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"Accelerate Dayton" to boost neighborhood businesses

Do you have a neighborhood-based business with potential to grow? If so, Accelerate Dayton may be for you. The new initiative is looking for one entrepreneur from each quadrant of the city (northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest) to receive up to \$10,000 in consulting services through The Entrepreneurs Center to help grow your business!

Accelerate Dayton is open to home-based entrepreneurs and small neighborhood businesses owned and operated by Dayton residents and located in the city of Dayton.

Examples of eligible neighborhood businesses may include (but are not limited to): retail sales, food service or catering, sewing or tailoring services, daycare providers, landscaping services, barbershops or hair salons, legal or accounting services, home improvement contractors, other artisan/craft services, etc. (Downtown Dayton businesses are specifically excluded from this program; adult-oriented businesses such as nightclubs, liquor stores, and vape or hookah shops are also excluded.)

Each application will be evaluated by a review panel, which will select up to eight finalists based on the business model and the potential benefit to the community. Selected entrepreneurs will be invited to attend a Saturday morning "pitch event" where they will meet with City staff and local business support organizations. Those entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to talk about their businesses and network with business experts and owners.

After the event, the review panel will



select up to four top entrepreneurs who will be matched with an advisor to develop an action plan for their business. Once a final action plan is approved, those top businesses will receive up to \$10,000 of contracted business development services based on the action plan.

"Accelerate Dayton continues our legacy of neighborhood-based entrepreneurship," said Commissioner Joey Williams. "We are looking forward to seeing exciting business plans and growing businesses emerging from our neighborhoods."

Completed applications must be signed and delivered to the City of Dayton Department of Economic Development, 101 W. Third St., Dayton, Ohio 45402 (or postmarked) no later than November 13, 2017, at 3 p.m. For more information or an application, contact Veronica Morris or Keith

Klein at 937-333-3634. Applications are also available at daytonohio.gov/acceleratedayton.

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Traffic cameras are again active in Dayton

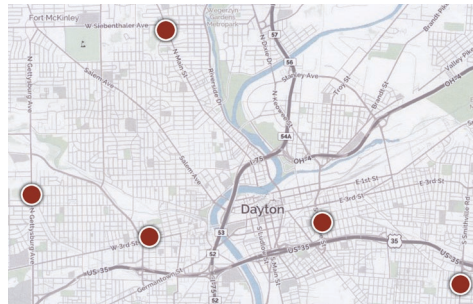


Traffic safety enforcement cameras are again active on Dayton streets, with ten cameras posted at five locations across the city. The City of Dayton began operation of a new camera system on October 1, following an Ohio Supreme Court ruling that overturned restrictions imposed by the state legislature in 2015.

During October, speed or red light violations will result in warnings. Beginning November 1, violations detected by cameras will generate citations with an \$85 fine, with additional penalties for late payments or unpaid fines. Citations are mailed to registered vehicle owners and include payment and appeal directions.

Camera sites were chosen based on data showing vehicle crash locations and types. Following are the camera locations:

- West Third Street at James H. McGee Boulevard (three red light cameras)
- North Gettysburg Avenue at Fairbanks Avenue (two speed cameras)
- North Main Street at Siebenthaler Avenue (one speed camera)
- South Keowee Street between East Third Street and East Fourth Street (two speed cameras)



- South Smithville Road at Linden Avenue (two red light cameras).

Additional camera locations may be activated in the future. The Dayton Police Department's mobile "speed trailer" and hand-held speed cameras are also used as needed.

The City's use of traffic safety enforcement cameras is designed to save lives and to prevent injuries and property damage. There has been a 40 percent increase in vehicle crashes in Dayton since 2014 (the period approximately corresponding to the shut-down of the previous camera program). In 2016, there were more than 4,000 crashes on Dayton roads, resulting in more than 1,000 injuries and 31 fatalities. These deaths and injuries were preventable.

"Public safety is always our top priority," said Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl. "Camera enforcement is very effective in reducing accidents in high-risk areas."



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Resident survey shows progress in key areas



Community response to the 2017 Dayton Survey indicates many areas of improvement, particularly in optimism and satisfaction, customer service and police-community relations. The Dayton Survey measures residents' opinions of City of Dayton services, programs and performance.

By a ratio of two-to-one, residents indicated "things in Dayton are heading in the right direction" (50 percent indicating "right direction" compared to 25 percent indicating "wrong direction"), an improvement of three percentage points since last year's survey. Overall satisfaction with neighborhoods rose four percentage points over last year, and dissatisfaction decreased by four percentage points. Both are key indicators of community health.

Efforts by the City of Dayton to



improve customer service delivery are being felt by residents. Two-thirds of residents said they have contacted the City in the past year, and of those, 61 percent said it was easy or very easy to find the right contact to respond to their request.

Satisfaction with Dayton Police Department services increased five percentage points in 2017. Today, 57 percent of residents said they are satisfied with police services. Dissatisfaction with police services also declined; 21 percent reported dissatisfaction in 2016, but 15 percent are dissatisfied today.

The 2017 Dayton Survey also underscores areas for improvement, which include the opioid crisis, gun violence, pavement conditions and residential demolition. One-third of residents are concerned about gun violence in their neighborhood. The opioid crisis continues to



impact residents, with 35 percent of residents reporting they see some form of drug-related activity one or more times a week, similar to the previous survey's findings.

Road conditions remain a concern, with 57 percent of residents indicating they were dissatisfied with the condition of roads and streets. There remains an overwhelming mandate to tear down vacant and abandoned structures in the city, with 83 percent of residents saying the City should demolish more vacant structures than it does today.

More than 9,000 survey packets were mailed to Dayton households, with 1,481 responses. The 60-question survey was conducted from May 17 to June 25, 2017, by Opinion Works LLC. For a full report of survey results, go to daytonohio.gov/2017daytonsurvey.

Congratulations, Property Owners & Stewards



July

Westminster Church, North Wilkinson Street
Steve Tallet and Charlene Thatcher, South Dutoit Street

Linda Paxton and Vicki Gearhart, Shroyer Road
Jimmie's Ladder 11, Jimmie and Suzanne Brandell
Don Hageman, Jane Reece House, Riverview Terrace

August

Tom and Barb Heid, Rubicon Road
Jeff Marshall, Yale Avenue
Donald and Sharon Faulkner, Leo Street

John Hawkins, Nordale Avenue
Gwen Lee and Michael Miller, Breezewood and England Avenues

September

Lillian Kilburn, Buckingham Road
Sarah Siler, Ridge Avenue
Tom Archdeacon and Marion Kendig, Oregon Historic District
Pineview Neighborhood Association, Lakeside Lake Restoration
David and Sandra Brand, Stoddard Avenue

Neighborhoods on the Rebound: Greater Old North Dayton

What's old is new again. That's what more and more people are saying about Dayton neighborhoods, and Greater Old North Dayton may be leading the way, thanks to ongoing collaborative efforts.

Consisting of Old North Dayton and McCook Field, Greater Old North Dayton is a diverse area of small to mid-size homes and a variety of commercial properties, from small, family-owned businesses to large industrial plants.

Its rich history includes settlement by German and Central/Eastern European immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and, in the early 21st century, Ahiska Turkish immigrants from Russia and other regions of the former Soviet Union. The area's churches, social clubs and restaurants have for decades reflected the culture of the immigrant communities.

Greater Old North Dayton is undergoing a transformation driven by residents, businesses and organizations comprising the DaVinci Collaborative. The comprehensive community development plan includes transportation system improvements such as reconstructed roadways, wayfinding signage and gateway landscaping, plus targeted demolition and rehabilitation of properties.



The DaVinci Collaborative is administered by CityWide Development Corporation in partnership with the City of Dayton (for more information, go to citywidedev.com).

Community activities include the popular Taste of Old North Dayton/National Night Out, held annually. Active groups include the Greater Old North Dayton Business Association, the McCook Neighborhood Association and the Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association.

Major institutional investments since 2005 include the Salvation Army Kroc Center and, more recently, CARE House and the Dayton Children's patient tower. MAHLE Behr has expanded and

upgraded its sprawling plant at Stanley Avenue and Webster Street and is just one of many manufacturing or service firms to invest in facilities, equipment and employees in recent years.

Through the DaVinci Collaborative, public funds have been directed to demolition of blighted or obsolete commercial, industrial and residential structures (more than 40 residential properties have been demolished since 2014, with more in 2017).

In early October, the community and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base celebrated the unveiling of a new marker for McCook Field, the historic airfield site lending its name to the nearby neighborhood.



Overview: Greater Old North Dayton

Where:

Four square miles in northeast Dayton, with southern/eastern borders along the Mad River and northern/western borders along the Great Miami River and the Dayton city limits; approximately 7,500 residents.

Landmarks, destinations:

Kiser PreK-6 School, Dayton Children's Hospital and Children's Garden, Salvation Army Kroc Center, Kettering Field, Stuart-Patterson Park; Flood Memorial Park, Dayton Metro Library E.C. Doren Branch, Action Sports Center.

Investment:

More than \$189 million in investments have occurred in Greater Old North Dayton since 2005. Future investments through 2021 are estimated to total more than \$185 million. Totals include private businesses, institutions, transportation improvements/infrastructure, and residential renovation and demolition.

What's ahead?

Webster Street:

A new landmark bridge will

open by November 2017, a key transportation corridor connecting downtown Dayton/I-75/Rt. 4 and Greater Old North Dayton.

Valley Street reconstruction:

A rebuild from Stanley Avenue to Rita Street, including streetscape and sidewalks, complete by late 2018.

Troy Street enhancements:

Spring of 2018 will bring a facelift for the Troy Street business district, with streetscape improvements from Rt. 4 northward to Leo Street.

Keowee Street Bridge:

Montgomery County will build a new bridge over the Great Miami River beginning in late 2017. The bridge is a key entrance to the McCook Field neighborhood.

Valley Street realignment:

In 2020, Valley Street at "The Point" (just north of the Tony Stein Memorial bridge, at Keowee Street) will be realigned to improve traffic flow, walkability and aesthetics.

(Keowee Street from Helena Street to Stanley Avenue was reconstructed in 2016.)

Fall street resurfacing

Dayton's expanded residential street resurfacing schedule, made possible by voter passage of Issue 9 in 2016, continues through fall. Streets scheduled for resurfacing in the third and fourth quarters of 2017 are:

Air Street
Amberwood Drive
Appleridge Court
Beech Tree Court
Belleglade Drive
Belmonte Park North
Berm Street
Berrywood Drive
Bittern Court
Blue Spruce Court
Caracara Court
Chapel Street
Cliff Street
East Shadyside Drive
Egret Court
Elizabeth Street
Everett Drive
Glenway Road
Golden Oak Court
Grouse Court
Grove Avenue
Hasenstab Street
Hollywreath Court
Hopeland Avenue
Joe Street
Leafburrow Drive
Lexington Avenue
Light Street
Locoda Court
Netherdale Road
Oxford Avenue
Rita Street
Sawmill Road
Seneca Drive
Sparrow Drive
Springhouse Road
Vernon Drive
Viola Avenue
Whitewood Court
Wilson Avenue
Windsor Avenue
Woodsdale Road

A community leader on crime reduction , community pride and collaboration:

When we revived the Greater Old North Dayton Business Association 11 years ago, crime was rampant in our area. We knew we had to address this issue first before we could try to grow. If people were afraid to live, work or do business in an area, why would they? So in conjunction with the Dayton Police Department, help from prosecutors, judges, and the community, we worked diligently and have seen a significant crime decrease. Dayton Children's and the City of Dayton have invested heavily to improve our community as well. We have worked very hard to improve the gateways to our area with branding and signage. It has been a true community effort.

Barry Hall, president, Greater Old North Dayton Business Association

What's New in Recreation?

Dayton's Department of Recreation and Youth Services (RYS) works to help you be fit and have fun. Here are some of the newest ways to take care of yourself and your family at Dayton recreation facilities:

Fit to the Core

Strengthen the core body through light weights, therabands, mat exercises and more. Fall - Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.; Winter - Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lohrey Recreation Center. Drop-in fee: \$3.

First Aid/CPR for Teens

Learn the essentials from a certified American Red Cross instructor. Free. November 4, Greater Dayton Recreation Center; December 2, Lohrey Recreation Center.

Senior Social

Breakfast snacks, juice, coffee and conversation. Free. Fourth Tuesday each month, 10 a.m. to noon, Lohrey Recreation Center. **Senior Ride program:** Give or get a ride to your favorite recreation center. Sign up at the front desk.

Dayton Recreation Centers

Greater Dayton: 2021 W. Third St.
Northwest: 1600 Princeton Dr.
Lohrey: 2366 Glenarm Ave.

Information on programs and seasonal or annual passes:

daytonohio.gov/rys or

937-333-8400. **Standard recreation center hours:** M-F, 5:45 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Greater Dayton opens weekdays at 6 a.m.)



Levitt Pavilion Dayton



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On August 17, music fans and local officials celebrated completion of the planning stages of the Levitt Pavilion Dayton with a ceremonial groundbreaking and concert by the Gulf Coast soul group, the Suffers. Mayor Nan Whaley and Commissioner Matt Joseph joined in the fun at downtown Dayton's Dave Hall Plaza, the future home of the music venue, which will be the eighth Levitt Foundation-affiliated venue across the country. Levitt Pavilion Dayton will host 50 free-admission music events yearly and is supported locally by Friends of Levitt Pavilion Dayton, with contributions by the City of Dayton, Montgomery County and numerous community and business partners. The pavilion is scheduled to open in 2018. For more information, go to levittdayton.org.

Fall Harvest Festival

A free, safe Trick-or-Treat alternative!

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6 - 8 PM
Kettering Field Complex
444 North Bend Blvd.

Trunk-or-Treat & family fun!



It's official, Dayton is a Welcoming City

Dayton is the first city in the United States to earn the status of Certified Welcoming in recognition of inclusiveness and integration of immigrants. Dayton City Commissioners announced the certification September 13, while acknowledging the accomplishments of Welcome Dayton, the immigrant friendly initiative begun in 2011. Welcome Dayton successfully completed a rigorous certification process through Welcoming America, a non-partisan, national non-profit organization. Welcoming America evaluated local efforts to establish an inclusive community through government leadership, civic engagement, equitable access, education, economic development, and connected and safe communities. For more information, go to welcomedayton.org.

Mayor's Award honors outstanding community contributions



Mayor Whaley (center), presented Porter Wright with the 2017 Mayor's "Family Friendly" Award. Representing Porter Wright: Ana Crawford (left) and Caroline Gentry.

Mayor Nan Whaley has announced the Mayor's Award winners for 2017. The award honors individuals, neighborhood groups and organizations/businesses making a positive impact on the Dayton community through professional, volunteer or community activities. Winners are chosen by a three-member committee.

Downtown Dayton law firm **Porter Wright** has adopted policies encouraging workplace flexibility for parents and is the honoree in the Family Friendly category.

The Victory Project, a non-profit group providing work and life skills development for young men, earned the award for Workforce Pipeline.

Pat Meadows is the Education Champion honoree. She is a community volunteer and former Executive Director of National Conference for Community and Justice Greater Dayton.

Nicole Carver-Wishart is the honoree in the Giving Back to Neighborhoods category. She is president of the Wright-Dunbar Neighborhood Association.

Scott Murphy is the Community Service category winner. Murphy is a community volunteer and Vice President for Economic Development at the Downtown Dayton Partnership.



To view videos about the honorees, go to daytonohio.gov/mayorsaward.



Share your ideas about Dayton's riverfronts

Do you have ideas or suggestions about Dayton's riverfronts? Five Rivers MetroParks is taking the lead on developing a long-range plan for further utilizing and enjoying the city's riverfront areas (downtown and beyond). As a partner in the plan, the City of Dayton encourages you to offer your input through an online survey and/or community meetings. Riverfront Plan public meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m., Dayton Metro Library Northwest Branch, 2410 Philadelphia Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 26, Noon-2 p.m. and 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Dayton Metro Library Community Room, 215 E. Third St.

For more information and updates, or to complete the survey, go to daytonriverfrontplan.org.



The **Dayton Delivers app** is your official City of Dayton customer service tool. The app allows service requests (potholes, street light outages, waste containers, etc.) to be submitted directly to the correct City staff in the appropriate department.

Here's how it works:

1. See something that needs to be fixed?

2. Submit a request and even attach a photo.

3. City staff receives the request and fixes the problem!

4. You are notified when the request is completed.

You can also monitor requests, provide comments, follow other requests in your community and link to other resources. The City of Dayton looks forward to serving you. Download the free app to get started today!

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Want to get emailed updates on snow removal and winter driving? Go to daytonohio.gov/winter.



Fall is Leaf Collection Season



The City of Dayton's leaf collection service occurs throughout neighborhoods four times during fall. The four pick-up days are tied directly to your individual recycling collection schedule (every-other week).

Dates: To find the exact collection dates, go to daytonohio.gov/leafcollection, or call 937-333-4800. The interactive online map shows the waste, recycling, and leaf collection schedules for any address.

Bagged leaves: Only leaves in biodegradable bags will be collected. Collection bags are available at most hardware stores, or use your own large paper bags. Bagged leaves should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled leaf collection day. Please position leaf bags separately from your normal waste collection/recycling containers. Placing loose leaves in the street or curb area may result in a fine.

Self drop-off/composting: From the last week of October through the second week of December (excluding holidays), residents can drop off leaves at three composting

locations. Leaves may be dropped at these sites without a paper bag, but must be emptied from plastic bags. No grass, sticks, or other debris should be included. Drop off sites:

■ **Gettysburg Landfill:**
1826 Gettysburg Ave.

■ **Wagner Ford Landfill:**
2760 Wagner Ford Rd.

■ **Belmont Park:**
957 Highridge Ave.
(behind Lohrey Recreation Center at Belmont maintenance building).

