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Dayton Corps: 22,000 service hours – and counting



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With the first year of a three-year mission completed, Dayton Corps (an AmeriCorps program) has dedicated nearly 22,000 hours of service to the Dayton community.

Dayton Corps' 59 members work in three service areas: neighborhood leadership development; housing insecurity and employment; and education.

Services provided include employment readiness training, skill development, healthy living education for families and individuals, homeless services, assistance in finding safe and affordable housing, neighborhood capacity building and more.

Year one work was in done in cooperation with Homefull, St. Vincent de Paul, Montgomery County Homeless Solutions and Daybreak, as well as two Dayton

Metro Library branches (Northwest and Madden Hills).

In addition, the City of Dayton Dept. of Planning and Community Development coordinated Dayton Corps activities in the Carillon/Edgemont, Residence Park, and Westwood neighborhoods.

Dayton Corps is a partnership between the City of Dayton and the University of Dayton Fitz Center for Leadership in Community. It was initiated by Mayor Nan Whaley in cooperation with Serve Ohio, AmeriCorps and the University of Dayton. Members are paid a stipend funded by an AmeriCorps grant.

Following an orientation for 70 Corps members on September 15, Dayton Corps' second year is now underway.

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A better DAY, landing soon!

Don't let construction (improvements in the making) discourage you from enjoying Dayton International Airport (DAY) for your air travel needs. Parking areas and the terminal remain "easy to and through," and though remodeling work continues, travelers will already find some exciting updates.

A new car rental center opens in time for the holiday season, in front of the parking garage. The new location makes picking up and returning rentals easier. With floor-to-ceiling windows and all-new service counters, the center provides a brighter, more welcoming experience for customers.

Just inside the main terminal entrance, new passenger and visitor amenities are making travel at DAY easier. A new Great American Bagel Bakery offers snacks and beverages from early morning to 11 p.m. daily, and a recently relocated and improved USO Lounge provides a restful haven for traveling military members and their families. Nearby are new restrooms featuring colorful

glass tile and water-efficient fixtures that help the airport meet its sustainability goals.

When you're next at the airport, look down...at the terminal's new terrazzo floor tile. The tile features images of aircraft that were invented, tested, built, or flown at Huffman Prairie Flying Field and its aeronautical successors in Dayton and/or Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. It's another way DAY shows its pride in serving the birthplace of aviation.

Go to flydayton.com for updates and flight/parking information.



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



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Survey results show improvements, concerns

Community response to the 2018 Dayton Survey indicates several areas of improvement in residents' opinions about City government and living in Dayton, as well as areas identified as needing improvement. The Dayton Survey measures residents' opinions of City services, programs and performance, as well as neighborhood life and other matters.

Public safety, neighborhood satisfaction, and customer service are areas where City government and life in Dayton received improved marks by survey respondents when compared to earlier surveys. Highlights of the survey findings include:

- A majority of residents say they feel safe out in their neighborhood at night. The number of residents who say they feel safe alone in their neighborhood at night has risen five percentage points since 2016, from 48 percent to 53 percent. Additionally, those indicating they feel unsafe has also fallen, from 50 percent to 44 percent. The number of residents who report seeing drug transactions regularly has dropped seven percentage points, from 38 percent in 2016 to 31 percent today.

- Residents' overall satisfaction with neighborhoods rose three percentage points, from 45 to 48 percent, and dissatisfaction



dropped five points over the same period. Downtown, Southeast and Northeast residents had the highest levels of satisfaction, while residents in North Central, Southwest and Inner West neighborhoods had the lowest levels of satisfaction.

- Among residents who had an issue that needed to be resolved by the City, 54 percent said they were satisfied with the City's handling of the issue, compared to 49 percent two years ago. Dissatisfaction with the City's handling of the issue dropped eight percentage points over that period, from 23 percent to 15 percent.

- The survey found residents expressed greatest satisfaction for services they ranked as being most important to them: Fire and EMS services, water and wastewater services, and police services were ranked as the most

important services to residents; all had satisfaction ratings well above the average. Satisfaction with and support for waste collection and recycling services was also high among residents.

The 2018 Dayton Survey also underscores areas for improvement:

- Satisfaction with street maintenance remains low, with 60 percent of residents reporting they were dissatisfied with the condition of roads and streets.

- The percentage of residents who said police are generally respectful in their dealings with people has dropped seven points in the last two years, from 74 percent to 67 percent.

- Dissatisfaction with Dayton Public Schools has increased since 2016: 39 percent of residents say they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with Dayton Public Schools, compared to 31 percent last year.

The survey was conducted from May 16 through July 9, 2018, by OpinionWorks, LLC. More than 9,000 survey packets were mailed to randomly selected Dayton households, with 1,503 responses. Another 300 residents completed a public online survey.

For a report of survey results, go to daytonohio.gov/2018daytonsurvey.

What's New in Recreation?

Recess After School

An after-school alternative for kids 5 to 12. Monday through Friday, 2-5:30 p.m., through May 31. Snack and structured activities, plus homework time. May be designated as a DPS transportation drop-off site.

Yoga, Pilates, Classes, Leagues, More

Go to daytonohio.gov/rys or drop by a recreation center for a program guide/schedule.

- **Greater Dayton** (2021 W. Third St.)

- **Lohrey** (2366 Glenarm Ave.)

- **Northwest** (1600 Princeton Dr.)

Did you know there is an indoor walking track at the Greater Dayton Recreation Center?



Neighborhoods on the rebound

Residents participate in, lead community planning

Dayton residents are going all-in on neighborhood planning through participation in developing, refining and finalizing visions for the future and strategies to achieve them.

In 2018, neighborhood plans have begun, continued or approached completion, with resident participation occurring at every stage. Residents are providing ideas and identifying priorities to elected leaders, City of Dayton staff and partner organizations.

Some neighborhood plans

underway include Greater Miami Chapel (also known as the HUD Choice Neighborhood Plan), Phoenix Next (for the former Good Samaritan Hospital campus and surrounding neighborhoods), Carillon/Edgemont and the North Main Corridor. In addition, a 15-year vision to guide development for West Dayton has been underway for several years, with ongoing community participation and leadership by Commissioner Shaw and community leader John Lumpkin.

It is expected that final versions of all of these plans, as well as others, will be under consideration throughout the remainder of 2018 and in 2019.

In addition to attending meetings, residents have contributed comments and ideas online, using websites and programs including daytonphoenixproject.org and nextdoor.com. Small group conversations and one-on-one conversations have also encouraged involvement and



East End: A block rally brought together residents, neighborhood leaders including the Twin Towers Neighborhood Association, and police officers on Xenia Avenue on August 31. It was an opportunity to discuss neighborhood concerns and ideas.

West Dayton: Community members attended an event in Wright-Dunbar on Sept. 18, asking questions and providing feedback on elements of a 15-year vision for West Dayton that is undergoing development.



Mayor's Award winners make Dayton thrive

Mayor Nan Whaley presented awards to five Mayor's Award winners for 2018 on October 10. The awards celebrate individuals and organizations that make a remarkable difference in Dayton.

Daytonian of the Year - An individual making the greatest contribution to Dayton in the previous year: **Amy Radachi** (Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Dayton).

Community Service - An individual or organization supporting and promoting service to the community: **Herbert Burton** (Pineview neighborhood).

Giving Back to Neighborhoods - An individual or neighborhood group that has supported and inspired their neighborhood: **Lisa Tingle** (Executive Director, Fundamental Health and Community Development Services; president, Roosevelt Neighborhood Collaborative).

Education Champion - An organization working hard to provide a brighter future for our children: **Dayton Early College Academy**.

Workforce Pipeline - An organization promoting skill or trade development in students: **Dayton Region Manufacturers Association**.

For more information and to view a video about the honorees, go to daytonohio.gov/mayorsaward.

Apprenticeships: A career-wise option for many young people



The City of Dayton, Dayton Public Schools, local labor unions and manufacturers are working together to promote apprenticeship and career opportunities in skilled trades and manufacturing.

Apprentices earn wage and benefits for hours spent training on the job, and typically receive college credits for in-classroom instruction. In three to five years, depending on program requirements, the graduate receives a nationally recognized journeyman card.

Evidence shows that 9th grade is a critical year for students in shaping their long-term success in education and careers. Participating organizations held an apprenticeship information day on August 9 at the IBEW Local 82 conference center, with a goal of equipping 9th grade educators in Dayton Public Schools with information to help guide interested students into careers in construction and manufacturing.

"We're focused on partnering with teachers who are interested in identifying possible future journeymen/women and providing these educators the tools needed to prepare students for a successful career in the building trades," said A. Eugene Frazier II, regional apprenticeship training director with

Sheet Metal Workers Local 24.

Earlier this year, Mayor Nan Whaley and Commissioner Christopher Shaw organized a Workforce Pipeline Committee to collaborate and highlight job opportunities.

"Dayton Public Schools has worked closely in partnering in this effort and this is just the first step in highlighting these opportunities to educators," Commissioner Shaw said. "We're excited to engage the different players so we can continue to build readiness for the great jobs that are and will be available in our community."

In addition to apprenticeship information day, the Workforce Pipeline Committee has worked to better coordinate regional apprenticeship recruitment by connecting people and groups already working in related areas.

Dayton Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Lolli said the district is excited to be a part of the workforce development project.

"With this new information about current workforce needs and requirements, DPS teachers can offer students ideas and suggestions for potential career choices," Lolli said.

Dayton officer gives a helping hand

With about 360 sworn officers in the Dayton Police Department, there are countless untold stories of acts of kindness and efforts to help the communities they patrol. Officer Jimmy Howard has humbly related his story of a special relationship with one Dayton resident.

A couple of years ago, when the Ohio winter stretched into spring, Officer Jimmy Howard noticed some new faces around the Central Patrol Operations District building—a man and his two dogs. The group of three never caused any fuss or bothered anyone.

“One day I was coming from a call on West Third and this man, Don, approached me,” Officer Howard remembers.

“He asked me ‘Where can I go with my dogs to stay warm, the homeless shelter said they can’t take us. I’ve been staying at the Dayton Grand, but I’m out of money and have no place to go.’”

Call it a cop’s intuition, but Officer Howard said there was something about Don that made him want to help. He walked across Salem Avenue and talked to the manager of the Dayton Grand, who told Howard that Don and his dogs were some of the best guests he’d had, quiet and very clean. Officer Howard bought Don two more nights to ride out the cold spell. He also made sure Don had food.

The cold returned days later, and Officer Howard found Don again outside. This time, Howard called an organization that helps the homeless. A church stepped in and got Don a tent and a sub-arctic sleeping bag. Again, the officer gave Don money to buy food.

Officer Howard lost track of Don for a bit, until spotting him one day on Ludlow Street, cleaning up outside



the Packard Museum. Don said he was doing odd jobs and had a place of his own.

Fast forward to the fall of 2017: Officer Howard saw Don in a downtown ambassador uniform. Asked if he had a job, Don proudly said he’d been given a chance and was making the most of it. Officer Howard treated Don to some food from downtown restaurants until the first paycheck arrived. Don still has his job as a downtown ambassador.

In January 2018, Officer Jimmy Howard was named DPD’s ‘Officer of the Month,’ but the Kroger gift card he earned never made it to his pocket; instead it went to Don.

When asked what the best part of his job is, Officer Howard, 23 years into his career, says something police recruits are often heard to say while still at the academy: “The best part is when you see that you’ve made a difference.”

Need to know: Leaf collection

When does the City offer leaf collection services?

Collection occurs four times during the fall season in every neighborhood, from October to early December. The pick-up days are tied directly to your waste collection schedule. If you don’t know your schedule, go to daytonohio.gov/leafcollection or see the mailer sent to your address by the Department of Public Works.

How should I gather my leaves for collection?

Place leaves in 100 percent biodegradable bags (plastic not accepted), and set the bags at the curb by or before 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Please position your leaf bags separately from your normal waste collection/recycling containers.

May I drop off leaves myself, without bagging them?

Yes! Residents can drop off leaves at the City’s three composting locations. Leaves may be dropped at these sites without a paper bag, but they must be emptied from plastic bags. No grass, sticks, or other debris should be included, please. For the locations, go to daytonohio.gov/leafcollection or see the mailer sent to your address by the Department of Public Works.

What about composting instead of having leaves picked up?

Creating a compost pile in your yard is a practical and convenient way to handle yard waste like fallen leaves, grass clippings, weeds, and the remains of garden plants. Compost also improves soil and the plants growing in it. If you have a garden, a lawn, trees, shrubs, or even planter boxes, you have a use for compost.



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**Holidays: Do you
decorate with style?**

Do you (or someone you know) decorate for the holidays with style? The Dayton City Beautiful Award presents a special holiday edition honoring extraordinary exterior décor. Nominate your own home, a neighbor's or a local business or organization. More information will be available after Nov. 20: go to daytonohio.gov/citybeautiful, facebook.com/cityofdayton, or call 333-4271.

**City announces legal action resulting from
PFOS contamination**

The City of Dayton is pursuing legal action to recover costs associated with protecting drinking water from PFOS contamination. Mayor Nan Whaley announced October 3 that the City has filed a lawsuit in federal court naming defendants 3M Company, Buckeye Fire Equipment Company, Chemguard, Inc., Tyco Fire Products L.P., and National Foam, Inc. These companies manufactured and sold a firefighting foam product that contained PFOS chemicals, which are toxic and move easily through soil and groundwater. Despite the manufacturers' knowledge of potential harm, these products were used for decades for firefighting and fire training by civilian and military airports, fire departments--including Dayton's--and in industrial facilities, including some throughout Dayton. The City has and will continue to protect the water supply and ensure that the community's drinking water remains clean and safe.



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Service Delivery Meeting Yearly Targets



Mowing vacant lots more often, resurfacing more residential streets, improving parks, gradually increasing the number of police officers. These neighborhood enhancements, plus a strategic investment in the community's future by funding Preschool Promise, are the essential elements of the City of Dayton's Your Dollars, Your Neighborhood program.

In November of 2016, Dayton voters approved a 0.25 percent increase in Dayton's earned income tax rate for an eight-year period (ballot Issue 9). The program is funded at about \$11 million annually, with \$8.5 million committed to service enhancements and new investments. The remaining \$2.5 million is allocated toward maintaining essential public safety services and increasing the average number of police officers over six years.



Mowing

With the approval of Issue 9, identified vacant lots (more than 6,000) are now mowed up to six times yearly, depending upon weather. A rainy summer slowed mowing efforts for 2018, but mowing continued into the fall season. As of Oct. 1, 22,608 lot mowings were completed, representing 80 percent of the 2018 mowing budget.



Resurfacing

The Your Dollars, Your Neighborhood /Issue 9 commitment was to bring all residential streets up to satisfactory condition by the end of the 8-year period, with up to 65 lane-miles resurfaced each year. In 2018, a total of 61.2 lane-miles will be resurfaced, funded primarily by Issue 9 dollars. After two years of Issue 9-funded resurfacing, pavement conditions have improved in more than half of Dayton neighborhoods.



Parks

The City of Dayton made an eight-year commitment of nearly \$2 million to enhance City-owned parks. Major improvements were completed at Walnut Hills and Mallory Parks in 2017 (including renovated tennis and volleyball courts plus new walkways, benches and playground equipment). Improvements on a similar scale will be completed at Washington and Welcome Park by the end of 2018.



Police

It is projected that uniformed officers on the Dayton police force will average 358 for 2018. The goal is to increase the number to 365 by 2022.

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Preschool Promise Makes Good On Pledge

Thanks to voters' overwhelming passage of Issue 9, Dayton was the first city in the Midwest to offer every family – regardless of income – the chance to send their 4-year-old to an affordable and quality preschool.

In the 2017-18 school year, Preschool Promise scaled up and became available citywide, building on a successful 2016-17 pilot program in Northwest Dayton.

Dayton has worked in partnership with Montgomery County to make Preschool Promise a reality for all families. The County has been a steadfast supporter of the initiative.

Today Preschool Promise is focused on three things:

- Educating the community about the power of preschool to prepare children for kindergarten and ensure they start school on track, not behind.
- Improving the quality of preschools by offering robust professional development and intensive coaching to teachers, while also helping programs afford to improve programming for their young learners.

- Supporting families by providing sliding-scale tuition assistance to all families, regardless of income.

Preschool Promise is having great success! Here are just some of the accomplishments from this year:

- More than 1,060 families who live in the city of Dayton/Dayton Public Schools boundaries joined Preschool Promise in the 2017-18 school year.
- 55 Dayton preschools participated in Preschool Promise, giving families great preschool options.
- 11 additional Dayton preschools joined Preschool Promise this last school year.
- 15 preschool providers in Dayton increased their Star Rating under Ohio's Step Up to Quality initiative.
- Outreach specialists were hired to spread the word in every Dayton neighborhood about Preschool Promise.
- PreschoolPromise.org allows families to join Preschool Promise online and from cellphones.
- More than 600 Dayton families joined the Preschool Promise

Star Attendance program, which provides a \$25 reward each month their child has 90 percent or better attendance.

- Families in Preschool Promise can choose to receive three text messages each week with ideas about how to keep their children learning at home.
- 87 teachers in Dayton joined one of multiple year-long professional learning communities to improve their skills.
- Preschool Promise became a stand-alone organization with a majority of board representatives appointed by the City of Dayton.

As impressive as these success measures are, the most important result is that students in Preschool Promise programs are making significant academic and social gains. Students are outpacing expected gains on nationally normed assessments.

Dayton's investment in Preschool Promise is getting children ready for kindergarten and making Dayton even more attractive to families.