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City and community partner for tornado recovery

Neighborhoods - and the families, individuals, property owners and businesses who make them up - face many challenges in working toward recovery from the Memorial Day tornadoes that swept across Dayton and nearby areas.

The City of Dayton continues to coordinate activities related to long-term neighborhood recovery, including seeking federal funding, housing redevelopment planning, and distribution of public information about available resources.

Catastrophic or significant damage occurred in several Dayton neighborhoods and areas, including Upper Riverdale, DeWeese-Ridgecrest, Old North Dayton, Springfield, McCook Field, Wright View, Gateway and Northridge Estates.

A June 18 announcement that federal relief would be available to support tornado recovery meant affected individuals and businesses can apply for assistance at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585).

Businesses and non-profit organizations affected may be eligible for disaster loans through the Small Business Administration. These loans can be used to repair or replace damaged real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory, and other assets.

Turn to page six for more information on how the city of Dayton is helping neighborhoods recover.



In the early morning hours after the tornadoes struck, City of Dayton crews got to work in neighborhoods, assessing damages and beginning the long clean-up process. Department of Public Works employees continued to circulate through affected neighborhoods for several weeks, first removing downed trees from streets and later picking up debris left curbside by residents and businesses. Staff members of the Department of Economic Development visited or contacted nearly 100 businesses.



The City's Neighborhood Matters outreach program launched on Friday, May 31, and took on a special focus following the tornadoes occurring just a few days earlier. City staff members distributed information about temporary shelters, water availability and other urgent needs in the hard-hit Old North Dayton neighborhood.

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Neighborhood Matters: Employees walk the blocks

There's a new way to tell City Hall what's going on in your neighborhood and to hear about changes and improvements in City services.

Since late May, hundreds of City of Dayton employees have walked the blocks in neighborhoods, knocking on thousands of doors for conversations with residents. Employees can answer questions and, where possible, submit service requests to City departments. When residents are interested, employees provide printed materials for more information.

Neighborhood Matters outreach walks are happening every Friday afternoon through mid-August. You will recognize employees by their City ID badges and blue or green t-shirts.

Fifteen neighborhoods are on



the schedule for 2019, with more planned for next year. For more information, to go daytonohio.gov/neighborhood-matters, or call 937-333-3333.

Dayton awarded economic mobility grants

The City of Dayton and partner organizations have been awarded grant funds by national organizations for projects supporting economic mobility for city residents. Both grants were sought by the office of Mayor Nan Whaley.

Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Ballmer Group announced June 18 that Dayton is one of ten American cities that will participate in a new initiative. Over the next 18 months, the City of Dayton and Preschool Promise will work together on new outreach methods designed to help parents assist very young children in becoming active learners and to enroll the children in preschool. Dayton was selected through a competitive process that looked at local commitment to supporting economic mobility, willingness to use data to accelerate progress, and ability to dedicate a team to accomplish goals.



The U.S. Conference of Mayors has also awarded the City of Dayton a 2019 DollarWise innovation grant on behalf of Miami Valley Community Action Partnership's Employment Legal Clinic. The \$10,000 grant will support the legal clinic's assistance programs for eligible residents seeking reinstated driver licenses and driving privileges in order to seek or retain employment.



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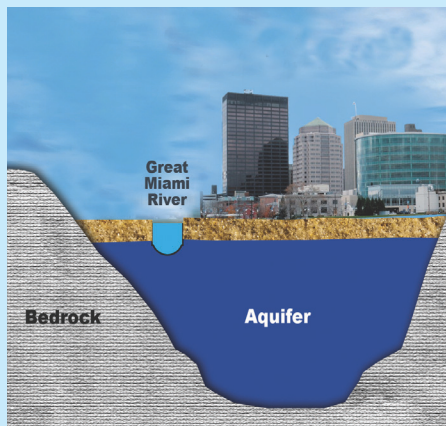
Dayton water: Five things to H2KNOW

There is nothing simpler than reaching out to turn on your faucet. With one motion, clean water streams out to fill a glass, teapot, or tub. It's easy to forget that a lot happens to make tap water available, so here are some interesting facts about City of Dayton water.



1. Dayton protects and communicates.

For 25 years, Dayton has been designated a Groundwater Guardian Community by the Groundwater Foundation. This foundation recognizes communities that are successful in informing the public and protecting groundwater.



2. Dayton has one HUGE source of water.

Dayton is home to one of the country's largest natural underground aquifers, the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer, which holds 1.5 trillion gallons of water! From this aquifer, Dayton pumps 23 billion gallons each year to over 400,000 people throughout most of Montgomery County and a small portion of Greene County.



3. Dayton tests above and beyond.

Dayton water is tested all day, every day for purity, thanks to a 24-hour monitoring system at each well. Dayton employs technicians who perform routine testing around the clock. They can even shut off specific wells within moments if contaminants are detected. Dayton's central water quality laboratory is one of the first municipal labs in Ohio to sample for PFAS in groundwater. The Ohio EPA has pointed to Dayton's lab as a standard of excellence. For an added layer of safety, Dayton's Source Water Protection Plan monitors water quality issues in several jurisdictions near Dayton's wells.

4. Dayton's water system is redundant (in a good way).

When it comes to being ready for emergency situations, Dayton has it covered with a fully redundant system, meaning that each of the two water treatment plants can support the entire system's demand if needed. In fact, redundancy is built into the entire system from top to bottom. Water comes from wellfields that are typically running at half capacity, which means that in an emergency, remaining wellfields can switch to maximum capacity to cover for a field that cannot operate. Next, water goes through

filtration and is pumped to Dayton homes and businesses using electricity sources that are also redundant and cover each wellfield, plant, and pump station.



5. Dayton tap water is safe and regulated.

Just like all tap water, Dayton tap water is heavily regulated by the EPA and required to be disinfected, filtered, and tested. Enjoy tap water over bottled water...take back the tap! Bottled water is seriously pricey by comparison: one 16 oz. bottle of water costs around \$1 or more, while 16 ounces of tap water cost much less than one penny. In fact, for what you pay for one bottle of water, you could drink about 1,850 16 oz. glasses of tap water!

If you would like to learn more about the water flowing through your pipes and all that it takes to keep delivering clean, quality water to you, visit DaytonWater.org.



#DaytonStrong Volunteers unite for tornado recovery



City and area residents wasted no time in helping people and neighborhoods recover from the Memorial Day tornadoes. Teams started organizing the day after the storms hit and continued to work for weeks afterward. The Living City project, a faith-based group active in a number of community improvement projects, organized a citywide effort involving hundreds of volunteers. The City of Dayton is grateful for the extraordinary commitment demonstrated by community groups and volunteers. *Photos: Bill Franz*



Landfill settlement to support West Dayton redevelopment

The Dayton City Commission voted at its June 12 meeting to accept a settlement agreement with Waste Management of Ohio and Stony Hollow Landfill in the amount of \$10.5 million. Last year, the City filed a motion to reconsider the 1992 consent decree on the basis of non-payment of county-generated fees.

As a result, Waste Management has agreed to make two payments of \$5.25 million to the City of Dayton. The funds will be evenly split among the West Dayton Development Fund and the newly created Northwest Dayton Development Fund.

"A vision for redevelopment and revitalization of the Greater West Dayton area is already in place, and significant resources have already been dedicated to that purpose," said Dayton City Commissioner Chris Shaw. "This settlement is a big step forward in bringing new vitality to areas impacted by the landfill and other West Dayton neighborhoods."

Funding uses may include adaptive reuse of buildings, housing rehab/redevelopment, commercial corridor facade grants, as well as initiatives focused on job creation, workforce development, and neighborhood entrepreneurship.

The settlement and the 1992 consent decree result from establishment of the Stony Hollow Landfill in southwest Dayton. The settlement follows years of nonpayment by Waste Management of mitigation considerations and portions of ongoing operating revenues.



New southeast library to open August 10

The grand opening of the new Dayton Metro Library Southeast Branch (21 Watervliet Ave., adjacent to Belmont High School) will be on Saturday, August 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. Regular service hours will begin on Monday, August 12, at 9:30 a.m. The Belmont and East Branches will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, to begin the move to the new location. The old Belmont Branch will reopen with limited services (computers and holds only) from July 10 to 26. For information, go to daytonmetrolibrary.org.



A vision for the proposed Point Park.

Point Park to reshape lower Valley Street

Next year's realignment of the southern end of Valley Street (where it intersects with Keowee Street above the Mad River) will create an expanded green space for community enjoyment. CityWide Development is leading the effort to redesign the area (known as The Point) and will work with leaders of the McCook Field and Old North Dayton neighborhoods to develop a design proposal that will be shared with and reviewed by the community.

Tornado reconstruction: City waives permit fees

Property owners looking to save money while improving tornado-damaged properties may benefit from a package of cost savings approved by the Dayton City Commission on June 26. The Tornado Relief Program is designed to boost the community's economic recovery following the Memorial Day tornadoes.

In order to receive a permitting or inspection fee waiver or reimbursement, an existing property (residential or commercial) must have been damaged by the May 27, 2019 tornadoes, must be located in a neighborhood identified as being impacted by the severe weather, and must be an existing structure listed on the City's tornado-damaged property inventory list.

All fees charged by the divisions of Zoning Administration and Building Inspection may be waived for each eligible property, or if already paid, reimbursed. These fees include:

- Zoning certificates
- Applications for zoning variances and/or conditional uses
- Plan review (provided there are no more than two re-submittals)
- Building permits
- State of Ohio building fee



surcharges

- Zoning certificate of use and occupancy (CUO)
- Building CUO
- Building inspections (structural, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, etc.)
- Wrecking permits.

Each property owner (or owner's representative) is required to complete the customary planning and permitting regulatory steps. The property owner (or owner's representative) must sign and submit a written application for fee waivers at the time of the permit application, or an application for reimbursement if the fees have already been paid. The applications would require the property owner to certify that the proposed repairs or improvements

were directly related to tornado damage.

Ineligible properties include (if any of the following were true as of May 27, 2019):

- Properties with delinquent property taxes, water bills, or existing permit fees due (including, but not limited to storm water fees, street light assessments, etc.).
- Properties with outstanding zoning or housing citations.

Permit applications for waiver or reimbursement must be filed no later than December 31, 2019. The property owner or contractor must start construction on or before July 31, 2020.

The City of Dayton is also able to deactivate water/waste collection accounts for properties deemed destroyed or heavily damaged, to ensure that unnecessary charges are not accumulated during vacancy periods. Customers who want to deactivate accounts or have questions are asked to call 937-333-3550 or to visit the customer service center at 101 W. Third St., ground floor.

For more information and application instructions, go to daytonohio.gov/trp or call 937-333-3986.



Have you joined in a Longest Table Dayton community meal? The Longest Table is a fun way to meet residents from throughout the city and region, share a free meal and talk about building a stronger community. Longest Table events are hosted by volunteers and neighborhood groups, with support from a City of Dayton mini-grant and local partners. For more information including event locations and hours, go to thelongesttabledayton.com or call 937-333-3288. Upcoming events:

August 17

Host Neighborhoods
Shroyer Park
Patterson Park
Belmont Woods

Partners:
University of Dayton
Hospice of Dayton

September 21

Host Neighborhoods
Riverdale
Five Oaks
Santa Clara

Partner:
Kettering Health
Network



Summer essentials from Recreation and Youth Services



Spray parks:

A free, fun way for to cool down and relax, open noon to 8 p.m. daily through Labor Day.

Fairview Aquatic Center, 2262 Elsmore Ave.

Five Oaks, 329 Five Oaks Ave.

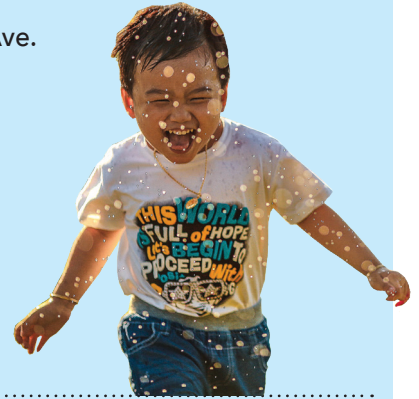
Mallory Park, 3037 Germantown St.

McIntosh Park, 882 W. Riverview Ave.

Stuart Patterson, 238 Baltimore St.

Walnut Hills, 2340 block of Wayne Ave.

Washington Park, 3620 E. Second St.



Golf adventures for adults and kids:

Six public courses at three golf centers. More information, reservations and discounts at www.golf-Dayton.com.

Foot golf—3,400 yards of fun for families and groups, Kittyhawk Golf Center.

Seasonal rates for drop-in play.

Season passes or frequent flyer punch pass (buy 10 greens, get two free).

Golf outings—Group and charity event discounts.

First Tee—special programs introducing kids to golf.

Go to daytonohio.gov/rys or call 937-333-8400 for the full schedule of summer activities including aquatics, gym hours and leagues.

Music at the Levitt:

Top off your summer with free concerts at the Levitt Pavilion, presented by Recreation and Youth Service and community partners. Free admission!



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City technology makes life easier



Never miss another date with your City of Dayton waste collection crew! With the Dayton Collects app, you'll get email or text reminders about the next scheduled garbage and/or recycling pickup, even when the regular day changes because of a holiday. The app is free and so easy to use. Just download Dayton Collects to your smartphone from your usual app source, or use the desktop version at daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects.



Water/waste collection customers – do you have more than one City of Dayton utility account to pay? If you are responsible for multiple accounts, you can now pay them all in one easy transaction at paydaytonwater.com.

Just access the summary screen, choose the "consolidated payment" option, and select the accounts and amounts you want to pay (your paydaytonwater.com profile will need to be linked to all accounts). Questions? Go to paydaytonwater.com or call 937-333-3550.



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