

# CONNECTIONS

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Mayor Nan Whaley (podium) announces the City of Dayton lawsuit against drug companies and others responsible for the opioid epidemic. From left: Deputy City Manager Joe Parlette, Commissioner Chris Shaw, Commissioner Jeffrey J. Mims, Commissioner Matt Joseph, Chief Jeffrey Payne (DFD), Chief Richard Biehl (DPD), and Lt. Sarah Marshal (DFD).

## It's time for more action on the opioid epidemic – Mayor Nan Whaley

Everywhere I go, I am asked about the opioid epidemic that is ravaging our community.

I hear from hospitals and recovery providers about the lack of resources. I hear from community members about the impact it is having on neighborhoods. I hear from first responders about the strain on personnel. And I hear from those who are caught in this cycle of addiction.

Please know that I am listening. This is not an easy time for our community, but there is hope. The City of Dayton is working alongside a variety of partners as we look to a time when addiction will not be so prevalent in our community.

Heroin use has been a part of our community for a long time, but the last few years have seen a dramatic increase in overdoses and

deaths. We know all too well that we are in the midst of what the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services calls "an unprecedented opioid epidemic."

As of June 1, the Dayton Fire Department had responded to 1,640 calls for service related to potential opioid overdoses in 2017. During this same period in 2016, 769 calls for service were answered for this same purpose, an increase of more than 113 percent. This is in part due to substances such as fentanyl that are now being used at an alarming rate.

The Dayton Fire Department has been carrying and using Naloxone (which helps reverse the effects of opioid overdose in a matter of minutes) since 1979. Our police began carrying the drug immediately following the state law

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## City takes legal action

On June 5, the City of Dayton filed a lawsuit in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court against the drug companies and distributors responsible for opioid crisis, seeking relief for the extraordinary expense to the City and taxpayers. "The drug crisis didn't just happen," said Mayor Whaley. "These big drug companies have destroyed too many lives, broken too many families and done so much damage to our communities. Ever since this crisis was created, our community has been forced to focus our time, attention and your tax dollars on addressing the epidemic."



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## About dogs: What you should know

Every Dayton resident, including those who do not own dogs, should be aware of how to respond to the many situations and issues that may arise from the presence of dogs in neighborhoods. Dog owners have certain responsibilities prescribed by law.

### Response to dog bites

If you are bitten by a dog (or any animal), contact Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County immediately at 937-225-4362. After 5 p.m., contact Dayton Police at 937-333-2677. If you know the identity of the animal's owner, provide that information to Public Health or police. If you are bitten by a dog or other animal that is a stray at large (you do not know who the owner is), contact the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center immediately at 937-898-4457. Keep a copy of any related police reports or other official documents.

### Noisy dogs

City law prohibits keeping any animal that frequently disturbs inhabitants of two separate residences.

If such noise persists, call the Dayton Mediation Center at 937-333-2345 to help mitigate the situation. If the noise persists still, call Dayton Police at 937-333-2677 to file a police report (keep your copy). If the problem continues, bring a letter detailing the problem and the police report to the City of Dayton Prosecutor's Office at 335 W. Third St. (Safety Building).

### Dog owner responsibilities

City law prohibits ownership or keeping of vicious animals (a vicious dog is defined as any dog, other than a police dog, which without provocation kills or causes serious physical harm to a person or pet). Dogs must be secure while on the owner's/keeper's premises (properly enclosed or tethered is considered secure) and must not be at large

in the community unless securely attached to a leash not longer than six feet. Ohio law requires registration/licensing of dogs more than three months of age. Licenses can be purchased throughout the year at the Montgomery County Auditor's Office or the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center.

### What are the guidelines for tethering dogs?

In the interest of public safety and animal welfare, the City of Dayton enacted a dog tethering ordinance in 2014. Following are the guidelines:

- Only one dog may be tethered to each cable run or stationary point.
- The tether must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog, with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two adult human fingers may fit. Choke, prong and pinch collars are prohibited.
- The chain or tether must have swivels on both ends and be at least 15 feet in length.
- The tether or chain or cable run must be of adequate size and strength to effectively restrain the dog.
- The dog shall be tethered in a way to prevent extending the chain over an object that could result in strangulation.
- The dog shall have continuous access to water and shelter.
- No dog shall be chained or tethered to a stationary point for more than two consecutive hours in a 12-hour period or for more than 12 consecutive hours in a 24-hour period.

For a copy of the City of Dayton dog information brochure, go to [daytonohio.gov/dogs](http://daytonohio.gov/dogs) or email [cityhall@daytonohio.gov](mailto:cityhall@daytonohio.gov).



### City Commission

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### Customer Services

Service Requests

937-333-4800

Download/use the Dayton Delivers app

### Water/Utility Billing

937-333-3550

[PayDaytonWater.com](http://PayDaytonWater.com)

### Building Permits/Inspection

937-333-3883

### Stay Connected

[DaytonOhio.gov](http://DaytonOhio.gov)

[FlyDayton.com](http://FlyDayton.com)

[DaytonConventionCenter.com](http://DaytonConventionCenter.com)

[DaytonWater.org](http://DaytonWater.org)



## 'Real Change Dayton' works to make a difference

### Connecting people in need with shelter, food, services

There has been a noticeable increase in panhandling in Dayton and other communities following a Supreme Court challenge of anti-panhandling laws used in Dayton and elsewhere. Many residents have expressed concern about the presence of panhandlers, while wondering if giving money directly to them really helps.

In late 2016, the Downtown Dayton Partnership convened a coalition of local human services agencies and community leaders. After careful consideration of the issues and solutions available, the coalition concluded that two approaches would make a difference: provide the community with information about better ways to help those who need it; and ensuring that panhandlers and others in need receive emergency and long-term services from programs designed to help.

Using these two solutions as guiding principles, the coalition developed Real Change Dayton.

"You can give a dollar to someone standing with a sign at the intersection, but that same dollar can be stretched farther when it's donated to a local nonprofit or social service agency," said Tracy Sibbing, Vice President of Community Impact at United



Way of the Greater Dayton Area. "These organizations have extensive networks and can leverage donations to maximize the number of people who can receive benefits."

There are several ways to donate to Real Change Dayton and make a difference:

- **RealChangeDayton.org:** an online hub for learning about local services, with information on how to donate money or volunteer time.
- **Real Change Dayton meters:** Vibrantly painted "retired" parking meters serve as collectors for donations of money. Look for them in heavily pedestrian-traveled areas.
- **Text to give:** Text "Real Change" to 71777.

Real Change Dayton has also created small informational cards

to be given by police officers, social services workers and others to those needing services. Information on the cards will connect people to emergency services and to HelpLink, United Way of Greater Dayton's free and confidential hotline (call 2-1-1).

Funds collected at [RealChangeDayton.org](http://RealChangeDayton.org) and via meters and texting are directed to United Way of the Greater Dayton Area and invested in programs focused on financial stability, positive health outcomes, and emergency services such as homeless shelters.

Real Change Dayton is made possible with support from the Downtown Dayton Partnership; City of Dayton, the Dayton Police Department; Montgomery County; United Way of the Greater Dayton Area; Goodwill/Easter Seals of the Miami Valley; Homefull; Miami Valley Housing Opportunities; Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug, Addiction and Mental Health Services; PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) Street Outreach; St. Vincent DePaul; the Foodbank; and the City of Dayton Department of Law. Visit [RealChangeDayton.org](http://RealChangeDayton.org) to learn more about these organizations.

**Gem City Market** is a proposed full-service grocery store planned for lower Salem Avenue. The market is a community-led project coordinated by the non-profit Greater Dayton Union Co-op Initiative. As a co-operative venture, memberships are available. For more information, call 937-701-7432 or visit [gemcitymarket.com](http://gemcitymarket.com).





The Department of Recreation and Youth Services offers free and affordable options for outdoor and indoor fun and fitness. For more information, go online to [daytonohio.gov/rys](http://daytonohio.gov/rys) or pick up a program guide at a recreation center.

**Fairview Aquatic Park**

2262 Elsmere Ave. Outdoor pool and more; open through August 12 (Monday through Saturday, 1 to 7:30 p.m.) Daily admission fee: \$3 adults; \$2 youth. Call 937-333-3412.

**Spray Parks**

Keep cool! Seven spray parks, each with a different theme. Open through Labor Day, noon to 8 p.m. daily. Please observe the posted rules at each park. Free admission.

Fairview Aquatic Park

2262 Elsmere Ave.

Five Oaks

329 Five Oaks Ave.

Mallory Park

3037 Germantown St.

McIntosh Park

882 W. Riverview Ave.

Stuart Patterson

238 Baltimore St.

Walnut Hills

2340 Block of Wayne Ave.

Washington Park

3620 E. Second St.



**Downtown Summer Music Series**

The series concludes with a splash as the Dayton Reggae Festival comes to RiverScape MetroPark. Sunday, September 3, 1 to 8 p.m. Free admission; food and beverages available. Bring your own seating if you wish.

# The City Beautiful Award returns!



42 W. Siebenthaler Ave.

Last presented in the 1980s, the City Beautiful Award encourages and recognizes civic pride by acknowledging property owners/occupants who devote extra effort to property beautification and maintenance. Residential, commercial and institutional properties are eligible. Honorees receive a certificate of award presented at a City Commission meeting, a yard sign for display, and recognition in City communications. Properties must meet one or more of the following criteria: aesthetic



1222 E. Third St. (Miami Valley Gasket)

appeal; landscaping (design, color, balance); architectural design and placement; landscape and building maintenance; treatment of parking areas; preservation of trees and natural amenities; awareness of ordinances and City codes; appropriate placement/design of new construction; use of paint to complement buildings; enhancement of overall appearance of the area; or removal of blight. To nominate a property, go to [daytonohio.gov/citybeautiful](http://daytonohio.gov/citybeautiful) or call 937-333-4271.



**Winners, June 2017**

Residential:

42 W. Siebenthaler Ave., 129 Ringgold St., 1652 Cornell Ave.

Commercial:

1222 E. Third St. (Miami Valley Gasket)

**Community Seminars**

*Essential information for neighborhoods*

**Public Works -**

**Services and Programs**

Tuesday, July 25, 5:30 p.m.  
Dayton Convention Center,  
Rm. 202



**Lot Links Program**

September 2017  
Date and location to be announced

Call 937-333-3670 for information

# Your Dollars/Your Neighborhood update

## Park improvements/street paving



**P**ark updates are the latest improvements on the way to Dayton neighborhoods as the City of Dayton continues to deliver on promises made to voters in 2016. Here is the schedule of park upgrades scheduled through 2019.

### **2017**

Mallory Park (Germantown Street at Burwood Avenue): Replace playground equipment.

Belmont Park (Woodbine Avenue): Demolish park shelter (replacement planned for 2019).

Walnut Hills Park (Wayne Avenue): New fencing around three volleyball courts and two tennis courts; new volleyball and tennis netting; asphalt sealing and coloring for volleyball and tennis courts; new concrete sidewalk; replacement of wooden bench seating.

### **2018**

Welcome Park (Hopeland Avenue): Replace two basketball court surfaces, poles and rims; replace playground equipment; replace park shelter.

Washington Park (East Second Street): Replace playground equipment.

### **2019**

Dayton View Park (N. Broadway at Superior Avenue): Replace

basketball court surface, poles and rims; replace playground equipment.

McIntosh Park (Edwin C. Moses at Riverview Avenue): Repair basketball court surface; replace tennis court surface.

Belmont Park (Woodbine Avenue): Replace park shelter.

In addition to park enhancements, more Dayton neighborhoods will have newly paved residential streets this summer as the City of Dayton continues a major street improvement effort. With a goal of having all streets in good condition

within eight years, the City is resurfacing an estimated 60 lane-miles in 2017, nearly triple the amount of resurfacing last year. That's in addition to major road projects and bridge replacements funded by other sources. Residential streets identified for resurfacing in 2017 are located in these neighborhoods:

- Belmont
- Carillon
- College Hill
- Cornell Heights
- Deweese
- Eastmont
- Five Oaks
- Germantown Meadows
- Grafton Hill
- Hearthstone
- Highview Hills
- Hillcrest
- North Riverdale
- Northern Hills
- Old Dayton View
- Old North Dayton
- Residence Park
- South Park
- Springfield
- University Park
- Wesleyan Hill

For more information and a list of streets, visit [daytonohio.gov](http://daytonohio.gov).

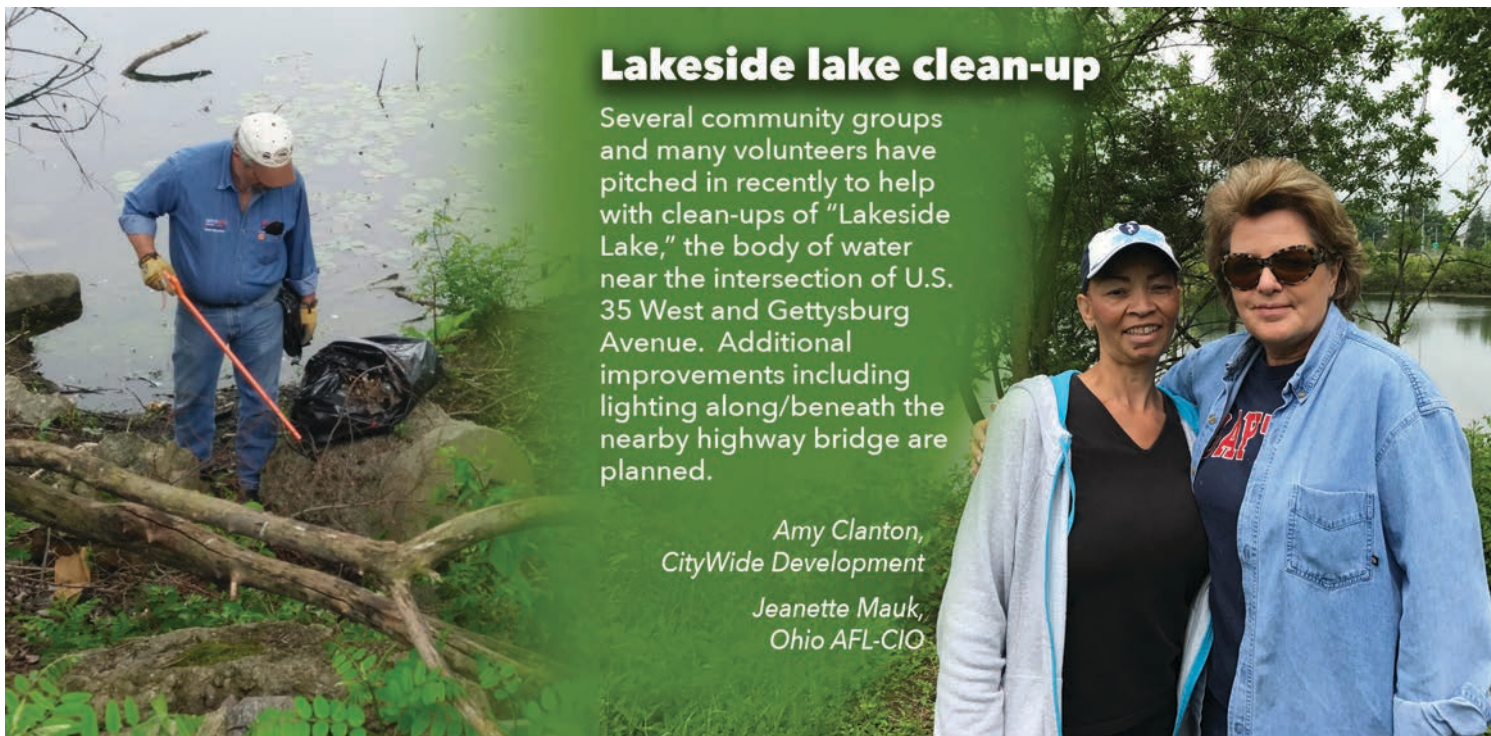


## Lakeside lake clean-up

Several community groups and many volunteers have pitched in recently to help with clean-ups of "Lakeside Lake," the body of water near the intersection of U.S. 35 West and Gettysburg Avenue. Additional improvements including lighting along/beneath the nearby highway bridge are planned.

*Amy Clanton,  
CityWide Development*

*Jeanette Mauk,  
Ohio AFL-CIO*



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change in 2014. The demand is so great that our crews at times may not have enough Naloxone on hand to fully reverse the effects of an overdose.

Our teams respond every day to calls for service and have saved thousands of lives. But our staff is weary. There is little support for the brave men and women who respond to these calls.

In 2014, the City of Dayton also declared a state of emergency so that a community partnership could be formed with numerous agencies, including Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County and the Life Enrichment Center, to start the CarePoint Syringe Services Program.

Although considered controversial to some, syringe exchange programs have been proven to connect drug users to treatment and prevention services, prevent the spread of diseases, and reduce the number of improperly discarded syringes without leading to increased drug use or crime.

The Dayton Police Department (DPD) works closely with the community to both connect drug users to services and address drug crime. Programs like the Cornerstone Front Door Initiative allow officers to access opiate recovery services 24/7 for those they come into contact with. The DPD also works in partnership with the Get Recovery Options Working program with East End Community Center, Families of Addicts and Cornerstone Recovery Center.

While connecting individuals to services, DPD is also doing blitz enforcement programs that target drug deals and removing heroin and fentanyl from the streets. DPD also partners with Montgomery County and other local law enforcement agencies for expanded enforcement programs.

Although the City does not have a direct role in the recovery pipeline, we take our role in connecting the individuals and families who have experienced an overdose very seriously. Montgomery County has

worked diligently over the last few years to improve the continuum of care for those in recovery and to expand the number of treatment beds in the county.

We are at the end of our ability to fund the response effort alone. Through federal programs like the 21st Century Cures Act and the state budget there are some funds for expansion of beds and workforce training, but not nearly enough to address the problem. There are very few dollars available to support the work of our police and fire departments and the expanded services that are required to respond successfully. Without a strong partnership with our state and federal counterparts, we will not win.

I hope you will join me in encouraging state and federal elected officials to expand the response to the addiction epidemic. Through collaboration and commitment, we may find greater hope, save more lives and make significant progress in this very important battle.

## Affordable preschool is available



**NEED**  
**Quality**  
**Preschool?**  
**PreschoolPromise.org**

Text PROMISE17 to 41411  
or call (937) 723-2741

Did you know affordable preschool is available to Dayton families? Any Dayton family with a four-year-old qualifies for tuition assistance through the Preschool Promise program. Dayton voters approved funds to support this important community effort last November. Enrollment for fall 2017 is happening now! For information, go to [PreschoolPromise.org](http://PreschoolPromise.org) or call 937-723-2741.

"As responsible adults, we owe our children a better start in life—two-thirds of the children in our county are starting kindergarten two to three years behind. This effort by Mayor Whaley, the City Commission and our community partners seeks to make sure our kids get a good start before they enter kindergarten."  
—Commissioner Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.



Dayton and Montgomery County officials gathered in Denver on June 17 to receive the 2017 All-America City Award from the National Civic League and the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. From left: Robyn Lightcap, executive director of Learn to Earn Dayton; Geraldine Pegues, deputy director of Montgomery County Human Services Planning and Development Department; City Commissioner Chris Shaw; Allison Knight, children's services librarian for Dayton Metro Library Outreach Services; and Ritika Kurup, director of early learning for Learn to Earn Dayton.

## Dayton: "All-America City"

Dayton and Montgomery County have received the prestigious All-America City Award for progress in helping more young children achieve grade-level reading proficiency and early school success. Dayton is one of just 15 communities nationwide to receive the award from the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and the National Civic League. The 2017 All-America City Award winners are communities that have 'moved the needle' on outcomes for children from low-income families. Locally, initiatives and groups including Preschool Promise, the BELL summer program, RTA's Read on the Bus, Dayton Metro Library's summer reading programs and the Junior League of Dayton have supported the community effort. Dayton is now a three-time All-America City Award winner. To learn more about the All-America City Award recipients, visit [gradelevelreading.net/aacaward](http://gradelevelreading.net/aacaward).

## Arcade receives funding boost



The proposed renovation of the Dayton Arcade got a boost on June 28 when officials of the Ohio Development Services Agency visited downtown Dayton to announce the award of \$5 million in Ohio historic preservation tax credits. The Arcade project had already attracted millions of dollars in Ohio Housing Finance Agency tax credits and other funds.

The developers (Dayton-based Miller-Valentine Group and Baltimore-based Cross Street Partners) are finalizing the project's funding portfolio to allow for renovation and redevelopment

of three of the Arcade block's structures: the Fourth Street/rotunda building, the Commercial Building (Fourth at Ludlow) and the Lindsey Building (25. S. Main). All three buildings have been vacant for decades. They will be revitalized as a mixed-use project with housing, event and performance spaces, and commercial and office space.

The University of Dayton, Sinclair Community College, the Entrepreneurs Center and several businesses have indicated their intent to locate operations at the renovated Arcade.

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**Dayton, IGS Energy announce electricity savings**



Residents and small businesses participating in the City of Dayton electrical aggregation program will spend even less on electricity, following an agreement between the City of Dayton and IGS Energy. Since the voter-approved aggregation program began in May of 2016, participating residents have been saving 10 percent on energy consumption charges compared to the applicable Price-to-Compare (PTC) from local utility company Dayton Power & Light (DP&L), while businesses have been saving five percent. Following recent events by which DP&L's PTC is set, the typical DP&L PTC will be dropping by more than 11 percent for the program's second year. In addition to this drop in underlying electricity costs, the City's aggregation program for the July 2017 through May 2018 billing periods will save residents an additional two percent and businesses an additional one percent off the PTC. Rates for the final year of the three-year contract between the City of Dayton and IGS will be negotiated and will be effective June 2018 through May 2019. For more information, call IGS Energy at 1-877-353-0162 or visit [igsenergy.com/dayton](http://igsenergy.com/dayton).

**'In the Spotlight' with Commissioner Mims**



City Commissioner Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., wants to introduce you to some of your fellow Daytonians.

Since joining the Commission in 2014,

Commissioner Mims has produced 25 episodes of "In the Spotlight," a video series featuring interviews with people making a difference through community service, special projects and education. You can find "In the Spotlight" online at [youtube.com/cityofdaytonohio](http://youtube.com/cityofdaytonohio) or on Spectrum Cable channel 6.



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