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Year One: Preschool Promise is making a difference



Quality preschools help children learn to recognize letters, numbers, colors, rhyming sounds and more. They also teach children social skills--such as waiting their turn, working well with others and the importance of sharing. These programs excite children about learning and give them a great foundation for reading, and even for math and science.

The Preschool Promise program is wrapping up its first year in Dayton, thanks to the generous support of Dayton voters. Preschool Promise served more than 1,000 Dayton preschoolers in the 2017-2018 school year and is just getting started in making a difference in the community's future.

This important initiative is helping more children start kindergarten ready to learn. Less than 20 percent of Dayton's youngest learners start kindergarten on track--they're playing catch-up from the start.

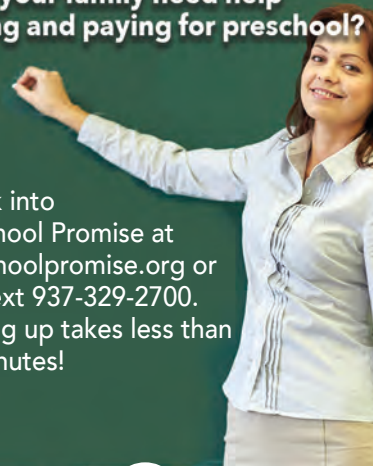
Giving every child the opportunity to attend a quality preschool can ensure more children are ready to learn. All families with a child who will be four years old by September 30 are eligible to join. There are more than 75 participating preschools.

How do families benefit?

- Preschool Promise helps parents find a quality preschool.
- All families qualify for co-pay tuition assistance no matter their income. Some of the participating preschools are even free.
- Preschools receive free resources and help to improve instruction.

Does your family need help finding and paying for preschool?

Check into Preschool Promise at preschoolpromise.org or call/text 937-329-2700. Signing up takes less than 10 minutes!



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Fairchild joins City Commission



Commissioner Darryl Fairchild was administered the oath of office by Veda Renshaw, accompanied by family members.



The Dayton community and members of the City Commission welcomed Darryl Fairchild to the Commission at a swearing-in ceremony on May 30. Fairchild was elected by Dayton voters on May 8. He will complete the term of former Commissioner Joey D. Williams, who resigned in February (term ending January 2022).

"I know we have significant opportunities and challenges before us, and I believe in the people and the spirit of Dayton, Ohio," Commissioner Fairchild said. "I believe we have what it takes to create the tools needed to create the bright future that all of our citizens deserve."

City supports responsible dog ownership

In an effort to improve public safety and encourage responsible dog ownership, the City of Dayton is partnering with the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (ARC) to expand educational services.

Beginning July 1, ARC will make its Animal Awareness Program available to City of Dayton residents who are found to be in violation of selected minor misdemeanor ordinances involving the care and control of dogs. By electing to participate in this voluntary program and paying a reduced program fee, a citation will be withdrawn and fines/court costs waived. This 2 ½-hour program addresses topics such as responsible pet ownership, spay/neuter, dog laws, animal bites, and dog obedience. Upon issuing a citation for eligible offenses, Dayton police officers or ARC officers will present a pamphlet to the violator describing the voluntary program.

Studies have shown that there is

a correlation between excessive unattended tethering and dog aggression. Therefore, the City of Dayton is revising local law (RCGO 91.62) to include tethering restrictions such as limiting unattended tethering to 30 minutes. New ordinance RCGO 91.63 will allow for an officer to impound a dog that is improperly confined for the safety of the animal and accountability of the owner. Dayton police officers will share these changes at upcoming neighborhood meetings and will answer questions at that time.

Safety reminders:

- Call 911 for emergencies.

Call 333-COPS (2677) about dog confinement violations. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 222-STOP (7867).

- Contact the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center at 898-4457 for loose dog and neglect issues or additional information about the Animal Awareness Program.



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937-333-4800

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937-333-3550

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937-333-3883

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It's easy being green

Recycling is free and easier than ever



You already know recycling is a good thing. But do you know how easy it is for Dayton waste collection customers to get in the green game? It's as easy as tossing newspapers, plastic bottles or other recyclables in a recycling bin instead of a trash can. All you have to do is use your free City of Dayton recycling bin (you can choose a 96-gallon bin or a 32-gallon bin, whatever works for your home and family).

Recycling saves more than just the environment--it saves the community a lot of money, too. It costs the City of Dayton \$38.25 for every ton of garbage sent to a landfill. As the community recycles more, the City further reduces its landfill costs and helps save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Want to get started? Just do this:

Get your free recycling bin: Call 937-333-4800, or use the Dayton Delivers app. You can find your bi-weekly recycling pickup dates there also.

A few easy how-tos:

- Recycle plastics coded 1 through 7.
- Recycle newspapers, magazines, cardboard and any paper products not soiled by food or liquids. Also, bottles and cans are recyclable.
- No food or liquids should be included; rinse containers.
- Remove caps and lids.
- On pickup day, place recycling containers at least 5 feet from waste containers.

The City of Dayton provides bi-weekly curbside recycling pickup at no additional charge at residential properties with City water/waste collection accounts. Call 937-333-4800 to establish a new account.

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District accepts household recyclables, paint, batteries, motor oil, fluorescent lights, electronics, computers and tires from personally owned vehicles. For more information call 937-225-4999 or go to mcswd.org.



Keep summer safe

Tips from your Dayton Fire Department

Open burning: Open burning is generally prohibited by law, with just a few exceptions: Cooking and recreational fires are allowed without a permit or notification to the Fire Department. These fires are used only for food preparation or recreation and are restricted to cooking appliances or a 3-ft. by 3-ft. fire pit for a limited duration, typically not more than three hours. All open burning shall be constantly attended and means of extinguishment shall be nearby - a fire extinguisher, garden hose, dirt, sand or water barrel. Only clean dry wood may be burned.

Bonfires: Bonfires require a Dayton Fire Department permit and advance notification to RAPCA (the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency). Specific restrictions/conditions will be noted on the permit.

When burning is prohibited: Dayton Fire may order the extinguishment of any open burn if at any time a fire becomes objectionable or creates a nuisance condition or hazardous condition. Violations are a minor misdemeanor, punishable by a \$100 fine; Dayton Fire Code Section F-403.1, as adopted by City of Dayton Revised Code of General Ordinances 92.01.

Remember: Always stay hydrated; never leave grills unattended; take frequent breaks when working outside on hot days.

An update from the Dayton Water Department

Dear Valued Water Customer,

Earlier this year, the City of Dayton alerted the community about elevated levels of PFAS contaminants near areas of the Mad River Wellfield, based upon testing in nearby early warning monitoring wells.

Since our last update, the City began using an updated PFAS testing methodology approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These updated testing methods enable the City to detect PFAS at much lower levels than previously possible and to test the treated water provided to residents and customers. Recently, the City tested treated water using these new methods, results were 7-13 parts per trillion (ppt), lower than the U.S. EPA health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion.



The City's water remains safe, with readings well below the EPA health advisory limit. Additionally, the City will continue to use the latest available technology to proactively monitor and safeguard our drinking water in coordination with the Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA.

In the last 6 months, the City has completed the installation of 77 of 150 additional monitoring wells planned to enhance the monitoring system network.

Testing data collected from the expanded monitoring network will be used to isolate the source(s) of PFAS and to optimize pumping in well fields to ensure the highest quality water is delivered to customers.

For more information on this issue please visit daytonohio.gov/pfas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Powell".

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 treated water samples indicated low levels of PFAS--less than 13

ppt, significantly below the level the U.S. EPA considers a health issue.

What do parts per billion (ppb) and parts per trillion (ppt) concentrations in drinking water mean in simple terms?

Parts per billion (ppb) and parts per trillion (ppt) are the most commonly used terms to describe very small amounts or trace levels of contaminants in drinking water. Consider this:

- One ppb is the equivalent of one drop of impurity in 500 barrels of water or 1 cent out of \$10 million.
- One ppt is the equivalent of one drop of impurity in 500,000 barrels of water or traveling 6 inches out of a 93-million-mile journey toward the sun.



Yard upkeep: reminders and resources

In addition to building codes, there are City of Dayton standards for residential yards. Maintaining properties in accordance with the standards helps keep neighborhoods clean and appealing. The following are not permitted by the City yard standards:

1. Trash and debris on the premises
2. Bushes, hedges, vines and weeds growing into the right-of-way or obstructing view of traffic
3. Junked or unlicensed vehicles stored outside
4. Rodents and/or animal feces in the yard
5. Overgrown grass
6. Bulk items on the curb earlier than the day before the scheduled pickup
7. Indoor furniture stored or used outdoors
8. Motor vehicles, including motorcycles, parked in lawn areas
9. Containers holding stagnant water
10. Trees not trimmed away from house/garage
11. Commercial and business equipment stored on residential property

12. Waste containers stored in areas that are offensive to adjacent properties.

Failure to maintain these standards could result in a minor misdemeanor citation and/or legal notice being issued. For more information, call 937-333-3977.

Green disposal

Residents, neighborhood groups and community organizations can dispose of green debris (leaves, branches, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc.), at no charge at Dayton's three "green landfill" locations. Debris does not have to be bagged, bundled or sorted. Trash, recyclables, plastic bags or bulky waste items are not accepted. Locations: 2670 Wagner Ford Rd.; 1826 N. Gettysburg Ave.; Belmont Park (use Lynhurst entrance off Highridge, maintenance area parking lot). Hours through Sept 30: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Other solid waste

To dispose of yard waste that is not appropriate for standard waste collection, recycling or green landfill disposal, contract with a licensed hauler or check with Montgomery County Solid Waste District about disposal options and fees. Go to msc wd.org, or call 937-225-4999.

What's New in Recreation?

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



Dayton Blues Festival

Sunday, July 15, 1-9 PM
RiverScape MetroPark
Free admission



Dayton Reggae Festival

Sunday, September 2, 1-8 PM
RiverScape MetroPark
Free admission

Golf Tournaments

Information: 937-333-8400
or golf-dayton.com

Senior Match Play

July 12-15,
Community Golf Center

Senior Stroke Play

July 26-27,
Kittyhawk Golf Center

Men's Stroke Play

July 28-29,
Kittyhawk Golf Center

Recreation Centers & Fitness Programs

Call 937-333-8400
or go to daytonohio.gov/rys



Community Engagement Seminars

Free admission; advance registration not needed. For more information, call 927-333-7381.

**Tuesday, August 28,
5:30-7 p.m.**

Capacity Building, Part 2.
Madden Hills Library,
2542 Germantown St.

**Tuesday, September 25,
5:30-7 p.m.**

Lot Links: How to acquire properties through the program.
Haines Center,
3304 N. Main St.

Preparation begins for 2020 census



The City of Dayton and Montgomery County are collaborating to support a full count of local residents by the 2020 census. Mayor Nan Whaley and County officials have convened a Complete Count Committee comprised of government and business leaders, community partners and grassroots groups. The committee will work to motivate residents to complete and submit mailed or online census forms by informing them of the importance of the census. A multi-faceted outreach campaign will utilize the expertise and resources of community groups to overcome cultural, economic, linguistic or technology barriers to census participation. An accurate census count is vital to well-being of the community and residents by helping planners determine where to direct funding and other resources for housing, health care, education, transportation and other essential needs. Watch for updates here or at daytonohio.gov.

Energy market forces savings plan cancelation

The City of Dayton electric power aggregation program has been discontinued because of changes in the electric power market. Participating residents and business received letters about the cancelation in their May 2018 power bill.

The program was designed to allow cost savings by establishing a uniform negotiated rate for the generation portion of energy charges. The City established a three-year agreement with IGS effective May of 2016 (with rates negotiated yearly), but because of downward trends in power generation costs, IGS and other providers are opting to not participate in aggregation programs.

Residents and businesses participating in the aggregation program will automatically return to the DP&L standard service offer and will have the option to shop the



market to potentially contract with a supplier offering a lower price than DP&L.

For more information on selecting a supplier, call 800-686-PUCO or visit www.puco.gov. Low-income customers can seek energy assistance through the Ohio Development Services Agency at 800-282-0880. If energy generation costs increase, the City of Dayton has the ability to restart the aggregation program.

A once-in-a-century project is getting underway along the shore of the Great Miami River, south of downtown Dayton. A new sanitary sewer line will be built to supplement the existing 91-year-old line and will greatly increase capacity leading to the Dayton Water Department's wastewater treatment plant. The new line's carrying capacity will be 150 million gallons per day, and it will be constructed of precast box culvert segments, each weighing about 20,000 pounds. The project's first phase (Cincinnati Street to Albany Street) should be complete by the fall of 2020; future phases will stretch from Albany Street northward to Deed's Point.



2018 City Beautiful Awards - Open for nominations

The City of Dayton is recognizing owners and occupants of properties demonstrating civic and neighborhood pride with the monthly City Beautiful Award. Nominations will be accepted through December and will recognize properties throughout the city.

Winning properties may be residential or commercial and must meet one or more of the following criteria: aesthetic appeal; landscaping--design, color, balance; architectural design and placement; maintenance of landscape or building; treatment of parking areas; preservation of trees and natural amenities; awareness



of City codes and ordinances; appropriate placement/design of new construction; use of paint or other materials to complement buildings; enhancement of the area or neighborhood; or removal of blight.

Award winners will receive a yard

sign for display and invitation to a City Commission meeting for recognition of their efforts. The award is a reinvention of former Dayton City Beautiful programs that recognized outstanding properties, design and beautification throughout much of the 20th century.

More than two dozen properties were honored in 2017. To submit a nomination online, go to daytonohio.gov/citybeautiful. Forms may also be picked up or submitted at 101 W. Third St., 6th floor (Department of Planning and Community Development). Call 937-333-4271 for more information.

Police honor outstanding service



Officer Byron Branch
(Officer of the Year)



Officer Jason Olson
(Steve Whalen Memorial Policing Award)



Cynthia August
(Non-Sworn Employee of the Year)



Excellence in performing duties and community service was honored by the Dayton Police Department at its annual awards ceremony on May 10 at the Kroc Center. In addition to numerous special citations and honors for officers throughout the Department as well as community volunteers, special awards were presented for Officer of the Year, the Steve Whalen Memorial Policing Award and Non-Sworn Employee of the Year.



Houston flight added

United Airlines has added a nonstop flight between Dayton International Airport and Houston’s George Bush Intercontinental Airport, with seven flights per week between the two cities. For more information on service at Dayton International, go to flydayton.com.



Keeping promises to voters

The City of Dayton continues to track expenditures for community improvements made possible by Dayton voters, in areas including residential street resurfacing, vacant lot mowing and preschool opportunities. For more information, go to daytonohio.gov/yourdollarsyourneighborhood.



Employment opportunities

Thinking about working for the City of Dayton? Go to <https://jobs.daytonohio.gov/> for job listings and information about how to apply for City employment, or visit the Civil Service office at 371 W. Second St., Suite 231. Call 937-333-2300 for more information.

