

# CONNECTIONS

Dayton residents' resource for news and information [www.daytonohio.gov](http://www.daytonohio.gov)

## "Dayton Collects" app monitors waste/recycling collection

From your desktop or smart phone -



View your collection schedule by address



Set up reminders by email, phone and more



Sign up for service alerts



**Fast, Easy & Convenient!**

The app is available on iTunes & Google Play store



**D**o you sometimes forget to set out your trash or recycling on the scheduled collection days? Would it help to get a reminder by email or notification on your cellphone?

The City of Dayton introduces "Dayton Collects," a new, free service to help you keep track of scheduled waste, recycling, bulk waste and leaf pick-ups and avoid missed collections. In addition to reminders,

the app can alert you to changes to the regular schedule because of holidays or extreme weather.

Dayton Collects also includes a "What Goes Where" function answering your questions about whether certain materials are recyclable in Dayton's collection system and offering suggestions for safe disposal of unusual items.

The app is available for free download on the Apple and Google Play app stores and is also embedded in the City website at [daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects](http://daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects).

Waste collection customers can continue to find schedules for viewing or printing at [daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects](http://daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects). Paper schedules for each collection zone have been mailed to all customers, but customers can opt out of future mailings if desired.

Questions? Call the Department of Public Works at 937-333-4800.

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## Voters to choose new Commissioner May 8

The May 8 election is an opportunity for Dayton voters to choose a new City Commissioner, filling the vacancy created by the February resignation of Commissioner Joey D. Williams.



The newly elected Commissioner will serve the remainder of Williams' term (through early January 2022).

For voter information, including absentee and early voting (begins April 10), go to [mcboe.org](http://mcboe.org) or call 937-225-5656.

## Cruisers get an update

Tradition often rules the road in policing. Just look at Dayton's police cruiser fleet—the existing design has adorned the vehicles for 28 years, meaning most police personnel and many residents have never known another look.

But everything must change... at least somewhat. When Sgt. Brian Hannah, the Dayton Police Department's motor vehicle coordinator, took on the responsibility of managing the fleet he saw an opportunity for change. Over the next 18 months, DPD will be purchasing 40 new cruisers (replacing about 40 percent of the fleet). Sgt. Hannah thought the influx of new vehicles (Ford Interceptor SUVs, replacing the old Crown Victoria sedans) would be a



perfect time to update the look.

As potential new designs were shown to command staff, one thing was clear: the chosen look would be a nod to the proud tradition of the Department. An updated design emerged, more contemporary and sleeker, but still immediately recognizable as Dayton cruisers. Look for them on Gem City streets.

## New option for utility bill payments

Dayton water/waste collection customers now have the option of making cash payments at CVS and Family Dollar stores throughout the Dayton area.

In order to pay at the retail stores, you will need the bar code included with the quarterly mailed bill. You can also download the bar code and other billing information at [paydaytonwater.com](http://paydaytonwater.com). A processing fee of \$1.99 is charged with each payment made at the retail locations. Bills are still payable at



[paydaytonwater.com](http://paydaytonwater.com), by calling 333-3550 (pay by credit card or check), and at the customer service center at City Hall (101 W. Third St., use Ludlow entrance).



### City Commission

937-333-3636

Mayor Nan Whaley

Matt Joseph

Jeffrey J. Mims

Chris Shaw

### City Manager

Shelley Dickstein

937-333-3600

[cityhall@daytonohio.gov](mailto:cityhall@daytonohio.gov)

### 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)



# It's time to apply for neighborhood grants

## Mini-grants

Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded to neighborhood associations, business associations, block clubs, priority boards, community gardens or similar organizations with an established public purpose. Application packets will be sent on May 1 to organizations sending representatives to either of two mandatory training sessions. Proposals/applications are due before 4:30 p.m. on May 31, and awards will be announced on June 25. For more information, contact Connie Nisonger at 937-333-7380 or [Connie.Nisonger@daytonohio.gov](mailto:Connie.Nisonger@daytonohio.gov).

### Mandatory training sessions:

Dayton Metro Library Northwest Branch, 2410 Philadelphia Dr., Monday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. or, Saturday, April 14, 1:00 p.m.

## Community engagement grants

The City of Dayton recognizes the value of community engagement activities in bringing residents



The Forest Ridge Community Association was awarded a 2017 mini-grant for improvements to the Forest Ridge Community Playground.

together and building community. Neighborhood associations, block clubs, business associations and similar organizations are eligible to apply for up to two grants totaling not more than \$500 annually. Grants will be awarded through November 31; applications are available now. Applications in support of events must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event date, with funds awarded 10 days before the event.

For information or an application, contact Ken Marcellus at 333-7381 or [Ken.Marcellus@daytonohio.gov](mailto:Ken.Marcellus@daytonohio.gov).

### Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered to:

City of Dayton Dept. of Planning & Community Development  
Attn: Ken Marcellus  
101 W. Third St., 6th floor  
Dayton OH 45402

## Community Seminars Return for 2018

Dayton residents and neighborhood leaders have benefitted from Community Engagement Seminars (presented by the Department of Planning and Community Development) since 2015. A new schedule of seminars is now available, with additional dates to be included in the next issue of *Connections*. For more information, contact Ken Marcellus at 333-7381 or [Ken.Marcellus@daytonohio.gov](mailto:Ken.Marcellus@daytonohio.gov).

Topic	Date	Location
Organizing/ Capacity Building, Pt. 1	April 24 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Library, 215 E. Third St.
Urban Health/ Community gardens	May 29 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Business Solutions Center, 1435 Cincinnati St.
Liquor Licenses/ Public Nuisance	June 26 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Lohrey Recreation Center, 2366 Glenarm Ave.



# We're working to protect Dayton's water

Dayton Water Department customers and residents,

First, I want to state clearly that your drinking water is safe for consumption.

In February, the City of Dayton alerted the community about possible elevated levels of PFAS contaminants near the Huffman Dam area of the Mad River Wellfield, following earlier indicators of such contaminants at nearby monitoring wells.

The City has also identified elevated levels of PFAS (read about PFAS below) in groundwater near the Dayton Fire Training Center, located on McFadden Street. It is believed this contamination results from use of foam in training exercises. The Fire Training Center is near the Tait's Hill area of Mad River Wellfield.

As a proactive measure, the City shut down wells closest to the contamination as a precaution. This action was taken to ensure that groundwater contamination found near these two locations would not be pumped or used to produce Dayton's drinking water that ultimately is delivered to customers.

The City continues to test for PFAS at both locations and at the water treatment facility. At no point has the City found PFAS in the water provided to residents and customers.

Dayton continues to work closely with Ohio EPA and other Source Water Protection Program partners to protect the Huffman and Tait's Hill wells, to preserve and protect the water supply. The City is also complying with Ohio EPA directives regarding response to the contamination discovered in both areas of the wellfield.

It is imperative that the City of Dayton, the Ohio EPA, and other Source Water Protection Program partners continue to work collaboratively to return the Mad River Wellfield (which contains the Tait's Hill, Rhorer's Island, Eastwood and Huffman areas) back to full capacity as one of Dayton's water supply sources.

Dayton's drinking water has been and remains safe for consumption.

Sincerely,



Mike Powell,

Director, City of Dayton Department of Water



## About PFAS

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are chemicals used in industrial and consumer products since the 1950s and are often found in the environment because of their widespread use in products such as coatings for textiles, paper products and cookware. They also are used to formulate some firefighting foams and in the aerospace and aviation industries, such as at military installations

nationwide. More information about PFAS can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established a limit for PFAS as it relates to health impacts at 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The City's monitoring network samples indicated low levels of PFAS--less than 10 ppt, significantly below the level the U.S. EPA considers to be a health issue.



## "Preferred Property" effort aims to strengthen rental management

**A** new initiative aimed at boosting responsible rental property management and reducing negative impacts rentals can have on neighborhoods is now underway.

The Preferred Property Program offers qualifying properties a "stamp of approval" to help with marketing and a free listing on the City website, [daytonohio.gov](http://daytonohio.gov).

Acceptance to the program indicates a property meets requirements including structural soundness, no housing violations, and a safety assessment by the Dayton Fire Department. The program is designed for properties of four units or fewer.

In addition to the free online listing, property owners and managers have access to services of the Dayton Mediation Center and are invited to quarterly discussions with City staff. Tenants may also attend the Good Tenant Training offered by the Mediation Center.

Participating owners or managers must complete a property management training course offered by the City of Dayton (or an equivalent), complete all appropriate inspections,



and register properties with the Montgomery County rental registry.

"The Preferred Property Program is one more way the City of Dayton is responding to resident needs and working with the community to build stronger neighborhoods," said Commissioner Matt Joseph, who proposed the initiative.

Acting in response to concerns from residents about the condition of rental housing, Joseph convened an inter-departmental City team and members of the Greater Dayton Apartment Association and the Greater Dayton Real Estate Investment Association to develop effective ways of working with landlords to improve the quality of city rental housing.

For more information, including an online application, go to [daytonohio.gov/preferredproperty](http://daytonohio.gov/preferredproperty).

## Phoenix Next

shaping investment and reuse

Phoenix Next is a collaborative initiative designed to shape a vision and strategies for reuse of the Good Samaritan Hospital site following its scheduled closure after 2018. The process kicked off on March 22 with a community forum and will continue with additional events, where your participation is welcome, to help map the future of the site and the surrounding neighborhoods. More information is available at [daytonphoenixproject.org](http://daytonphoenixproject.org) or by calling Verletta Jackson at 333-3288.



## How to talk to your neighbor

Are you and your neighbor caught in a conflict? As the weather heats up, neighborhood disputes often do, too.

The Dayton Mediation Center, a free resource available to city of Dayton residents, can support you in moving from conflict to conversation and in creating solutions. Our highly trained staff and volunteers support people experiencing a variety of disputes, including neighbors, landlords/tenants, visitation cases, small claims, and more. We also provide conflict coaching, which is an opportunity to have a confidential one-on-one conversation with a mediation specialist who can help you think through what to do about a situation.

For more information about how we can help, call 333-2345 or visit [daytonmediationcenter.org](http://daytonmediationcenter.org)

## What's New in Recreation?

Dayton's Department of Recreation and Youth Services (RYS) works to help you be fit and have fun.

### Summer events and programs:

Recreation and Youth Services programs shine all year long, but are brightest in the summer! The summer lineup for 2018 will keep your family active, healthy and entertained. For a full list of programs, visit [daytonohio.gov/rys](http://daytonohio.gov/rys).

### Urban Adventures camp:

The Urban Adventures summer youth camp is an exciting time of learning, but most importantly, just plain FUN! Campers experience games, arts and crafts, and Friday field trips. Camps fill up quickly, so stop by any City of Dayton Recreation Center, or visit [daytonohio.gov/SummerCamp](http://daytonohio.gov/SummerCamp) to complete your camp registration.

### Save these dates:



#### Jazz Festival:

Sunday, June 10, 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

#### Lights In Flight Fireworks Festival:

Tuesday, July 3, 5 p.m -10:30 p.m.

#### Blues Festival:

Sunday, July 15, 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

#### Reggae Festival:

Sunday, September 2, 1-8 p.m.

*Events above occur at  
RiverScape MetroPark*



## Community Golf Club: a century of excellence

One hundred years ago, a gift of land just south of Dayton began a tradition of pride and excellence that is being celebrated in 2018.

John H. Patterson donated a 294-acre tract to the City of Dayton that has since been the site of Community Golf Club. Millions of golf rounds later, Community remains a regional treasure. You are



Another great day at Community, circa 1940.

welcome to join Dayton's Department of Recreation and Youth Services in celebrating Dayton's first municipal golf course at these anniversary events:

**Friday, June 1: Throwback Golf Day.** Wear knickers or bring a vintage club and enjoy the 1918 greens fee of \$1.00 (tee times required and regular cart fees apply).

**Saturday, June 2: 73rd Annual George Klockson Memorial Tournament.** Team prizes, raffles, lunch and more; register by May 26 (team of two, \$140). Contact Gregg Shawen at 937-361-3147.

**Saturday, June 2: 100-Year Reception.** Festivities will culminate at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, guest speakers, historical memorabilia, and a silent auction. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., activities start 30 minutes later. Space is limited; tickets available at \$35.00 per person. Ticket buyers receive one 9-hole greens fee voucher for the 2018 season and a commemorative gift. For more information or tickets, contact the Community Pro Shop at 937-293-2341 or visit [communitygc100.org](http://communitygc100.org).

*All proceeds benefit the Friends of Community Golf Club renovation project, which is raising funds for on-course improvements such as bunker and tee box renovations. To see a selection of historical photos and other special materials, go to [communitygc100.org](http://communitygc100.org). Community is located at 2917 Berkley St., Kettering.*

# Spring brings cleaning - and safety opportunities

As spring rains (and sunshine) replace winter winds and snow, your thoughts may be turning to the chore/opportunity of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home and family safe from the threat of fire.



## Spring fire safety:

- Clean the garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can turn into fire fuel
- Test your smoke alarms/detectors monthly; change batteries at least yearly
- Replace all smoke alarms after 10 years
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags (if these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed metal containers)
- Clear excessive vegetation from around structures.



## Barbecue grill safety:

- Never use gasoline to light a charcoal grill
- Check propane hoses for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors
- Use outdoor grills with caution; place in a safe area away from buildings, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation
- Use grills outside only, not under overhangs or balconies and away from combustibles
- Never leave grills unattended while cooking.



## Free yard waste disposal: three locations

The City of Dayton operates three green debris disposal sites where residents, neighborhood groups and community organizations can dispose of green debris at no charge. Accepted materials are: leaves, branches, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc. Debris does not have to be bagged, bundled or sorted. Trash, recyclables, plastic bags or bulky waste items are not accepted.

### Locations (look for signs)

- 2670 Wagner Ford Rd.
- 1826 N. Gettysburg Ave.
- Belmont Park (use Lynhurst entrance off Highridge; maintenance area parking lot)

### Spring-Summer Hours (April 10-Sept. 30)

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

## Stop Daily News circular deliveries

Over the past several months, the City of Dayton has received numerous residents' complaints regarding Dayton Daily News advertising circulars delivered in plastic bags throughout the city. These circulars have become a nuisance, littering our neighborhoods and causing stress among residents. The City has reached out to the Dayton Daily News for a long-term solution and help with cleanup efforts. As this issue continues to develop, we will keep you informed via this publication and our social media pages.

In the meantime, if you would like to stop receiving the Dayton Daily News advertising circulars, please call 937-222-5700 or email [customercare@daytondailynews.com](mailto:customercare@daytondailynews.com).

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**Reminder: Income Tax Rate Change**



Effective January 1, 2017, the City of Dayton income tax rate changed to 2.5 percent. If you are self-employed or had 2017 wages from which your employer has not withheld City tax, use the 2.5 percent when calculating your tax. Tax returns for 2017 are due April 17. For forms and additional information please visit [daytonohio.gov/tax](http://daytonohio.gov/tax).

City of Dayton tax office:

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Special hours for April 17:** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Division of Tax and Accounting

101 W. Third St./City Hall

Dayton, OH 45402

937-333-3500; [taxquestions@daytonohio.gov](mailto:taxquestions@daytonohio.gov)

**Gas pipeline construction**

Replacement of natural gas infrastructure by Vectren Energy will occur in Dayton neighborhoods in 2018. Go to [vectren.com/gas-system/map](http://vectren.com/gas-system/map) for an interactive guide to construction areas, or call 1-800-227-1376 for information.

**Your Dollars/Your Neighborhood**

Have you looked at the online dashboards showing City expenditures of tax dollars approved by voters in 2016? The dashboards show continually updated spending and completed services in five areas: residential street resurfacing, vacant lot mowing, park improvements, police staffing, and the Preschool Promise program. Go to [daytonohio.gov/YourDollarsYourNeighborhood](http://daytonohio.gov/YourDollarsYourNeighborhood).



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