you do.

And, to everyone in Town, I appreciate your kindness and I will continue to pass it along. Let's have another great year!

~Mayor Lee

## Manager's Memo

Happy New Year!

2020 promises to be a busy and productive year in the Town of Dayton. In December, Town Council and senior staff participated in a half-day professionally facilitated retreat. It was a worthwhile activity for all. We began by discussing with each other what we really appreciate about Dayton, what we think is going especially well, what we wish people knew about Dayton, what citizens tend to underappreciate about the Town, what we could do better and what we, as individuals, can contribute to Dayton's success. We then discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, Town Council, council committees, and staff. Priorities were discussed

briefly and will be better defined as we work through the budget process this spring. Finally, Town Council spent time learning how to best work productively as a Council and how to evaluate effectiveness.

It's important that the public understands the role of Town Council and that of staff. Council is a policy-making board. They are elected to represent the citizens by setting policy, approving and monitoring the annual budget, and hiring, directing, and evaluating the Town Manager. The Town Manager directs and supervises all other staff. Staff is involved in the day to day operation of the Town, carrying out policies developed by Council, and providing reports and recommendations to

Council. If you have a specific concern or issue (such as a street light, water bill, pot hole, zoning), it is best to call Town Hall and speak to the appropriate staff member. If an issue needs Council action, staff will take it to Council. Concerns taken directly to Town Council members will be redirected to staff as appropriate for action or consideration. Council members want to hear from members of the public, as they are your representatives and they are committed to being responsive to the needs of all citizens. However, their focus is at a higher, policy-related level.

The retreat helped us learn how to best work together in our respective roles. We all feel encouraged and ready to make this the best year ever for Dayton.

~Angela A. Lawrence

## Upcoming Events



### Snowman Fashion Show Contest!

Since there's a call for a bit more snow this winter, we're challenging all residents to participate in a snowman contest. Create a snowman and then "dress it up!" We will be looking for the Most Unique Snowman, the Best Overall Attire, and the Most Original. One entry per person per household.

The date range to participate is January through the end of February. Please submit picture entries, including your Town of Dayton address to [mbetts@daytonva.us](mailto:mbetts@daytonva.us). Entries need to show at least one picture of the snowman and your residence.



### Can't get to DMV? DMV is coming to DAYTON!

**Wednesday, February 19th  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require you to present a REAL ID compliant

driver's license or ID, or another federally approved form of ID such as a U.S. Passport or military ID, in order to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal facility or military base.

Services offered: REAL IDs, Driver's licenses, Identification cards (adult & child), Disabled parking placards, Vehicle titles, Address changes, Vehicle registrations, E-Z Pass transponders, Compliance summaries, Transcripts, Hunting & Fishing Licenses. Visit [dmv.virginia.gov](http://dmv.virginia.gov) for more information and to pre-apply for a REAL ID.

**Town of Dayton  
Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunset Park**  
**(145 Sunset Drive)**

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

The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2:30 pm for children with four different age groups: 3 & under, 4-5, 6-7 & 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!

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**REDBUD**  
 Spring Arts & Crafts *festival*

**Save the Date: April 18th!**

If you are interested in becoming an Arts & Crafts or Food Vendor for the Redbud Festival, please contact Mike Betts at [mbetts@daytonva.us](mailto:mbetts@daytonva.us).

Applications available on our website at [www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us).

**COMMUNITY  
YARD  
SALE**

Saturday, May 9th  
7 a.m. - Until

**Uptown, Downtown & All Around Town!**



**The Heritage Museum**  
**Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm**

Dayton residents are encouraged to visit the Genealogy Library to investigate family history using Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, and Family Search, as well as many other unique resources. Library research is free to all visitors.

The featured exhibit is *The Strickler Collection: To Preserve A Community*. Items from ordinary to the extraordinary reveal life in the community from the early 19th to early 20th centuries.

**Business Community**  
**Conversation**

*Please join us to engage in a facilitated discussion regarding the needs of the business community, sharing constructive thoughts and ideas that will benefit the business community as a whole.*

*Thursday, January 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.*  
*Council Chambers, Dayton Town Hall*

**Leaf and Refuse Collection Info**

Leaf collection has concluded for the season. If you have more leaves, they must be put in paper biodegradable bags and set out on Mondays for yard waste collection days and be free of household trash, rocks & 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](http://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov) for information on the disposal of brush at the landfill or call their office at (540)564-3159.

**Curbside Trash Collection Reminder**

According to Dayton Town Code §7-5 & §7-6, trash containers are to be placed at the property line for collection and shall not be placed in the street or on the sidewalk in a manner whereby they will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Containers shall be placed no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon preceding the collection day and must be removed to a point at the side or rear of the structure not later than 8:00 a.m. of the day following collection. Please do your part to keep the sidewalks clear and our Town looking good.



**CHIEF'S CORNER**

Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey that I would encourage all Town residents and business owners to complete. The purpose of this survey is to help us better understand how the Dayton Community perceives the Police Department and ask for input on how we can improve. The surveys may be filled out manually and returned to the Dayton Town Hall. Or, you may go online to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM95X7J](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM95X7J). Surveys must be submitted by Friday, January 24, 2020.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey and giving us feedback on what you would like to see in the future from the Dayton Police Department. We feel that transparency is the key to a valuable community partnership between the citizens and the Police Department.

There will be another Coffee With a Cop event at the Dayton Market in late January. Also, later this spring, I will hold a Chief's Town Hall Meeting to discuss the results of the survey. Please watch the Town's website and Facebook pages for more specific details.

~ Chief Justin Trout

"Adopt" a Town of Dayton event! Individuals, civic groups, non-profits, and businesses are encouraged to partner with the Town in assisting us with one of our events. It will be a great way to serve our community, earn service hours (great for students), promote your group, and provide a potential opportunity for fundraising. Contact Mike Betts at [mbetts@daytonva.us](mailto:mbetts@daytonva.us) for more information.

**IMPORTANT**  
**INFORMATION**

Town Business Licenses are due March 1, 2020. Applications will be mailed out mid-January. Town licenses are required for all independent contractors, including hair stylists, working in Town.



The winter season is still here and we want to extend a friendly reminder regarding snow removal from public sidewalks for the safety of our pedestrians.

Dayton Town Code §2-64, states that all persons occupying, owning or having charge of any property within the town shall be required to remove the snow from the entire sidewalk in front of such property within six daylight hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or the Town may have the snow cleaned off at the expense of the owner or tenant. We appreciate your support in complying with this code.

**Thank you from Fort Harrison**



Thanks to all those who volunteered to make the National Wreaths Across America event on December 14th in the Dayton Cemetery a great success!

# 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/Drive-Thru  
Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
24-hour drop box

[www.daytonva.us](http://www.daytonva.us)

## Meetings

### Town Council

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Mon., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Scheduled Monthly Meetings

- Thurs., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

## Holiday Closings

### Lee Jackson Day

Fri., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mon., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

### President's Day

Mon., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

### Memorial Day

Mon., May 25<sup>th</sup>



## Events Calendar

- **Kid's Fishing Day (Silver Lake)**  
March 28th 9am-1pm
- **Easter Egg Hunt (Sunset Park)**  
April 11th
- **Redbud Festival**  
April 18th
- **Community Yard Sale**  
May 9th

## Holiday Refuse Collection

**PLEASE NOTE:** When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection may be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

*Go Green—Go Paperless! E-mail [chall@daytonva.us](mailto:chall@daytonva.us) to receive the Dayton Discovery electronically.*

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 21  
HARRISONBURG VA 22801

TOWN OF DAYTON  
125-B EASTVIEW ST  
DAYTON VA 22821



**Dayton Police Department**  
125-A Eastview Street  
Dayton, Virginia 22821  
Phone: (540) 879-2161  
Fax: (540) 879-2824



## DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SURVEY

You may access this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM95X7J>.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to provide input on the community perception of the Police Department and offer suggestions on how we may better serve the Dayton Community.

1. Which of the following best describes your relationship with the Town of Dayton (check all that apply)?  
 Town resident     Town business owner     Employed in Town     None of the above
  
2. How do you perceive crime in the community?  
 High                       Moderate                       Low
  
3. Do you feel safe in the following situations:  
  
    At home alone at night?                       Yes                       No  
  
    At home during the day?                       Yes                       No  
  
    Walking through the Town at night?                       Yes                       No  
  
    Walking through the Town during the day?                       Yes                       No
  
4. How do you feel about the Town's crime rate during the last year?  
 Increased                       Decreased                       Remained the same
  
5. How satisfied are you with the police services provided by the Dayton Police Department?  
 Very Satisfied     Satisfied     Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied  
 Dissatisfied     Very Dissatisfied

Please see reverse side for additional questions.

6. Have you had an encounter with a Dayton Police Officer during the last 12 months?

- Yes                       No

If yes, was it a positive or negative experience? Please provide details of the encounter (was it at a Town event, a call for service, traffic stop, etc.).

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7. Do you feel that the crime that occurs in Dayton is investigated and solved in a timely manner?

- Yes                       No

8. What are police needs in the Town that you would like to see addressed by the Dayton Police Department? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Please provide any suggestions as to how the Dayton Police Department can improve in order to benefit the community?

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10. Please add any additional comments or suggestions that you would like to offer to the Dayton Police Department?

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The survey may be accessed online at this address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM95X7J>.

Thank you for your time and thoughts. We appreciate your input. The Dayton Police Department looks forward to working with the businesses and residents of Dayton to ensure the safest community possible. Your participation will help us to improve our services, processes, and reputation.

**PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY ONLINE OR COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DAYTON TOWN OFFICE BY JANUARY 24, 2020.**