

# CONNECTIONS

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## Dayton: Taking big steps to improve parks

**Y**ou may have noticed improvements at a park in or near your neighborhood during the past few years, such as new playground equipment and new or renovated shelters, trails and sports courts. What you may not know is that more than half of the 46 parks in Dayton's 545-acre system have recently or will soon see similar upgrades—all part of a broader commitment to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods citywide. The work is made possible by several resources and is carried out by City departments including Public Works, Recreation, and Planning, Neighborhoods & Development.

### Your Dollars, Your Neighborhood

A variety of community investments (collectively called "Your Dollars, Your Neighborhood") resulted from the voter-approved Issue 9 in November of 2016 (an eight-year, 0.25%

increase in the Dayton earnings tax). Revitalizing parks is a key part of the effort, with just over \$2 million dedicated to that purpose. The improvements, year-by-year, are:

**2017:** New playground equipment at Mallory Park; Removal of an obsolete park shelter at Belmont Park; New fencing and asphalt sealing for volleyball and tennis courts, new tennis court netting, new sidewalk and benches at Walnut Hills Park.

**2018:** Two new basketball court surfaces, poles and rims, new playground equipment, and a shelter upgrade at Welcome Park; New playground equipment at Washington Park.

**2019:** New basketball court surface, poles and rims, plus new playground equipment at Dayton View Park; New surfaces for basketball and tennis courts at McIntosh Park; Basketball

court surface repair, tennis court surface replacement, and a new park shelter at Belmont Park.

**2022:** Basketball court resurfacing at McIntosh Park.

**2020-23:** New playground equipment at these parks: Belmont, Blommel, Cleveland, Highland, Highview Hills, McIntosh, Nordale, Oregon, Princeton, Ridgecrest, Stuart Patterson, and Walnut Hills.

### Dayton Recovery Plan

At \$138 million, Dayton's share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act is the largest grant made to the City of Dayton in its history. With priorities shaped by community input and specific investments approved by the City Commission, park improvements valued at \$2.2 million are a key part of the Dayton Recovery Plan's Improving Our Neighborhoods component.



**Triangle:** New infrastructure and amenities valued at nearly \$600,000 were nearing completion during the summer of 2023 at the 62-acre, historic north Dayton park. The improvements include removal of obsolete shelters and one obsolete restroom, installation of two new park shelters, plus new modular restrooms, fitness equipment, picnic tables, and pathways. **McIntosh:** The popular park at the western edge of downtown Dayton lacked dedicated parking but now has a 70-space parking lot, plus new sidewalks and curbs. **Bomberger:** The neighborhood park at the eastern edge of downtown Dayton has new family- and kid-friendly playground equipment. In addition to Dayton Recovery Plan funds, the upgrades

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**DAYTON**  
FALL 2023



DFD Director and Chief Jeff Lykins congratulates Probationary Firefighter Lance Phillips at a June 23 graduation ceremony.

## Fire recruits: Most diverse yet

The Dayton Fire Department has proudly welcomed 30 new firefighters completing the 2023 firefighter recruit class, following an intensive six-month program involving procedures and policies, daily physical fitness training, and scenario-based skills applications. Each new firefighter was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician, a Firefighter Level II, or Fire Safety Inspector.

This year's class was particularly notable as the most diverse in department history. An extensive regional promotional campaign, the City of Dayton's internal "Homegrown Heroes" program, and "Fire Camp for Women" combined to create a successful formula for a broader firefighter applicant group.

The next hiring opportunity isn't far away. Applications will be accepted in early 2024 for a Civil Service examination to follow in the spring. The DFD also hires EMTs and paramedics throughout the year. Interested applicants may create an account and sign up for alerts at <https://jobs.daytonohio.gov> and may get information on careers at <https://joindaytonfire.com>. The recruiting team may be reached at DFD-Recruiting@daytonohio.gov or 937-333-3141.

## Fire honored for stroke/heart care

The Dayton Fire Department was recently recognized with the 2023 Mission: Lifeline® EMS award at the highest level by the American Heart Association). The award recognizes EMS agencies that perform pre-hospital emergency medical care at an elite level and is reserved for agencies committed to the highest standards of care for acute strokes and cardiovascular emergencies. DFD provides advanced life support emergency medical care from 12 fire stations and responded to over 41,000 emergency incidents last year.

"The Dayton Fire Department is honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said Director and Chief Jeff Lykins. "The Mission: Lifeline program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, so patients have the best possible chance of survival."



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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](http://PayDaytonWater.com)

### Building Permits/Inspection

937-333-3883

### Stay Connected

[DaytonOhio.gov](http://DaytonOhio.gov)

[FlyDayton.com](http://FlyDayton.com)

[DaytonWater.org](http://DaytonWater.org)





New shelters and other improvements made possible by the Dayton Recovery Plan are under construction.

were supported by a donation from the St. Anne's Hill Historic Society. (See additional Dayton Recovery Plan projects in the "Upcoming in 2024" section).

### Special parks and projects

Several special-purpose parks and projects developed or enhanced in recent years are making a difference in Dayton neighborhoods, while strengthening the city as place to live, visit and do business.

**Dayton Bike Yard:** A fantastic new bike park with a variety of trail challenges opened at Welcome Park in May of 2023 and has already attracted thousands of local residents and visitors from beyond Dayton. It was built with support from local and federal sources, with partnership from businesses and community groups including Bonbright Distributors (a park neighbor), Trimble Bicycles and the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association. **Dayton Dog Park:** A new, four-acre dog park with trails and amenities opened at Triangle Park (Ridge Avenue entrance) in July of 2022. It is the first permanent dog park in the Dayton parks system, with the majority of funding coming from the sale of City-owned land at Deeds Point. **Cooper Park:** An opportunity to revitalize Dayton's oldest public park (at Second and St. Clair Streets) occurred when the adjoining Dayton Metro Library was rebuilt. Cooper Park, with its classic 19th century design and President William

McKinley statue at its center, kept its original appeal and was refreshed for the new library's 2017 opening with new sidewalks, landscaping and a new, inviting library entrance. The City acknowledges Dayton Metro Library for its remarkable partnership.

### Upcoming in 2024

Park enhancements will continue in the upcoming year, with most projects to be funded by the Dayton Recovery Plan.

**Five Oaks Park:** Amenities and upgrades will include new playground equipment, a new shelter, new modular restrooms and a resurfaced basketball court, all made possible by the federal Community Development Block Grant. The Dayton Recovery Plan will fund replacement of damaged sidewalks and curbs. **Gettysburg Park:** This closed park will be brought back online with new playground equipment, shelter, modular restrooms and a basketball court. **Liberation Park:** Improvement work starting in early 2024 will bring new playground equipment, a new shelter, new modular restrooms, and a new parking lot, sidewalks and curbs. **Madden Hills Park:** Playground equipment and adult fitness equipment will be installed. **Pierce-Steele Park:** New playground equipment will be added in 2024.

For more information, go to [daytonohio.gov/drp](http://daytonohio.gov/drp) and [daytonohio.gov/yourdollarsyourneighborhood](http://daytonohio.gov/yourdollarsyourneighborhood).



## Dayton is hiring... Are you looking?

Are you seeking a career change, or wanting to get a great career started? Have you considered the City of Dayton?

The City offers a broad variety of job types and opportunities (with a generous benefits package for permanent employees) including:

- Entry-level and mid-level administrative jobs in a variety of office settings;
- Utility and field positions doing hands-on work essential to providing City services;
- Professional-technical positions, including engineers, water quality analysts, information technology analysts, and others;
- Financial and administrative careers, including budget/management analysts;
- Public safety careers including police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and support staff;
- Legal careers including attorneys and support positions;
- Planners, inspectors and others involved in residential/commercial building services and development initiatives;
- Recreation staff including coordinators, aides and aquatics specialists;
- And many more opportunities.

Get more information on current openings, requirements and more at [daytonohio.gov/jobs](http://daytonohio.gov/jobs), [joindaytonpd.com](http://joindaytonpd.com) and [joindaytonfire.com](http://joindaytonfire.com).

The hiring process may include testing, background checks and other evaluation processes as required by Civil Service and City of Dayton policies.

# Airport's regional value continues to grow

Shelley Dickstein, Dayton City Manager

Dayton International Airport's role as a major center of economic activity continues to expand, with thousands of jobs added in recent years and more expected. The airport also remains committed to growing the variety of passenger service desired by travelers.

## Denver, New York

It's no secret that travelers, business travelers in particular, appreciate direct or one-stop flights. Access to major air hubs makes this convenience possible.

With the addition of a new Denver flight, there will be 13 nonstop destinations from Dayton.

On September 29, United Airlines will once again provide direct service from Dayton to Denver, restoring a route that was cut in early 2022. This service to the Mile High City provides a new opportunity for Dayton travelers to connect to dozens of destinations in the West and beyond.

Business fliers: Don't forget that two airlines, American and Delta, provide direct daily service to New York's LaGuardia Airport from Dayton. The Delta flight was added in March of last year.

## Jobs generators

For more than 10 years, the trend has been clear: Dayton International



Airport is attracting site development and job creation at a pace equal to or greater than other hotspots within the Dayton region.

In fact, around 3,000 jobs have been created, mostly by logistics and light manufacturing enterprises, some with well-known names: Chewy, Crocs, Energizer and others. These jobs generators occupy around five million square feet of newly constructed space, most of it developed by NorthPoint Development, a national developer that has recognized the advantages of investing in Dayton.

Sierra Nevada Corporation recently announced its second development at Dayton International Airport, following completion of its initial state-of-the-art aircraft maintenance hangar in early

2023. The company plans an additional 100,000-sq.-ft. hangar, employing even more skilled technicians.

Sierra Nevada's clients include branches of the United States military as well as some commercial organizations. The airport's location, as well as the region's workforce and aerospace resources are key factors in Sierra Nevada's decision to grow in Dayton.

We expect additional job growth and business investment at the airport, so watch for exciting new developments.

## It's your airport

Airport leadership and staff members work "nonstop" to improve and strengthen Dayton International. You can see the results of their work in the beautifully modernized terminal and improved parking options. The airport is in continuous communication with its current and potential airline partners, letting them know the Dayton story and the region's travel needs.

You can help by choosing to fly from Dayton International. As the airport's advertising campaign reminds us, "It's YOUR airport...Fly Dayton."

To read more of the "City's Manager's Perspective" blog, go to [daytonohio.gov/citymanagerblog](http://daytonohio.gov/citymanagerblog).

## Seasonal Water Tips

### Prepare for colder weather

Fix leaks before the weather turns - Once the temperatures drop, leaks can lead to much bigger problems.

Find your shut-off valve - Knowing where the shut-off valve is in your home is crucial because every moment counts in an emergency.

Keep the temperature steady - It's best to never leave your home lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Add some insulation - By adding

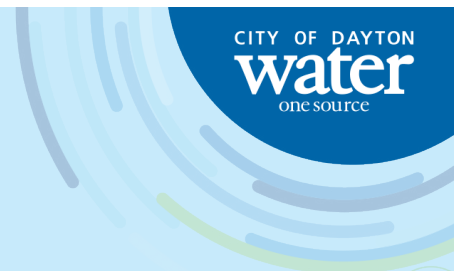
insulation to colder areas of the house, you can help maintain temperatures. You can insulate water pipes with insulation foam to help prevent burst pipes.

Inspect your water heater - In the winter, it's especially important to make sure your water heater is in top condition. A plumber can make sure it's operating efficiently.

Shut off garden hoses - To prevent

frozen pipes shut off the water and drain hoses attached to outdoor faucets.

Let water drip - On the coldest winter days, letting some water drip from faucets can be a good way to ensure pipes don't freeze.



## Curbside leaf collection: A neighborhood service

Leaf collection will begin the week of Oct. 23, 2023, and will continue through the week of Jan. 8, 2024, 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](http://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.**



## 2023-2024 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	10/23/23	12/4/23	Mount Vernon	11/6/23	12/18/23
Edgemont	10/23/23	12/4/23	Five Oaks	11/6/23	12/18/23
Miami Chapel	10/23/23	12/4/23	McPherson/Grafton Hill	11/6/23	12/18/23
Madden Hills	10/23/23	12/4/23	Riverdale	11/6/23	12/18/23
Highview Hills	10/23/23	12/4/23	North Riverdale	11/6/23	12/18/23
Stoney Ridge	10/23/23	12/4/23	DeWeese	11/6/23	12/18/23
Germantown Meadows	10/23/23	12/4/23	Northridge Estates	11/6/23	12/18/23
Pineview	10/23/23	12/4/23	Kitty Hawk	11/6/23	12/18/23
Lakeview	10/23/23	12/4/23	McCook Field	11/6/23	12/18/23
Arlington Heights	10/23/23	12/4/23	Old North Dayton	11/6/23	12/18/23
Fairlane	10/23/23	12/4/23	Gateway	11/6/23	12/18/23
Little Richmond	10/23/23	12/4/23	Forest Ridge/Quail Hollow	11/6/23	12/18/23
Residence Park	10/23/23	12/4/23	Pheasant Hill	11/6/23	12/18/23
Westwood	10/23/23	12/4/23	Springfield	11/13/23	1/1/24
Roosevelt	10/23/23	12/4/23	Webster Station	11/13/23	1/1/24
MacFarlane	10/23/23	12/4/23	CBD-Downtown	11/13/23	1/1/24
Wright Dunbar	10/30/23	12/11/23	Oregon	11/13/23	1/1/24
Wolf Creek	10/30/23	12/11/23	Historic Inner East	11/13/23	1/1/24
Old Dayton View	10/30/23	12/11/23	Burkhardt	11/13/23	1/1/24
Southern Dayton View	10/30/23	12/11/23	Wright View	11/13/23	1/1/24
University Row	10/30/23	12/11/23	Eastern Hills	11/13/23	1/1/24
Princeton Heights	10/30/23	12/11/23	Hearthstone	11/13/23	1/1/24
Dayton View Triangle	10/30/23	12/11/23	Eastmont	11/13/23	1/1/24
Cornell Heights	10/30/23	12/11/23	Belmont	11/20/23	1/8/24
College Hill	10/30/23	12/11/23	Patterson Park	11/20/23	1/8/24
Wesleyan Hill	10/30/23	12/11/23	Shroyer Park	11/20/23	1/8/24
Greenwich Village	10/30/23	12/11/23	Walnut Hills	11/20/23	1/8/24
Northern Hills	10/30/23	12/11/23	Linden Heights	11/20/23	1/8/24
Philadelphia Woods	10/30/23	12/11/23	Twin Towers	11/20/23	1/8/24
Fairview	11/6/23	12/18/23	South Park	11/20/23	1/8/24
Hillcrest	11/6/23	12/18/23	University Park	11/20/23	1/8/24
Santa Clara	11/6/23	12/18/23	Midtown	11/20/23	1/8/24

# GO WEST

Fly nonstop to Denver with United Airlines



FlyDayton.com

Daily flights departing Dayton

## Recreation: Here for you every season

### Dayton recreation centers

Fitness machines, aquatics, sports, youth/adult/senior programs, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Rates: daily - \$2-\$3; monthly - \$10. Call a center or go to [daytonohio.gov/rec](http://daytonohio.gov/rec) for more information.

#### Greater Dayton

2021 W. Third St., 937-333-4732

#### Northwest

1600 Princeton Dr., 937-333-3232

#### Lohrey

2366 Glenarm Ave., 937-333-3131

**Fall Harvest:** Saturday, Oct. 28. Go to [daytonohio.gov](http://daytonohio.gov) or [facebook.com/cityofdayton](https://facebook.com/cityofdayton) for details on this family friendly fall event.



### Community Golf Club

2917 Berkley St., Kettering, 937-293-2341, [golf-dayton.com](http://golf-dayton.com)

In the rolling hills south of Dayton is the gem of the region's public golf centers, the City of Dayton-owned Community Golf Club. From tees above the greens to many water features, the Hills Course offers something for all golfers. The Dales Course features interesting terrain and water challenges on many holes. A pro shop and the 19th Hole café complete your outing.



### Volunteer coaches needed

A youth sports coach plays a vital role in positively impacting the lives of our youth by sharing valuable life skills including sportsmanship and confidence. Volunteer coaches must complete an application and pass a background check and receive a NAYS Coaches Certification. Contact Jermaine Isaac at [jermaine.isaac@daytonohio.gov](mailto:jermaine.isaac@daytonohio.gov) or 937-333-8400.

## Human Relations Council updates

The annual **Fair Housing Symposium** will be held on Oct. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Dayton Metro Library (215 E. Third St.). The event brings together community leaders and industry experts to discuss housing issues in Dayton and across the country, featuring a series of speakers, roundtable discussions, and a networking event. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. For information and registration, go to <http://bit.ly/3DSaQ4B>.

The **Passport to Success** training series for small businesses continues, with free admission at the downtown Dayton Metro Library. **Nov. 14:** Joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions, and related regulatory compliance. 10 a.m. to noon. **Dec. 11:** Bonding, estimating/bidding, insurance/Workers' Compensation programs, 10 a.m. to noon. To register, call 937-333-1403.

City of Dayton

# HRC



# WELCOME DAYTON



## Immigrant Friendly City

### Fall/Winter Events

#### Miami Valley Community ID Drive

The Community ID provides reliable identification for those who may not have access to or have difficulty accessing government-issued forms of ID. The Community ID is a bridge to services that provide basic needs and helps build an inclusive community. Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dayton Metro Library (main), Eichelberger Forum. Advance registration required: [welcomedayton.org](http://welcomedayton.org).

#### New Americans Art Exhibit

Opening Celebration - Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m., Dayton Metro Library (main), Community Room (2nd floor). Exhibit continues through Dec. 31 at the library. Free and open to the public during regular hours.



#### International Women's Day

March 9, 2024, Dayton Metro Library (main). Time and details be announced.

For information on Welcome Dayton programs and services, go to [welcomedayton.org](http://welcomedayton.org) or email [WelcomeDayton@daytonohio.gov](mailto:WelcomeDayton@daytonohio.gov).

**Certified Welcoming (again):** City employees, volunteers, community partners and elected leaders joined in a July 19 celebration of Dayton's re-certification as a 'Certified Welcoming' city by the non-profit, non-partisan

Welcoming America organization. Dayton was named the nation's first certified welcoming community in 2017. Photo, left to right: Martha-Jeannette Rodriguez\*, Commissioner Matt Joseph, Jeannette Horwitz\*, Welcoming America's Melissa Bertolo, and Desire Ntwayingabo\*. (\*Welcome Dayton staff.)



### Dayton Mediation Center: From conflict to conversation since 1987

In addition to providing mediation services for over 35 years, the Dayton Mediation Center offers special community programs, some recently established.

The Center operates the **Mediation Response Unit** (launched in 2022) and is developing the **Crisis Response Unit**, two special initiatives providing alternative 911 response services. These programs serve special needs of community members while reducing call-out demand on police officers.

The Center also supports community members with policing complaints through the **Police Complaint Support Program**, which began operating in 2022 and resulted from the Dayton policing reform effort.

Additional special services include conflict coaching, facilitation, team building and training. Basic mediation services are provided at no charge to individuals who live, work or attend school in the city of Dayton. Special services and services for non-Dayton residents involve reasonable fees.

"It is well-established that mediation can be highly effective in building understanding and giving voice to individuals and groups," said Dayton Mediation Center Director Michelle Zaremba. "The principles of mediation can also be effective when applied to special or even acute needs present in the community."

The Dayton Mediation Center is a City of Dayton agency and is a member of the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and the National Association for Community Mediation.

For more information about services, volunteering and more, go to [daytonmediationcenter.org](http://daytonmediationcenter.org) or call 937-333-2345.

## Watch for the Dayton Survey



The 2023 Dayton Survey has arrived in thousands of Dayton homes, and the City of Dayton wants to hear from recipients. The survey measures residents' opinions of City services and programs, as well as living in Dayton neighborhoods. Information collected is used to help shape City policies and services. Not all residents will receive a survey, but if you do, please complete and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided (or complete the survey online as indicated in the packet). The survey is conducted anonymously.

### It's here: Live chat customer service

Chat with City of Dayton representatives about water service, waste collection, street repair, streetlights,

housing issues, and more. Access live chat at [daytonohio.gov](http://daytonohio.gov) and the Dayton Delivers app, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may also submit a request after hours. Agents cannot accept payments via live chat.

### Pay water/waste collection bills

**Online:** [Paydaytonwater.com](http://Paydaytonwater.com).

**Phone:** Call 937-333-3550 anytime to pay by IVR.

**Mail:** Send your remittance stub and payment as indicated in your quarterly bill (do not send cash, please).

**Retail Locations:** Most Family Dollar, Dollar General and CVS stores can process cash payments; bring the barcode found on your bill.

**In-person:** Visit the customer service center at 101 W. Third St. (first floor), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, drop your remittance stub and payment in the secure dropbox just north of the Ludlow Street City Hall entrance, anytime.



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