

CONNECTIONS

> News and information for Dayton residents from the City of Dayton > daytonohio.gov

Mediation team helps community, reduces police call-outs



Mediation Response Unit Coordinator Raven Cruz Loaiza and vehicles you may see in your neighborhood.

Mediator Josh Bedink resolved a dispute by making a neighborhood basketball hoop usable.

A new and innovative way of responding to non-emergency 911 calls is connecting Dayton residents with needed services while reducing the volume of calls directed to police.

Mediation Response Unit (MRU) staff members do site visits or provide telephone referrals for non-violent family or neighbor disputes, roommate troubles, peace officer requests, disorderly conduct, juvenile complaints, barking dogs, and other issues.

Most of these service requests would have been directed to the Dayton Police Department before the MRU's work began. Since its launch on May 23, 2022, the Mediation Response Unit has logged more than 450 calls for service (through Aug. 31), with responses distributed evenly in areas of the city.

The unit is operated by the Dayton

Mediation Center (a City of Dayton agency) and is comprised of a team of trained responders with experience and certification in areas such as crisis response, de-escalation, conflict resolution, and community development. Currently, the response team operates from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Program leaders hope to expand the hours of its availability.

When 911 dispatchers receive a call that is deemed appropriate for the unit's services, the caller is forwarded to the MRU office. If a caller's situation can be resolved with a phone conversation, the caller is provided with information and connected to relevant resources, should the caller be interested. If an on-site response is warranted, a two-person team is dispatched to the scene to intervene with the situation that prompted the 911 call. Connection to resources, follow-up and case management services are available to the parties involved.

The proposal for an alternative 911 response emerged from the work of the Community Engagement Working Group of Dayton's police reform initiative, which began in mid-2020 and resulted in more than 100 recommendations for improving police-community relations. The Community Engagement Working Group was co-chaired by City Commissioner Christopher Shaw.

"I'm thrilled that the vision of community members that participated in our police reform process is becoming a reality," said Commissioner Shaw. "The Mediation Response Unit will provide unarmed support to people in non-violent crisis, which will help increase the Dayton Police Department's capacity to respond to the most pressing and dangerous situations in our community. Maybe even more important, the MRU will

Mediation Team continued on page 7 →

INSIDE

Page 2 Dayton Fire Water Rescue • Page 3 Broadband Investment • Page 4 Waste, Recycling and Bulk Guidelines • Page 6 Water Quality Sparks Business Growth

DAYTON



Water rescue: DFD is well-prepared

The Dayton Fire Department's technical rescue team is a dedicated group of responders located at several fire stations across Dayton. This elite group serves not only as regular firefighters, but as specialists who help our citizens and visitors out of some very dangerous and out-of-the-ordinary spots and circumstances.

A key skill set for team members at Stations 2, 4, and 14 is water rescue. The DFD spends dozens of hours each year training on water rescue, including boat operations, rope systems, swiftwater swimming, and ice rescue. The boat fleet operated by Dayton Fire includes four powered Zodiac-style rafts and three smaller inflatables designed for rapid deployment. Recent equipment upgrades include new personal protective equipment, a line gun that can propel a rope across a river, and an underwater drone.

In the warmer months, water rescue personnel can get quite busy. On a single day in May of this year, DFD boats were deployed to remove civilians from water three times. During a response in June, two members of the rescue team jumped into the water within seconds of arrival at an incident on the Mad River and successfully removed a young female precariously trapped in debris in the moving water.

Despite the team's dedication and preparedness, tragedies unfortunately still sometimes occur. The best rescue is one that never has to happen. Keep these basics in mind:

- Close parental supervision of children around water is essential.
- When in or around the water, a personal floatation device provides an increased margin of safety.
- Swimming should only occur in designated areas and under close supervision.
- Water can contain many hazards that are not immediately apparent, such as undercurrents, debris, and wildlife.

The City of Dayton is proud of the array of outdoor recreation options that are available to residents and visitors. The vast majority of the time, our waterways are enjoyed safely and carefully. However, your Dayton Fire Department rescue team will remain vigilant and prepared just in case anything doesn't go as planned.



City Commission

937-333-3636

Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims

Matt Joseph

Chris Shaw

Darryl Fairchild

Shenise Turner-Sloss

City Manager

Shelley Dickstein

937-333-3600

cityhall@daytonohio.gov

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

Stay Connected

DaytonOhio.gov

FlyDayton.com

DaytonWater.org



Policing reform effort recognized

The National Civic League, the organization behind the well-known All America City awards, has honored Dayton with inclusion in its Hall of Fame. The honor recognizes Dayton's recent work to identify and implement policing reform policies and practices, as well as its four All America City awards (2017, 1991, 1978, and 1951). Dayton's reform work began in mid-2020 and developed more than 140 recommendations made by working groups of community volunteers, Dayton police and elected leaders.

"By utilizing diverse community voices and partners, we re-imagined what community engagement in policing looks like," said Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims. "There is still more work to do, but this process has already resulted in positive outcomes. I am pleased that our effort has been recognized with national praise."

City moves to expand broadband access

The City of Dayton is making an investment of over \$200,000 to begin breaking down the "digital divide" in Dayton neighborhoods, with a long-term goal of making broadband internet much more available to residents.

The initial project, a fiber inventory, is made possible by the Dayton Recovery Plan resulting from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money granted to the City in 2021.

The "Improving Our Neighborhoods" priority area of the Dayton Recovery Plan includes \$55 million of identified investments, of which \$ 2.1 million has been allocated to amenity improvements such as the fiber inventory identifying where improvements in digital access need to be made.

The City Commission has approved a \$235,906 contract with Apex Advanced Technology LLC to and inventory fiber infrastructure assets citywide in facilities and right of way areas. The findings will be used to make data-based decisions regarding future expansion, tracking, and monitoring network changes. The fiber inventory is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2023.

In September, the City announced a partnership with Broadband Ohio that will bring high-speed wi-fi community hubs to Dayton recreation centers.

Of the roughly 58,000 households in Dayton, 42% do not have access to reliable broadband/high speed internet (U.S. 2020 Census). The lack of high-speed internet access can negatively impact economic growth, household income, educational performance, healthcare access, and employment searches. The persistence of multiple digital divides – in availability, affordability, digital literacy, and connecting devices – means that Dayton will need multiple long-term strategies to close the gaps, including:

- Finding providers that offer low-cost services.
- Connecting digital literacy training with residents.
- Making low-cost computers available.
- Providing public access community hubs.

For more updates on the Dayton Recovery Plan, go to daytonohio.gov/arpa.



Monitor housing complaints on tracker

Dayton residents, property owners and others can now monitor the progress of reported housing issues on a newly launched online portal found at daytonohio.gov/housingtracker.

Housing complaints may be found by entering an address or by clicking on locations displayed on an interactive map. The tracker displays the nature of the housing issue, the date of the original complaint, the actions taken by City staff, and more information.

The records displayed on the tracker are drawn from several City of Dayton sources including the Dayton Delivers customer service app and internal databases.

In order to begin a complaint, customers are advised to use the Dayton Delivers app or to call 937-333-4800. Only reported complaints are displayed on the housing tracker.

"We want to make it much easier for neighborhood residents, property owners and others to find the status of reported housing issues," said Todd Kinsley, Director of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development. "The housing tracker pulls together data from a number of sources to make that happen."



Waste, recycling, and bulk guidelines



Thank you for helping City of Dayton Division of Waste Collection crews pick up your garbage and recycling safely and on schedule. Please observe these guidelines:

– DO –

- Have your roll-out container or bulk items out by 6:30 a.m. the day of your scheduled waste collection. Remember, you have a collection *day*, not a collection *time*.
- Keep bulk and metal items separated (they're picked up by a separate truck).
- Keep yard waste separated from other collection items (it also must be cut and tied in 4-foot lengths no larger than 18 inches in diameter).
- Remove containers from the curb line, alley or front yard no later than 8 a.m. on the day after your collection day.
- Place container at least 5 feet away from any object (cars, mailboxes, trees, etc.).
- Always allow 3 feet between containers.
- Place containers at curb (or alley) with handles facing house.

– DON'T –

- Overfill roll-out (lid should be closed).
- Place any hot items in roll-out (e.g., ashes from fireplace).
- Place roll-out close to any obstruction (such as an automobile).
- Put loose trash in roll-out (wrap or bag all trash).
- Have trash piled on or around roll-out.

City of Dayton residents can dispose of hazardous waste and recycle electronics through the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. Go to mcswd.org or call 937-225-4999.

City of Dayton residents can dispose of green debris (leaves, branches, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc.) at Dayton's Green Landfill, at 2670 Wagner Ford Rd. Bundles are OK, but no plastic bags or ties, please! More information at daytonohio.gov/greendebris.



Download the Dayton Collects app (or go to daytonohio.gov/daytoncollects) for reminders on your waste/recycling collection schedule or to check for acceptable items to recycle.



Recycling is easy

What is recyclable?

- Glass bottles & jars (all colors)
- Metal Cans: Aluminum cans, steel cans and lids, empty aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Plastic bottles (empty, crush, reattach caps/lids): Bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Paper: newspaper, magazines, cardboard, mixed office paper and envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes), pizza boxes free of food debris and grease, telephone books and catalogs
- Cartons: food and beverage cartons, such as milk, juice, soup, wine, broth and other cartons
- NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!
- Recycling tips: Mix items together, no need to separate by type. Empty all bottles, jugs and cans; no need to remove labels. For cartons, remove plastic caps and straws.

For collection schedules, customer service questions, to schedule a bulk or to begin recycling call 937-333-4800 or use the Dayton Delivers app.

Renovations continue at DAY



Dayton International Airport (DAY) continues to take on a new look while it becomes even easier to get “to and through.”

■ More than \$40 million has been invested in terminal modernization since 2012, with improvements including a new façade and canopy, restroom renovations, an all-new rental car area, infrastructure upgrades such as HVAC and wastewater, and customer amenities such as elevator renovations.

■ Another \$35 million has been

dedicated to airfield maintenance and improvements, including runway rehabilitations.

■ Remodeling of the TSA checkpoint area has been underway through most of 2022 and will allow a streamlined passenger experience.

Major improvements such as these are largely funded by federal grants.

Plans for future improvements include renovation of concourses accessed via elevated walkways and a centralized food court. A soon-to-be-completed master plan will identify long-term future airport land use and enhancements.

“The upgrades across the airport continue our path to needed renovation while making us more efficient and sustainable,” Director of Aviation Gil Turner said. “We want travelers to have a truly enjoyable and enhanced experience when they travel to and through Dayton.”

What’s happening nextdoor?

More than 23,000 residents at over 17,000 Dayton addresses are members of Nextdoor, the fun and easy-to-use online platform for communicating with your neighborhood.

You can use Nextdoor to:

■ Invite people to neighborhood events, meetings, garage sales, community clean-ups, or block parties.

■ Distribute information about security issues or other concerns.

■ Distribute a BOLO about a lost pet.

■ Inquire about or recommend services such as lawn care, home repair, etc.

■ And many other purposes.

The City of Dayton also posts announcements citywide or in particular areas on Nextdoor, but City staff do not view information posted originally by residents or neighborhood groups. Nextdoor is free to use and is not intended for urgent communications or for communicating with services such as police or fire.

You can explore Nextdoor at nextdoor.com/city/dayton--oh/.

Choose your news with Dayton Extra

How do you keep up with news and information from the City of Dayton between editions of the Connections newsletter (currently published twice yearly)?

The Dayton Extra email newsletter is an easy way to fill the information gap, and you get to determine the topics and frequency of the news.

Choose from subjects including recreation/events, neighborhoods, police/fire news, and a lot more, delivered weekly or just a few times per year to your email in-box. The newsletter content is concise and easy to read, with a limited number of clickable items to open as you please.

To get started, go to daytonohio.gov/daytonextra. If you're already a subscriber, you can update your preferences by following the prompts in your next edition.



About curbside leaf collection

Leaf collection will begin the week of Oct. 24, 2022, and will continue through the week of Jan. 9, 2023, with a minimum of two collections per neighborhood. The neighborhood rotation will follow the order listed below. The schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions. Residents are also encouraged to use the Dayton Collects app for updated scheduling notices, in addition to visiting daytonohio.gov/leafcollection or calling 937-333-4800.

■ Please do not rake ANYTHING except loose leaves to the curb for pickup.

No bagged leaves will be accepted. Branches, sticks, grass, and other yard waste may damage machinery and delay leaf pick-up. Leaf piles containing tree branches or grass will not be collected.

■ Keep leaves away from catch basin openings to avoid clogging the storm drainage system.



PLEASE HAVE ALL LEAVES RAKED OR BLOWN TO THE CURB BY 8 A.M. MONDAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED PICKUP WEEK.

2022-2023 Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions

NEIGHBORHOOD	PICK-UP WEEK #1	PICK-UP WEEK #2	NEIGHBORHOOD	PICK-UP WEEK #1	PICK-UP WEEK #2
Carillon	10/24/22	12/5/22	Mount Vernon	11/7/22	12/19/22
Edgemont	10/24/22	12/5/22	Five Oaks	11/7/22	12/19/22
Miami Chapel	10/24/22	12/5/22	McPherson/Grafton Hill	11/7/22	12/19/22
Madden Hills	10/24/22	12/5/22	Riverdale	11/7/22	12/19/22
Highview Hills	10/24/22	12/5/22	North Riverdale	11/7/22	12/19/22
Stoney Ridge	10/24/22	12/5/22	DeWeese	11/7/22	12/19/22
Germantown Meadows	10/24/22	12/5/22	Northridge Estates	11/7/22	12/19/22
Pineview	10/24/22	12/5/22	Kitty Hawk	11/7/22	12/19/22
Lakeview	10/24/22	12/5/22	McCook Field	11/7/22	12/19/22
Arlington Heights	10/24/22	12/5/22	Old North Dayton	11/7/22	12/19/22
Fairlane	10/24/22	12/5/22	Gateway	11/7/22	12/19/22
Little Richmond	10/24/22	12/5/22	Forest Ridge/Quail Hollow	11/7/22	12/19/22
Residence Park	10/24/22	12/5/22	Pheasant Hill	11/7/22	12/19/22
Westwood	10/24/22	12/5/22	Springfield	11/14/22	1/2/23
Roosevelt	10/24/22	12/5/22	Webster Station	11/14/22	1/2/23
MacFarlane	10/24/22	12/5/22	CBD-Downtown	11/14/22	1/2/23
Five Points	10/31/22	12/12/22	Oregon	11/14/22	1/2/23
Wolf Creek	10/31/22	12/12/22	Historic Inner East	11/14/22	1/2/23
Old Dayton View	10/31/22	12/12/22	Burkhardt	11/14/22	1/2/23
Southern Dayton View	10/31/22	12/12/22	Wright View	11/14/22	1/2/23
University Row	10/31/22	12/12/22	Eastern Hills	11/14/22	1/2/23
Princeton Heights	10/31/22	12/12/22	Hearthstone	11/14/22	1/2/23
Dayton View Triangle	10/31/22	12/12/22	Eastmont	11/14/22	1/2/23
Cornell Heights	10/31/22	12/12/22	Belmont	11/21/22	1/9/23
College Hill	10/31/22	12/12/22	Patterson Park	11/21/22	1/9/23
Wesleyan Hill	10/31/22	12/12/22	Shroyer Park	11/21/22	1/9/23
Greenwich Village	10/31/22	12/12/22	Walnut Hills	11/21/22	1/9/23
Northern Hills	10/31/22	12/12/22	Linden Heights	11/21/22	1/9/23
Philadelphia Woods	10/31/22	12/12/22	Twin Towers	11/21/22	1/9/23
Fairview	11/7/22	12/19/22	South Park	11/21/22	1/9/23
Hillcrest	11/7/22	12/19/22	University Park	11/21/22	1/9/23
Santa Clara	11/7/22	12/19/22	Midtown	11/21/22	1/9/23



Economy Linen's new facility is located in the 1900 block of McCall Street.

Workforce, water quality help business grow

As a provider of linen rentals and laundry services to the hospitality and medical industries in four states, Dayton-based Economy Linen was looking for the right place to expand its operations after nine decades in business.

With an investment of around \$20 million for a new 78,000 sq.-ft. facility, Economy Linen had many reasons to choose Dayton as the site of its growth and future. Among these were the company's existing local operations, workforce availability, and the quality and abundance of Dayton's water.

Companies like Economy Linen require large quantities of clean,

quality water. Thanks to the region's Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer, groundwater is reliably plentiful for residents as well as businesses.

Keith Klein, Senior Development Specialist for the City of Dayton, said Economy Linen chose to expand in the city because of the available talent in West Dayton as well as the consistency and reliability of Dayton's water infrastructure.

"Dayton offers an abundant and affordable supply of quality water to the businesses in Dayton that rely on it," Klein said.

The Dayton Department of

Water works to ensure the safety and stability of Dayton's water, conducting 630 water quality tests at the treatment plant daily, as well as 36 tests on water from throughout the distribution system. Miles and miles of water and sewer pipeline have been replaced to keep Dayton's water infrastructure efficient and dependable. With recognition from national and international organizations, Dayton's Department of Water continues to protect the community's vital resource while providing top-flight water services for over 150 years.

Mediation Team, cont'd from page 1

give Dayton residents new tools to deal with difficult situations without encountering the criminal justice system."

Dayton City Manager Shelley Dickstein added: "We are encouraged by the early success of the Mediation Response Unit in Dayton. The collaboration between the Dayton Police Department,

the Mediation Center, and other City staff resulted in an innovative alternative 911 response that brings the special abilities of mediators directly to residents and saves precious resources for our police officers. I believe our program will serve as a model for other cities."

While there is likelihood that the MRU will respond to calls and situations with mental health

components, mental health services are not the program's focus. Callers will be referred to the Montgomery County's ADAMHS Crisis Now program when needed.

Dayton residents may call the Mediation Response Unit directly at 937-333-2333 to report an incident or to inquire about assistance or follow-up. MRU can be found online at daytonmediationcenter.org/mru.

Changes coming to water/waste collection bills



The City of Dayton Department of Finance is updating the billing system for water and waste collection utilities, with a new invoice format and e-billing provider in October 2022. What you can expect:

- A new look for mailed statements and paydaytonwater.com.
- If you use e-billing, you will need to re-enroll at paydaytonwater.com (to protect the security of your personal information, data will not be transferred to the new e-billing provider, Level One).
- Additional cash payment locations will be available (watch for more information).

Save on electricity costs

Thousands of Dayton households are saving money through the City of Dayton power aggregation program, a way to reduce the cost of electricity while using 100% green energy. Are you participating?

Dayton households were automatically enrolled, except those with an existing supply contract. To see if you are in the program, look at page two of your most recent AES Ohio bill. Under "Supply Charges" you would see "AEP Energy Inc...total supplier charges at XXX KWH X \$0.07457". If that information isn't on your bill, you are not enrolled.

To enroll, just complete two simple steps: (1) Call the supplier shown on your bill to cancel your agreement, and (2) Call the AEP call center to enroll in the Dayton program. Some existing suppliers charge a termination fee, so it is advisable to check on possible charges. For more information, or to enroll in the aggregation program, call AEP Energy at 1-877-648-1937.

