

Housing survey: Generally favorable conditions

Dayton's recently completed comprehensive housing survey found 81% of the city's residential properties to be in very good or good condition.

Though the survey also found about eight percent of properties are in need of major repairs, City officials are nonetheless encouraged by progress in removal or repair of blighted structures in neighborhoods.

"It's very good news," said Commissioner Matt Joseph at a May 29 City Commission work session, noting that about 1,000 properties (significantly fewer than expected) fall into the two lowest rating categories (dilapidated or needing rehabilitation).

The survey was conducted by City of Dayton housing inspectors over a nine-week period in the fall of 2023. Inspectors examined and recorded exterior conditions of about 57,170 single-family homes and multi-unit buildings (interior and environmental conditions were not surveyed).

A multi-year City of Dayton effort to demolish about 1,100 heavily blighted structures is now underway, as are several housing rehabilitation or repair programs operated by community partner agencies. The Dayton Recovery Plan (daytonohio.gov/drp) is a major funding source for these initiatives.

"Our team is doing great work," said Steve Gondol, director of Dayton Department of Planning, Neighborhoods and Development. "And the survey shows we'll need to focus on preventing properties now in the major repairs group from deteriorating further."



Housing Condition Ratings and Citywide Counts

- 1. Sound Condition - **41,627**
- 2. Minor Repair - **9,727**
- 3. Major Repair - **4,825**
- 4. Needs Rehabilitation - **789**
- 5. Dilapidated - **201**

The City of Dayton conducts a housing conditions survey periodically to assist in developing policies and strategies for supporting neighborhood quality of life and development. The previous survey was completed in 2015.



News & Notes

Amplified Music Series

The City of Dayton is proud to sponsor Amplified, a new music series presented at and produced by Levitt Pavilion Dayton. The series kicks off with **Blues Amplified** (formerly the Dayton Blues Festival) on Saturday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m. Also coming up: **Funk Amplified** (Aug. 17, formerly Dayton Funk Festival) and **Reggae Amplified** (Aug. 31, formerly Dayton Reggae Festival). Admission is free! Go to LevittDayton.org for more information.



New for you: Rec Your Hood

Dayton's Department of Recreation is bringing the fun to you with a series of new, neighborhood-focused events. Rec Your Hood presents a kids' zone, games, creative challenges, food and beverages, DJ-curated music and more, all free. The series kicked off in Burkhardt and Linden Heights, with these additional events coming up:



■ **Greenwich Village:** Saturday, July 20, 1 to 4 p.m., Hickorydale Park, 2101 Hickorydale Dr.

■ **Miami Chapel/Edgemont:** Saturday, Aug. 3, 1 to 4 p.m., Boys and Girls Club, 1828 W. Stewart St.

Bloomberg taps Dayton for green initiative

The City of Dayton is excited to join the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Initiative, a three-year, \$200 million investment helping 25 U.S. cities fight climate change while supporting their communities. Dayton will hire three new team members to join the Office of Sustainability to boost efforts in building a greener and more prosperous city. Goals of the initiative will help create more affordable, energy-efficient housing and increase access to clean energy for residents. Go to daytonohio.gov/Bloomberg for more information.



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Daily effort, technology keep Public Works on track – Talking with Fred Stovall –

Dayton's Department of Public Works, with 280 permanent employees plus seasonal workers, tackles the daily tasks of maintaining streets, collecting garbage and recycling, mowing grassy lots, and maintaining City-owned properties and vehicles, all while planning and managing infrastructure improvements. Fred Stovall has served as director of Public Works since 2003.

What are a few ways the daily practice of Public Works has changed over the past 15 years or so? And how do you manage and plan operations in the economic environment of the last decade, specifically, volatile fuel prices and inflation?

Public Works provides daily quality of life services for Dayton residents and businesses — that's a mission we take very seriously. The department has built a very collaborative relationship with all City departments. Prior to the 2008 financial crisis, Public Works had a total team of approximately 400 employees. We've had to become more creative and utilize technology in order to meet daily service deliveries.

Can you talk more about what it takes to keep vehicles and employees on the street, and more about using emerging technologies?

Some used vehicles have been purchased, but that has been limited. During some years, in order to establish budgets for fuel expenses, we did what's called fuel price hedging, though we are not using hedging currently. Around 10 years ago, Public Works implemented compressed natural gas trucks for waste collection services. This helped reduce carbon emissions and lower fuel costs. We also established the first public/private partnership for a public compressed natural gas station, located at the City's fuel station on East Monument Avenue.

Technology enhancements

have helped improve residents' engagements with Public Works through the Dayton Delivers and Dayton Collects mobile apps. Automated vehicle locating (AVL) technology is used to assist with waste collection service delivery and street maintenance. AVL is also used to assist with managing winter weather operations and street sweeper tracking. And there are many other technology advancements — routing software for waste collection, online bidding for engineering projects, and of course GIS mapping technology has been integrated into operations.

Technology continues to change, and we continue to evaluate how and if new options are useful for our services. For internal operations, we've made it easier for City employees to report maintenance needs and requests to Property Management.

Public Works has quite an impact on community quality of life. From that perspective, can you name a couple of highlights of recent years?

Well, I'm proud of our use of cameras to monitor illegal dumping activities and to provide data for potential prosecutions. And I know our residents appreciate curbside leaf collection, a service we restored a few years ago after investing in new equipment.

The need for ongoing street maintenance and street resurfacing is of course extensive. Can you describe how Public Works participates in acquiring the resources needed to meet that need?

Our Division of Civil Engineering has been very successful over the years in submitting federal and state grant applications to support infrastructure improvements. Since 2017, Issue 9 has provided a consistent funding source for residential street repaving and park upgrades. Thanks to voter approval of Issue 6, we will be able to continue

this work for 8 more years. We also implemented a technology-supported street condition rating process to gather data for planning future street repaving.

Public Works, like other City departments and organizations across the region, had to respond to the 2019 tornadoes with speed and flexibility. Can you describe that experience for you and your staff?

The tornado event was a kind of reality check for the organization about how important City services are for supporting quality of life for residents and a favorable environment for businesses. The event also demonstrated our commitment as public servants — Public Works team members are real team players for the organization and the Dayton community.

The department is involved in carrying out some of the priorities of the Dayton Recovery Plan, including removal of hazard trees and overgrown brush in neighborhoods, which is becoming a noticeable improvement. What else is planned or happening now?

These resources are making a difference. Curb and sidewalk repairs/replacements are planned for targeted neighborhoods to improve quality of life standards and accessibility. Park upgrades are in progress, replacing outdated playground equipment and essential infrastructure like sidewalks and parking areas.



Recovery Plan: Housing Impact



Owner-occupied homes - County Corp oversee grants worth up to \$25,000 to help homeowners in focus neighborhoods. The grants will help preserve existing housing while improving safety and living conditions for about to 50 homes.

New home construction - Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton is building three new homes in the Edgemont neighborhood. In the Wolf Creek neighborhood, County Corp is building five single-family homes, and contractor G.F. Bailey will build two new homes. In Old North Dayton, Dayton Children's is building 26 Kinship Housing units with Dayton Recovery Plan support.

More - Additional Plan-supported housing proposed or underway includes Longfellow Commons, the Townes at Wright Dunbar, Grand Place, HoM Flats at Forest Avenue, Hoover Lofts, and OneFifteen Recovery Houses.

Down payment assistance - A \$500,000 City of Dayton agreement with County Corp's Home Ownership Center is providing down payment assistance of up to 10% (maximum, \$10,000) on qualifying home purchases. The agreement will support up to 40 home sales.

Demolition - The Dayton Recovery Plan is funding demolition of about 660 nuisance structures, part of a larger City of Dayton effort to raze approximately 1,100 units by 2026. Plan-funded demolition is happening in phases, with the second phase getting underway in mid-2024.

The Dayton Recovery Plan is the City of Dayton's framework for transformative investment of \$138 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds dedicated to recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, go to daytonohio.gov/drp.

The Dayton Recovery Plan is investing more than \$18 million in housing development and improvements, with dozens of projects and programs underway and more to come throughout 2024 and 2025. Focus neighborhoods for housing investments are Wolf Creek, Carillon, Edgemont, Miami Chapel, Five Oaks, Old North Dayton, and Twin Towers. Housing investments include:

Vacant home rehabilitations and repairs - An investment with the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation ("the land bank") is transforming 20 or more vacant structures into safe, updated housing. Once rehabbed, the houses will be available for purchase as owner-occupied homes. Habitat for Humanity is also overseeing critical roof repairs at up to 80 Dayton homes.



Sixteen owner-occupied townhomes are planned for the intersection of Valley and Keowee Streets, to be constructed by Cincinnati-based Civitas Development Group with Dayton Recovery Plan support.

BEFORE



AFTER

Rebuilding Together Dayton is leveraging \$1.8 million from the Dayton Recovery Plan to complete hundreds of needed home repairs at dozens of properties.

City of Dayton Recycling Cheat Sheet - RECYCLE THIS, NOT THAT

PAPER & CARDBOARD



Cardboard should fit inside cart.

METAL CANS



Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.

CARTONS



No styrofoam or plastic egg cartons. Remove caps and straws.

PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS



Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Any color. Reattach lid.

HOW IT WORKS

Only materials specified above can be processed safely at the recycling plant serving the City of Dayton Division of Waste Collection. Other materials can be detrimental to recycling equipment. For example: Plastic bags (not acceptable) can get caught in recycling plant equipment, causing plant operations to stop.

The acceptable items list is dictated by end users. In the local system, the City of Dayton is the collector, and Rumpke is a processor. End users are companies that make something new out of materials you send to be recycled. After Dayton collects recyclables and delivers them to Rumpke, the materials are condensed into bales for passing on to end users. But if there are no end users for a commodity, Rumpke cannot accept the materials. Acceptable items can change from time to time, and we will always update you as this happens.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

It's important to stick to the acceptable items list when placing items in your recycling, but we especially ask that you do not place any hazardous material with your recycling. Here are common hazardous items that do not belong in your trash or recycling:

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Chemicals
- ✗ Needles
- ✗ Helium and propane tanks

To properly dispose of hazardous items, contact Montgomery County Solid Waste at 937-225-4999 (online information at www.mcswd.org). You can also find directions on the Dayton Collects app.

MATERIALS NOT TO BE RECYCLED

The following are not necessarily hazardous but can cause serious problems in recycling plants by damaging machines and stopping operations.

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Hoses and chains
- ✗ Clothes / sheets
- ✗ Car parts
- ✗ Pots and pans
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Window glass
- ✗ Cords, belts, dog leashes
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Hangers and wires

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How should I prepare my materials?

Rinse plastic, glass, and metal containers. Place them LOOSE (not bagged) in your curbside recycling container the evening before the scheduled collection day.

What about lids?

Cartons - remove and discard all lids and straws from carton containers.

Plastic and glass containers - fasten lids onto bottles, jugs, and tubs.

Can I recycle Styrofoam?

Styrofoam cannot be recycled (please keep out of the recycling bin).

Can I recycle plastic ice cream tubs?

Yes, plastic ice cream tubs are recyclable.

Can I recycle egg cartons?

Cardboard egg cartons can be recycled, but plastic and Styrofoam egg cartons should NOT be recycled.



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Response
Unit

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Center

The Mediation Response Unit (MRU) is an alternative response team designed to answer low-emergent, non-violent police calls involving conflict within the city of Dayton. Experienced and trained in crisis response or/and conflict resolution, the MRU's goal is to help improve community-police relations, provide alternatives to police response and reduce the number of non-emergency 911 calls, giving officers more time to respond to higher-emergent calls.

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Summer is time to REC and plan for fall

Cool down at splash pads: Noon to 8 p.m. through Labor Day.

Fairview Park • 2262 Elsmore Ave.

Five Oaks Park • 329 Five Oaks Ave.

Mallory Park • 3037 Germantown St.

McIntosh Park • 882 W. Riverview Ave.

Stuart Patterson Park • 238 Baltimore St.

Walnut Hills Park • 2340 block, Wayne Ave.

Washington Park • 3620 E. Second St.



Pickleball: Play at Jim Nichols Tennis Center (2424 Ridge Ave.), 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Friday, through September. Open play at Greater Dayton Recreation Center (2021 W. Third St.), Mondays/Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. and Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Beginning/intermediate classes at GDRC, Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon. Pass rates apply (daily \$2 youth/seniors, \$3 adults). Limited equipment provided.

Community Golf Course: 2917 Berkley St., open daylight until dark. Call 937-293-2341.

Swim lessons: Northwest Recreation Center, Aug. 24-Sept. 29, registration begins Aug. 5. Lohrey Recreation Center, Oct. 5-Nov. 9, registration begins Sept. 23. Call 937-333-1740 for fee information.

NFL Flag Football: Non-contact football for boys and girls, with a focus on sportsmanship and age-based skills. Location: NFL Centennial Field, 504 E. Helena St. Ages 3-13, Sept. 9-Nov. 2. Fees: \$40 ages 3-4 (\$50 after Aug. 17); \$50 ages 5-13 (\$60 after Aug. 17). Register at bit.ly/daytonrec or call 937-333-8400.

For more information, call 937-333-8400 or go to daytonohio.gov/rec.



New at DAY:



More United service, easy online booking

A busy summer travel season is underway at Dayton International Airport (DAY). Here's everything you need to know about what's new at your airport.

United Airlines: Growing at DAY

United Airlines is continuing to invest in the Dayton region by expanding air service at DAY. With the recent addition of two non-stop flights to Washington Dulles (IAD), United now has three daily flights between Dayton and the nation's capital. United also added a daily nonstop to Denver International (DEN) in 2023 and flies four times daily to Chicago O'Hare (ORD).

Book flights and more with FlyMyAirport

FlyMyAirport is a digital platform integrated into Dayton International's official website, FlyDayton.com. At FlyMyAirport, you can specify where and when you wish to travel, and FlyMyAirport will provide relevant routes and travel deals. Unlike services such as Google Flights or Expedia, FlyMyAirport sets DAY as the default departure point, making it easier to plan your travel. You can also find travel packages, hotels, and rental vehicles and conveniently book right on the platform. Give it a try at FlyDayton.com.

TSA travel tips

Recently, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) provided travelers with updated tips to keep traveling easier:

- Be aware of new checkpoint technology and follow TSA guidance.
- Prepare, pack, and declare any firearms if you wish to travel with one. More detailed information can be found on your airline's website.
- Pack an empty bag, know what you are allowed to bring before you go, and follow the 3-1-1 liquids rule.
- For TSA PreCheck® members, make sure your Known Traveler Number (KTN) is in your reservation.
- As always, give yourself plenty of time to get to the airport, through the airport, and through security.
- Contact TSA with questions or for assistance. To learn more, visit TSA.gov.

Free yard waste disposal



Residents, neighborhood groups, and community organizations may dispose of green debris (leaves, branches, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc.) at the City of Dayton Green Landfill. Debris does not have to be bagged, bundled or sorted. Plastics, metals and non-green debris or waste of any kind cannot be accepted. There is no charge for the drop-off service. **Summer hours:** July 1-Oct. 30, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **Location:** 2670 Wagner Ford Rd.

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 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.

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 dropboxes outside City Hall (101 W. Third St., east and west sides of the building).



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