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Fall is here: No more bagging leaves!



Dayton residents spoke, and the City of Dayton listened. As of fall 2019, the City is again providing pickup of loose leaves, following several years of bagged leaf collection.

Loose leaf collection begins Oct. 28 and will continue through Jan 17, 2020, with a minimum of two collections per neighborhood. Residents should expect to see leaf collection signs posted in neighborhoods one week prior to service.

Updated scheduling information can also be found at daytonohio.gov/leafcollection, on the Dayton Collects app, or by calling 937-333-4800. Additional information is available in a brochure mailed to Dayton residential addresses in October.

How to prepare for leaf collection

Please rake or blow your property's leaves to the curb area, in a row

formation if possible, avoiding areas immediately adjacent to driveways or storm drains/sewers. Do not bag leaves intended for collection; they will not be collected. Also, do not rake anything other than leaves to the curb for pickup—branches, sticks, grass and other yard waste may damage machinery and delay leaf collection. Leaf piles containing other yard waste will not be collected. If possible, please park vehicles off-street during your scheduled service period. The City's employee crews appreciate your observance of these guidelines.

Drop-off site

If you opt to bag leaves, you may drop them (and other clean yard waste) at the City's green debris site. Biodegradable bags only, please.

Wagner Ford Landfill
2670 Wagner Ford Rd.
Dayton 45414

Go digital!

You may already be using the Dayton Collects app on your smartphone or desktop computer. If not, it's a very fast and easy way to find your waste/recycling collection dates as well as information on scheduled leaf pickups. The app will also send reminder notifications and special updates related to holiday collection schedules, etc. You can download Dayton Collects from iTunes and Google Play, or go to daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects for the desktop version.



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Tornado recovery continues

Assistance applications

The official application period for FEMA or Small Business Administration tornado-related assistance closed Sept. 3. Individuals or businesses with questions about existing claims may contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585) or the SBA at 1-800-659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

New help line and website

Do you need help navigating through the various tornado recovery resources or getting answers to important questions? A new service is designed for those needs. Call 211 (United Way's HelpLink) to register for case management assistance. If a central online resource is what you need, the recently launched mvstrong.com includes a comprehensive list of assistance opportunities, volunteer needs, events and more.

Home reconstruction and purchase

A coalition of financial institutions and non-profit organizations (CareSource, Huntington Bank, KeyBank, County Corp, Rebuilding Together Dayton, Habitat for Humanity, and the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership) are partnering to provide financial assistance to Dayton-area homeowners needing tornado-related repairs. Homeowners may be eligible for grants of up to \$20,000 toward repair of their primary residence through the Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Reconstruction Program. Renters may be eligible for \$5,000 toward the purchase of a home. Homeowners seeking funds for repairs should call 937-250-7911. Renters and affected homeowners seeking assistance for new construction or a home purchase should call Huntington Bank at 513-639-3006 or KeyBank at 513-830-1261.



City of Dayton assistance

The City of Dayton's Tornado Relief Program reduces the costs of repairing and rebuilding damaged properties. Fees charged by the Divisions of Zoning Administration and Building Inspection may be waived for eligible properties, or if already paid, may be 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.

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



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Customer Services

Service Requests

937-333-4800

Download/use the Dayton Delivers app

Water/Utility Billing

937-333-3550

PayDaytonWater.com

Building Permits/Inspection

937-333-3883

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DaytonWater.org



Honoring the victims and heroes of August 4



August 4, 2019, is a moment in Dayton's history that is difficult to think about but should nonetheless be remembered.

Nine people died in Dayton's Oregon District shortly after the

midnight hour when an area resident acted out a plan to cause harm, his motivations still somewhat unknown. The actions left behind a community shocked and saddened but united in compassion and determination to remember and

honor those who perished.

The victims' names have been published many times, but the City of Dayton wishes to again acknowledge them:

Megan K. Betts, 22

Monica E. Brickhouse, 39

Nicholas P. Cumer, 25

Derrick R. Fudge, 57

Thomas J. McNichols, 25

Lois L. Oglesby, 27

Saeed Saleh, 38

Logan M. Turner, 30



Above and beyond: Dayton police officers

At the Sept. 4 City Commission meeting, Chief Richard Biehl introduced Dayton Police Department officers who were first on the scene at the shooting and who prevented the shooter from taking additional lives. Just five days later, the officers received the Medal of Valor, the nation's highest public safety honor, from President Trump at the White House. The officers and their dates of sworn service with the Dayton Police Department are:

Sgt. William C. Knight
(Feb. 14, 1997)

Officer Brian Rolfes
(April 8, 2016)

Officer Jeremy Campbell
(Aug. 5, 2016)

Officer Vincent Carter
(April 8, 2016)

Officer Ryan Nabel
(April 8, 2016)

Officer David Denlinger
(April 8, 2016)

Public memorial

Mayor Nan Whaley announced on August 21 that a committee of community volunteers will work to develop a permanent public memorial to those who lost their lives during the August 4 shooting. "We want to be very thoughtful as we begin the process of developing a permanent memorial," said Mayor Whaley. "Having a place where people can go and reflect is important."

Dayton History, the non-profit operator of Carillon Park, has taken possession of a number of artifacts related to the event.

Oregon District Tragedy Fund

The Dayton Foundation established the Oregon District Tragedy Fund shortly after the August 4 event. Donations from individuals, families, groups and special events (including the August 25 "Gem City Shine" concert and festival) had totaled more than \$3 million by Sept. 9. A proposed distribution plan for funds benefitting victims and families was in development in September, with a final plan to be announced.

Turn to page 6 for a tribute to the Dayton Fire Dept. →

Fall fun & fitness: all around town

Dayton's Recreation and Youth Services staff want to add fun and fitness to your schedule. Here are just a few of the convenient, affordable ways to get in the game:

Fall Harvest Festival

A free, safe Trick-or-Treat alternative

Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

Dayton Convention Center,
22 E. Fifth St.

Free candy for kids 14 and younger;
wear your Halloween best!



SWERK

Sweat, work and twerk your way to weight loss and a toned body, accompanied by music to get you moving. Involves cardio, muscle toning, balance and flexibility.

Tuesday/Thursday, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Lohrey Recreation Center

Game Time - Basketball Leagues

All Team Dayton and citywide league games are open to the public. For a list of games, call 937-333-8400.

Admission: \$3-adults; \$1-12 and under; \$5-family of four.

Games begin mid-December and continue through February.

Senior Wellness Checks

Everyone 55 and over is welcome for a blood pressure check and answers to health questions, conducted by Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County. Free. While you're there, ask the staff about the Silver Sneakers program.

Second Tuesday of each month,
10 a.m. to noon

Greater Dayton Recreation Center

Recreation Center Locations

Lohrey: 2366 Glenarm Ave.

Northwest: 1600 Princeton Dr.

Greater Dayton: 2021 W. Third St.

For more information, registration, and a fall/winter program guide, go to daytonohio.gov/rys or call 937-333-8400.

It was great meeting you!



For the past four months hundreds of City staffers visited over 18,000 Dayton households to connect with and provide valuable information about City services.

Neighborhood Matters was established by City Manager Shelley Dickstein as a way to foster better community engagement between City employees and the residents we serve. The program was wildly successful and is scheduled to be back in the spring of 2020.



**Neighborhood
MATTERS**



Dayton's Flag Project

Do you know what is on the city of Dayton's flag? Close your eyes and try to imagine it. Having trouble? You're not alone.

Dayton's current flag, in use since 1958, flies at City Hall, Dayton International Airport, and dozens of other highly visible locations. However, its stark background and dated imagery render it unremarkable in the age of lively urban design, digital communication, and community diversity.

As Dayton continues its reinvention and renewal, local leaders are seeking a new flag to represent a changing city and community looking to the future. Just like national flags bring entire countries together, city flags are a source of civic pride that help to unify residents and make people feel more connected to their city.

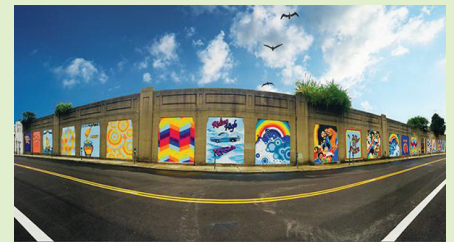
A steering committee of 20 individuals representing an array of public, private and civic organizations is working cooperatively with City government to oversee the flag redesign process and to recommend a final design to the City Commission. To learn more about the process or how to submit your ideas visit www.daytonohio.gov/flag.



Mini-Grants

Since 2008, the City of Dayton has awarded over \$630,000 to neighborhood groups and business associations through the Neighborhood Mini-Grant program. Grants totaling \$102,098 were awarded to 23 applicants for projects to be completed by December 2020. For a complete list of the 2019 grant recipients visit daytonohio.gov/minigrants.

Below are a few that have already been completed:



Land of Funk Mural. Downtown Priority Board was the applicant, The HALO Project (Helping Adolescents Achieve Long Term Objectives) created the designs and painted the 21-panel mural on the railroad overpass behind the Convention Center.



The Salem Avenue Peace Corridor wrote a grant to fund the Peace Corridor gateway sign on Salem Avenue.

The Stoddard Avenue Pumpkin Glow grant was written by the Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association.



The annual event had over 1,000 visitors though the neighborhood to see hundreds of pumpkins glowing on the hillside.

West Dayton updates



A new vision for Carillon/Edgemont

The City Commission has approved a new plan for the Carillon and Edgemont neighborhoods. These two areas were once one large neighborhood and are still grouped into the same census tract, allowing them to share a combined plan. Although Edgemont has many industrial and commercial land uses and Carillon is more institutional in nature, both areas are home to neighborhoods with engaged residents who worked together to create a common vision, goals, and objectives.

A focus on community and economic development helped to identify six priorities: Resident leadership, housing, safety, recreation, urban agriculture, and revitalization. Within each priority area, goals, objectives, and activities were identified and reviewed through citizen participation and discussion. A full copy of the plan can be located on the City of Dayton website at daytonohio.gov/ceplan.

Business expands in Wright-Dunbar

ZIKS Home Healthcare has signed a 10-year lease with Wright-Dunbar, Inc., for space located at 1110/1112 W. Third St. in the historic Wright-Dunbar business district. The business and the non-profit development agency are partnering on a \$400,000 restoration of the historic Rubenstein Building.

The leased space will include offices and a training facility to support up



to 250 new home healthcare jobs. ZIKS Family Pharmacy and Medical Equipment currently offers non-skilled home healthcare services, but is adding skilled care to its services, resulting in a need for additional space.

Farmers' Market: home-grown solutions

The West Dayton Farmers' Market is wrapping up its second season in October. The pop-up market has operated at the corner of James H. McGee Blvd. and Germantown Street, next to Save Food Super Market, with residents and neighbors stopping by to purchase healthy foods at affordable prices. Produce was grown and sold by Homefull, the non-profit housing services provider, and also grown in West Dayton community gardens. Hartman Heimstytte Farm, of Brookville, sold pasture-raised meats and baked goods. Other partners making the market a success include the Gem City Market, CityWide Development and Miami Valley Organizing Collaborative. Next year, watch for the dates, times and locations of the West Dayton Farmers' Market.



At the Sept. 11 City Commission meeting, Commissioners and guests acknowledged the Dayton Fire Department for its extraordinary community service during the summer of 2019. DFD crews were among the first responders at the August 4 Oregon District tragedy, providing emergency medical services, patient transport, assisting victims' families, and more. "They didn't have time to think," said Chief Jeffrey Payne. "They leaned on their training and discipline." The Commission also acknowledged the response to the Memorial Day tornadoes and the August 26 vehicle collision that took the lives of two children, as well as the department's participation in preparation and special operations related to the May 25 HSK rally in downtown Dayton.

Nice work: City Beautiful honors Dayton properties

The 2019 edition of Dayton's City Beautiful Award kicked off in late spring with recognition of homes throughout the city, plus a recently redeveloped historic commercial building.

Six properties earned honors during first of the year's three award periods (summer, fall and holiday), in recognition of outstanding renovations, meticulous maintenance and landscaping that adds value and beauty. To see a photo gallery of the honorees, go to daytonohio.gov/citybeautifulsummer2019. By Nov. 1, fall winners will be shown at daytonohio.gov/citybeautifulfall2019.

The most recent incarnation of the City Beautiful program was launched in 2017 as a way of honoring special efforts by property owners and encouraging civic pride and participation. The program reflects the spirit of the 20th century City Beautiful movement in American cities, including Dayton's own City Beautiful Council of the 1960s.

For more information or to nominate a property for City Beautiful honors, go to daytonohio.gov/citybeautiful, or call 937-333-3670.



Charter amendment on election ballot

Voters will find a potential change to the City of Dayton Charter on the November 2019 general election ballot. Currently the Charter prohibits City officers and employees from working for the State of Ohio, or a county, township or other city. The proposed Charter amendment, if passed, will allow City officers and employees to serve as a volunteer firefighter for another political subdivision without violating the City Charter.



Woodard Development's Avant-Garde is a redeveloped century-old industrial property in the Webster Station area (East Third Street).



This Dayton View Triangle home on Burroughs Drive is one of five residential properties honored for summer 2019.

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Take a SPIN

SPIN electric scooters are the newest way to get around downtown Dayton. The shared, dockless scooters can be found on downtown sidewalks and are there for your use (limited to streets and bike lanes, please avoid traveling on sidewalks). It just takes a quick download of the SPIN app to your smartphone and a valid credit or debit card number to get started. Rates are very affordable* and driving is easy! The scooter service was brought to Dayton by a partnership of SPIN and the Greater Dayton RTA. For more information, go to daytonohio.gov/spindayton. (*SPIN is waiving the \$10 introductory fee in Dayton, to help riders get started.)



We love it when you visit, but...

Do you pay your Dayton water/waste collection bill by visiting the customer service center on the main floor of City Hall? The City of Dayton will continue to offer that service, and we are happy to see you! But if you're an internet user and you want the convenience of paying online, that service is available, too. Just go to PayDaytonWater.com. You will need the account number shown on your mailed bill (and at PayDaytonWater.com you can sign up for paperless billing, if that's your preference).

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