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Working for safety, cooperation: Community-Police Council



What is the Community-Police Council; How can residents get involved?

The Community-Police Council (CPC) serves the Dayton community by promoting mutual responsibility for public safety and addressing the concerns of all residents, with a goal of fostering trust, inclusivity, mutual accountability, and respect. The Council was founded in 2012.

The Council is made up of 11 to 15 community members appointed by the City Commission. In 2019, quarterly meetings will be scheduled in targeted neighborhoods to report on progress and to ensure that residents have opportunities to offer feedback and ask questions. Residents should visit daytoncpr.org

to stay current on CPC initiatives. While the CPC membership is currently full, residents can fill out an application to join the Council at daytonohio.gov.

Neighborhood safety planning

As part of a strategic plan for 2019-2021, the Community-Police Council will work with residents, police officers and staff of the Dayton Department of Planning and Community Development to develop and implement community safety plans addressing the concerns specific to particular neighborhoods. The City of Dayton is committed to identifying and addressing safety priorities to ensure that residents feel safe, respected, resilient and protected. This collaborative, community-based process will include meaningful and comprehensive inquiry and analysis of safety issues and needs, with consideration of the most vulnerable groups in the decision-making processes.

What is the Citizen Appeals Board, and how can residents use it?

The Citizens' Appeal Board is a five-member body established and appointed by the City Commission.

The Dayton Police Department's Professional Standards Bureau investigates alleged police misconduct and issues findings, and the Board hears citizen
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Free tax preparation

During tax-filing season, income-eligible Dayton residents can claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit as ways to boost refunds on federal tax returns. Workers must apply for the credits when filing federal tax returns, and there is free help available to prepare and submit tax forms. Tax filing is free and fast, and returns are prepared by IRS-trained volunteers. Free tax preparation is available at more than a dozen sites through April 15, but many

taxpayers take advantage of this special event:

Super Saturday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (presented by KeyBank); Montgomery County Job Center, 1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.

Drop-ins are welcome, but for faster service, make an appointment by calling 913-2000. Go to daytonohio.gov/eitc for more information. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents, including W-2s.

City earns Energy Star, Tree City honors

Dayton's City Hall (101 W. Third St.) is a 2018 U.S. EPA Energy Star winner. The certification means the facility meets standards for energy conservation in day-to-day operations and operating systems. The award results from the efforts of the employee Green Team and the Property Management Division. Look for more sustainability news from the City of Dayton throughout 2019.

In December, the Arbor Day Foundation announced Dayton is a "Tree City USA" community for 2019. In order to earn the honor, a community must meet four standards: a formal tree or forestry program; a tree care ordinance or law; a tree care program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita; and an Arbor Day observance. In recent years, Dayton's forestry program has focused on removing and replacing trees killed or damaged by the emerald ash borer.



As part of Dayton's 2018 Arbor Day observance, City forestry staff trained University of Dayton River Steward participants in proper tree planting at Wogoman School, using trees grown at the City's tree farm. The training helped Dayton earn Tree City USA status for the 28th consecutive year.



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Get emailed news how and when you want it

Dayton is upgrading how it communicates with residents and businesses by email.

A new email communication product is now available, and it allows personalization of information received from the City of Dayton. With the new service, readers may choose the frequency of emailed newsletters (from daily to a few times per year) and the focus of newsletter content.

For example, when personalizing newsletter subscriptions, readers may choose from news about neighborhoods, downtown, recreation, City budget and transparency, City services, police and fire news, events, and additional areas of focus.

With this personalization, the "Dayton Extra" emailed newsletter will better inform subscribers

Tax Prep. Volunteers Make a Difference in Dayton

Looking for a way to make a big difference in the Dayton community? Consider being a volunteer tax preparer. Thorough training provided. More info here: <http://www.daytonohio.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1218>

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through relevant and timely content. Readers may opt to read only brief summaries of news and updates or follow links to source information for more details.

To start receiving personalized news, just go to daytonohio.gov/daytonextra. If you are already signed up for the Dayton Extra newsletter, you were automatically transferred to the new service in November (a "welcome" email was sent to existing subscribers on Nov. 12).

Pay utility bills online or at stores

Save a trip to City Hall! You can pay your City of Dayton water/waste collection utility bill online or at many local retail stores.

Last year the Dayton City Commission voted to expand payment options to allow customers the ability to pay bills at CVS Pharmacy and Family Dollar stores. Since then, many residents have taken advantage of this convenient option. There are several ways to pay your bill, see the options below.

CVS and Family Dollar Stores

Locate the bar code on your printed bills. You can also download (at paydaytonwater.com) a bill with the bar code or have the barcode sent to your phone or mobile device. Provide the bar code to the cashier and pay the bill. Payments are posted immediately.

Paydaytonwater.com

Visit paydaytonwater.com or download the Pay Dayton Water app to your smart phone, to set up recurring payments or to make a one-time payment on your account. Enrollment takes just a few minutes. To sign up, you will need your printed bill, banking information, and email address.



Get the Dayton Collects App!

View calendars and get alerts regarding your waste, recycling and leaf collection on your mobile device. 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.

Community continues opioid crisis response

Collaboration and innovation are making a difference

In 2018, Dayton and Montgomery County began to find hope, backed by data, in the battle against opioid addiction and overdoses. While the reasons for a significant drop in overdose deaths can't be certain, professionals studying the crisis believe the community's organized response is making a difference.

The number of deaths due to overdoses began to decline in June of 2017. Data show the rate of deaths in the first half of 2018 remained below their 2017 and 2016 levels. There are also signs that the stigma of addiction, long a detriment to effective response, may be lessening.

A few years ago, area residents and community leaders realized the drug addiction and overdose crisis wouldn't "just go away." People were dying in previously unimaginable numbers, dying in public places and in isolation. Public safety agencies, including the Dayton Police and Fire Departments, scrambled to find the manpower and resources to save lives.

There had to be some kind of intervention on a community level. Public officials, healthcare providers, academics, concerned volunteers and others waded into very turbulent waters—taking stock of an unprecedented situation, attempting innovations, failing, and trying again.

The City of Dayton, with leadership by Mayor Nan Whaley and the City Commission, declared a state of emergency in early 2015, far earlier than the federal government. Dayton was also an early provider of Narcan (naloxone) to the public. Narcan, if administered in time, can stop an overdose in its tracks and revive the drug user.

Several lessons clearly emerged



A GROW team including representatives of Cornerstone, Dayton Police Department, and East End Community Services.

from Dayton's efforts:

- Addiction must be treated as a disease, not a criminal act. This means the nature of the disease, including the likelihood of relapse, must be understood.
- Anyone working with people in active addiction must be nonjudgmental, immensely patient, and willing to combat stigma.
- People in active addiction who are not ready to enter treatment need harm reduction services that will reduce their risk of further disease or death.
- Barriers must be broken down between community members, government agencies, county and city officials, the business sector, and local nonprofits to enable a coordinated effort.
- Purposeful, rapid data collection, distribution, and analysis drives effective responses.
- Interventions and endeavors often overlap, so everyone must be prepared to dive in.

Based on these experiences and best practices emerging throughout the country, local officials and agencies continued, modified and expanded efforts to intervene, provide treatment and follow-up, and to better use data to improve outcomes.

In addition to government agencies including the Dayton Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Public Health Dayton-Montgomery County and Montgomery County ADAMHS, there are many partner organizations and initiatives working in collaboration. Families of Addicts, Conversations for Change, the Cornerstone Front

Door Initiative, the Mobile Crisis Response Team, the Voices Project and the Community Overdose Action Team have been essential for outreach, prevention and support of people working to recover, as well as their families and communities. Another effort, Getting Recovery Options Working (GROW), provides a weekly follow-up to victims of overdose and hotspot neighborhoods to encourage treatment and provide education.

Dayton has made impressive strides over the past several years. No one in the area will tell you this problem is "solved," and local leaders remind others that the death rate may spike again, but the community's endeavors represent lives saved.

Dayton's coordinated response leaves it positioned to respond to addiction needs beyond the opioid epidemic. The most common drug of choice may change, but that will not change the fact that people will need addiction and mental health services. Dayton's greatest lessons are that it can respond to addiction with compassion, that it can provide services in a streamlined way, and that it has a long-term path forward.

This article is based on a draft report prepared for the City of Dayton by Erin Welch. (Go to AmericanProgress.org for the complete report.)

How does the City of Dayton create its annual budget?



The City of Dayton policy budget is the annual spending roadmap for the City's fiscal year, which starts every January. The budget functions as a vital policy tool and a call to action. It outlines how resources will be applied in the coming year and, once ratified by City Commission action, becomes the organization's guide to accomplishing Commission priorities. The 2019 budget includes projected revenues, planned spending levels, and the programs, activities and objectives expected to be accomplished.

Budgeting for outcomes

2019 marks the third year Dayton has used a form of the nationally recognized best practice known as "budgeting for outcomes." In 2014, Dayton voters approved a charter amendment providing directives for the City's budgeting process. These changes established the Policy Budget and five Community Service Areas. This approach is grounded in priorities established by the City Commission. The Policy Budget emphasizes leveraging resources to accomplish outcomes that make a measurable and meaningful difference in the community. In 2015, Dayton's Policy Budget established long-term objectives and a corresponding performance management (measurement)

component. Since then, the City Manager, at the direction of the Mayor and City Commissioners, has implemented a series of improvements, emphasizing the values of accountability, transparency and continuous improvement.

Service areas

Five Community Service Areas were established as a result of the 2014 charter amendment: **Economic and Community Development; Justice; Building and Environmental Safety; Infrastructure; and Corporate Services & Governance.** Each Community Service Area (CSA) is comprised of a group of programs with an integrated mission, linked together with a set of shared Commission-identified priorities. The CSA groupings create natural collaborations between City departments and programs. The CSA structure is designed to break down barriers, support innovation and promote idea sharing, all in an effort to better serve the community.

Evaluation by staff, Input from advisors and community

In late summer, before the City's

expense budget is created, staff members forecast expected revenues and present the forecast to a group of business, government and civic leaders known as the Revenue Advisors Group. For 2019, general fund revenue sources are projected to be \$202.9 million. Included in this total are \$13.0 million in proceeds from Issue 9 (the 0.25 percent income tax increase approved by voters in 2016) to fund the Your Dollars, Your Neighborhood services and investments.

After the revenue forecast is approved, City staff analyze expenses over the last three fiscal years, compare program performance to expenditures, and work with each department to evaluate service delivery and City investments that address the Commission-identified priorities and goals for the new fiscal year. Over several months, the expense budget is created. Once the budget is developed, the City Manager's recommended budget is presented to the City Commission in public work sessions occurring in November and December. A

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'Thriving Neighborhood' effort starts in Pineview

Successful house flipping doesn't just happen on reality TV

As part of the new "Thriving Neighborhood" initiative, the Montgomery County Land Bank took possession of a vacant property in West Dayton's Pineview neighborhood in 2018, completed extensive renovations, and sold it within two weeks at the asking price. The Roejack Avenue home's sale price was about 50 more than the neighborhood's median sales value.

That's a solid flip and a step up for home values in the neighborhood. The Land Bank plans to continue the initiative in 2019 with property renovations/sales in several Dayton neighborhoods including Pineview. The Land Bank will also continue to demolish houses that are beyond improvement.

The Thriving Neighborhood Initiative aims to stabilize and strengthen challenged low- and moderate-income neighborhoods by:

- Renovating homes and restoring property values
- Encouraging home improvements
- Increasing market confidence and neighborhood pride
- Working with area investors to improve even more homes.

The Land Bank is a non-profit entity created in 2011 by the Montgomery County Commission in response to the housing crisis and the high number of foreclosures, tax delinquencies and vacant properties. It is professionally staffed, and its board of directors includes Mayor Nan Whaley.



Value restored, enhanced: The Montgomery Land Bank completed extensive renovations of this Roejack Avenue home and sold it quickly, supporting property values and neighborhood pride.

Census Bureau hiring for positions

The 2020 Census Jobs website is currently accepting applications for field and office positions in Dayton and surrounding areas.

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Those interested can apply for a range of positions, including recruiting assistants, office operations supervisors, clerks, census field supervisors and census takers. The positions offer flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

The Dayton office is scheduled to open spring 2019. The office will employ 40 to 50 people, with nearly 100 position to work in the field.

Available jobs:

- Recruiting assistants travel throughout geographic areas to visit with community-based organizations, attend promotional events and conduct other recruiting activities.
- Office operations supervisors assist in the management of office functions and day-to-day activities in one or more functional areas, including

payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.

- Clerks perform various administrative and clerical tasks to support various functional areas, including payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.
- Census field supervisors conduct fieldwork to support and conduct on-the-job training for census takers and/or to follow-up in situations where census takers have confronted issues, such as not gaining entry to restricted areas.
- Census takers work in the field. Some field positions require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings. Other field positions require interviewing the public, so employees must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

The pay rate for census workers in the area can be up to \$18 an hour. Those interested can call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information or visit <https://2020census.gov/jobs>.



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appeals of those findings. The Board also reviews reports of alleged misconduct that are under investigation and works to enhance professional standards within the Police Department. Citizens can file an appeal at daytoncpr.org or the Dayton Human Relations Council at 371 W. Second St.

What types of officer training impact community-police relations?

Dayton officers start their career with 16 hours of crisis intervention training and eight hours of critical incident stress awareness training at the Dayton Police Academy. These classes teach de-escalation methods, identifying stresses and how to handle life-threatening conditions. Officers also received eight hours of training in implicit bias and racial issues as part of their continuing education training in 2016. As part of 2019's continuing education training, officers will complete a refresher course covering implicit and racial bias. Patrol officers routinely receive short training sessions during roll call, which marks the start of their shift. These sessions cover topics related to health and wellness, police culture, learning and growth; all of which can translate into better relations with the community.

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public hearing is held in January to solicit public input on the proposed original budget before it is officially ratified by the Commission, which typically occurs in February of each year and takes effect after 30 days. Between January 1 and the effective budget date, the City operates under a temporary budget. For 2019, the City's temporary budget (general fund) is planned at \$204.4 million.

This year's investments

The 2019 general fund budget calls for investing \$15.2 million in

capital equipment (such as vehicles and heavy equipment), capital investments (such as reconstruction of roadways), demolition, Issue 9 investments (including residential street resurfacing), and the City's development fund (for economic growth). The total 2019 budget for all funds and investments is \$501.5 million, which does not include any 2018 carry-over balances. For more information on the City's budget process, please call 937-333-3750 or email hilary.browning@daytonohio.gov.

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Get weather-related email reminders

Despite our road crews' best efforts, driving on streets and highways during winter weather can be a challenge. The City of Dayton wants to help you save time and be aware of potential problems. If you would like to receive emailed updates on City response to major weather events, just go to daytonohio.gov/winter, click the "Email Alerts" button and follow the quick directions for signing up. The City of Dayton will not share your email address with any other organization.

Income tax reminders

City tax returns for 2018 are due on April 15, 2019. The tax rate is 2.5 percent. Taxable income includes self-employed income or wages from which your employer has not withheld City tax.



Lottery winnings, gambling proceeds, prizes, awards and other games of chance are taxable for Dayton residents. All lottery and games of chance winnings sold within the corporate boundaries of Dayton are also taxable. If you receive a federal Form W2-G, the amount

is taxed at a rate of 2.5%. Federal Schedule A deductions do not offset winnings. In addition, you are required to pay estimated taxes if winnings exceed \$8,000.

For information or to request tax forms, call 937-333-3500 or go to daytonohio.gov/tax.



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