

Peace Campaign: A bold vision for Dayton



Mayor Mims attended a community discussion in December 2024.



ANY VIOLENCE IN OUR CITY IS UNACCEPTABLE. I WANT US ALL TO THINK OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF DAYTON AS IF THEY WERE MEMBERS OF OUR OWN FAMILY. HOW WOULD WE WANT THEM TO BE TREATED? WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD WE WANT THEM TO HAVE?

– Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims

Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims and the City Commission have a bold vision for Dayton: to become one of the best cities in the world in which to live, work, play, raise a family, get an education, and grow older.

But that vision will only become reality when we take unified steps to address violence in our community, particularly youth violence.

Achieving Peace Together

The Dayton Peace Campaign, launched at the 2025 State of the City event on Feb. 7, represents a unified commitment to peace, with an emphasis on reducing violence, developing the promise of youth, and empowering community engagement.

"With the Peace Campaign, we are working to unite Dayton in a common goal that will benefit all and build a brighter future for our city," Mayor Mims said.

By sharing a message of peace, we aim to unite communities, create safer spaces, and help reduce the rate of violent crimes.

The success of this initiative will depend on collaboration of community members, businesses, non-profit leaders, youth ambassadors, and faith groups.

Building connections across every corner of this community is central to helping residents renew their pride in the city and work together to create lasting peace.

Peace by Piece

The Peace Campaign is following the collective impact model, a structured approach to solving complex social problems by bringing together organizations from different sectors, but with common agenda.

The campaign continues to develop, based on work sessions with community leaders to identify programs and initiatives that address the common goal of making Dayton a peaceful city. And because youth input is key to developing solutions that will work, the sessions have included young people who have lived experience with violence.

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Recovery Plan: Get the latest updates



The recently opened Lincoln Hill Early Learning Center (Miami Valley Child Development Centers) in Twin Towers is a Dayton Recovery Plan funding recipient.

ARPA resources is designed to be transformative, with lasting impact. City Manager Shelley Dickstein proposed and the City Commission approved the multi-faceted approach to applying the ARPA resources to needs and opportunities in 2021. An extensive community input effort helped identify the plan's priorities.

The investment areas are: Improving Neighborhoods, Aiding Community & Small Business Recovery, Catalyzing Economic Recovery, Supporting Black & Brown Businesses, and Enhancing Critical City Services.

These initiatives are concentrated in neighborhoods most affected by the pandemic, a strategy guided by established social determinants of health. The target/focus neighborhoods are: Carillon, Edgemont, Miami Chapel, Wolf Creek, Five Oaks, Old North Dayton, and Twin Towers. There are also special initiatives with citywide impact.

Through March 2025, 64 projects were approved, with ongoing monitoring by the City of Dayton. Of those, 46 were in progress and eight were complete.



Demolition, blight removal, neighborhood improvements, small business support, and more investments in Dayton's future are all parts of the Dayton Recovery Plan, the City of Dayton's strategic investment of \$138 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Following Congressional approval in 2021, ARPA funding was distributed to state and local governments across the

country to assist with rebounding from the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can stay current on how Dayton Recovery Plan dollars are being applied by going to daytonohio.gov/drpf. Data is updated automatically as spending or other activities occur, and an interactive map of projects and investments was recently added.

The City of Dayton's investment of

Do you own a small business?

The Dayton Human Relations Council administers programs aimed at increasing competitiveness of minority-owned, woman-owned, and disadvantaged businesses. The PEP certification can help secure contracts and do business with the City of Dayton.

Are you a victim of discrimination?

HRC investigates complaints alleging discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodations, credit transactions, and housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, ancestry, place of birth, age, marital status, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. There is no cost to file a complaint.

For more information, visit daytonhrc.org or call 937-333-1403.



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Housing condition scores are online

In the fall of 2023, City of Dayton housing inspectors visited every Dayton neighborhood, taking note of the exterior conditions of 53,221 residential structures.

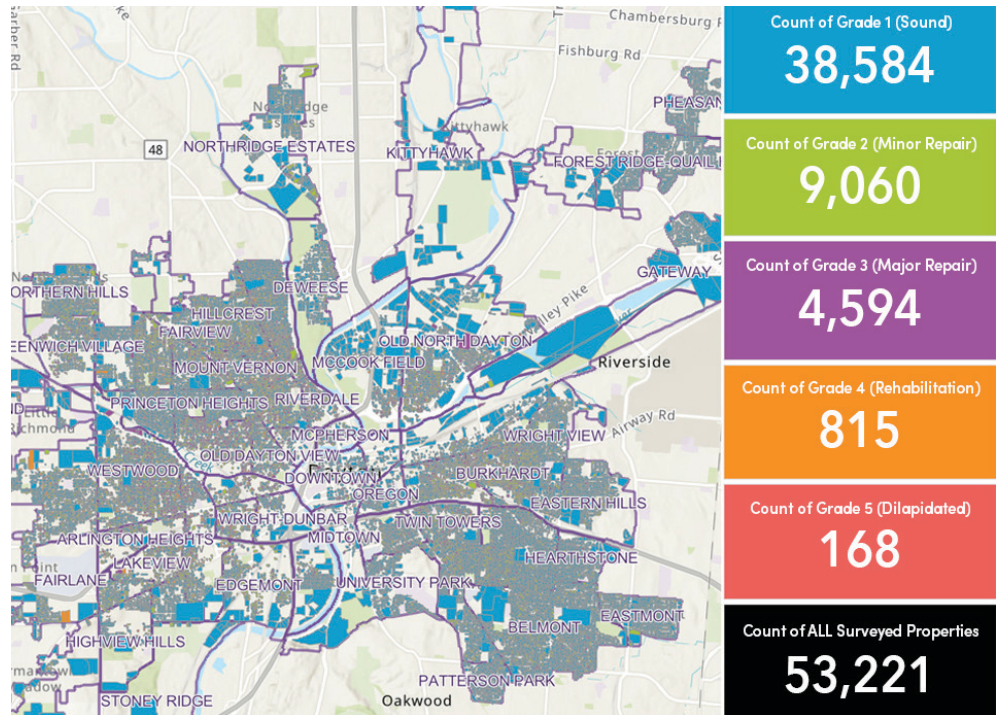
The count determined that nearly 90% of Dayton's homes and apartment buildings are in very good or good condition, with 38,584 earning the highest rating and 9,060 needing minor repairs. Of the remaining properties, 4,594 need major repairs, 815 need rehabilitation, and 168 are considered dilapidated.

Properties were assigned a rating of 1 to 5 (1 is the highest score, 5 is the lowest).

In February of this year, the housing conditions survey data was added to an online dashboard where condition rating can be found for every residential property.

The dashboard is located at daytonohio.gov/HousingConditions and includes clickable maps for looking up individual properties, condition category totals for each of the city's 65 neighborhoods, and the survey data table.

The City of Dayton Department of Planning, Neighborhoods &



Development is using the survey data to identify trends and to help plan strategies for improving property conditions and strengthening neighborhoods. For example, the data can help in identifying properties and areas where conditions are worsening and where concentrated use of resources can help prevent further condition decline.

More about the survey method:

Inspectors looked at the front and visible sides of each structure and graded it on a scale of 1 to 5. Conditions of accessory structures (garages, sheds, etc.) or yard conditions such as overgrown vegetation were not considered.

The City of Dayton is preparing to complete another housing condition survey in the fall of 2025.

NATO in Dayton: May 22-26



Hundreds of representatives of NATO member nations are expected to convene in Dayton May 22-26 for the organization's Spring 2025 Parliamentary Assembly. Dayton is hosting the international event during the 30th anniversary of the Dayton Accords, the negotiations bringing an end to the Bosnian War (hosted at Wright-Patterson AFB). U.S. Rep. Mike Turner led the effort to bring the NATO event to Dayton, in cooperation with NATO, the City of Dayton, the Downtown Dayton Partnership, and others. Access to Main Street, RiverScape MetroPark, and other areas in the heart of downtown (known as NATO Village) will be restricted or limited.



For more information about the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, go to natopa-dayton2025.org/. For local updates, go to daytonohio.gov or [facebook.com/cityofdayton](https://www.facebook.com/cityofdayton), or call 937-333-NATO (6286) for recorded information.



The Cure for Violence

Addressing the root causes of trauma, poverty, and racial tensions are key to reducing violence.

One of the key elements in the Peace Campaign is the City's work with the Cure Violence Global (CVG) organization.

Cure Violence Global is guided by the understanding that violence is contagious and can be treated like a health issue. Through a rigorous, scientific, and data-driven approach, CVG helps communities across the country implement violence prevention programs that effectively reduce violence. Their approach is centered on the community and will be customized for Dayton after a review of crime data and visits to neighborhoods in March.

This approach will include a partnership with a community-based organization and trained ambassadors who will work to reduce the occurrence and impacts of conflict.

Our Vision for Peace

Achieving peace is and must be a long-term focus, but City leaders are also optimistic about short-term progress. To learn more and stay current on the progress of the Peace Campaign, visit DaytonPeace.org.



Survey finds improving satisfaction with neighborhoods



The annual Dayton Survey measures residents' opinions of City of Dayton services, as well as neighborhood quality of life and other matters. Some highlights of the 2024 survey include:

- Residents expressed high satisfaction with living in Dayton. In 2024, 60% of residents indicated that they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with Dayton as a place to live. Less than 15% of residents expressed dissatisfaction, marking the lowest dissatisfaction level in the past seven years.
- Resident satisfaction with water and wastewater services rose to over 73% in 2024, indicating a marked improvement in resident opinions over the five-year period as satisfaction dropped in 2018 to a low of 58%. Satisfaction is high throughout the city.
- Satisfaction with Dayton's recycling and waste collection services continued to climb in 2024, with 68% and 78% of residents reporting great satisfaction with recycling and waste collection, respectively. Dissatisfaction with waste collection services fell to just under 6%, marking the lowest level of dissatisfaction since 2017.
- Historically, residents have reported higher dissatisfaction with the

condition of sidewalks, streets, and pavement in Dayton, but satisfaction grew by over five percentage points in 2024. In addition, dissatisfaction continues to decline; over 57% of residents reported dissatisfaction in 2017, which dropped to 52% in 2024.

- Just 24% of residents expressed satisfaction with the quality of the enforcement of City codes and ordinances. Dissatisfaction has grown from the question's initial appearance, with 33% of residents reporting dissatisfaction in 2022 and 42% reporting dissatisfaction in 2024.
- The survey found over 71% of residents reported crime/safety, housing conditions (abandoned homes/blight), drug use and gun violence as important issues to them.

The survey was mailed to around 13,000 randomly selected residents. It began arriving in homes in September 2024 and closed in November with 1,312 completed responses. Survey results are used by the City of Dayton to help identify policy and service priorities and changes. To find more of the 2024 survey results, go to daytonohio.gov/DaytonSurvey.

Water plant to be partly solar-powered



A solar array designed to power a Dayton water treatment plant will be built on the site of the former Sherwin Williams warehouse, destroyed by fire in 1987.

A five-megawatt solar installation to be built on an existing brownfield will provide more than one-third of the electrical power needed to operate the nearby City of Dayton Miami Water Treatment Plant in northeast Dayton.

Construction of the 25-acre solar array will begin in early 2026 and is expected to be complete by the end of the year. The project is made possible by a solar power purchase agreement with IGS Energy approved by the Dayton City Commission.

The solar facility will repurpose a brownfield site that was formerly home to the Sherwin-Williams warehouse (destroyed by fire in 1987) and is now within the Source Water Protection

Area. The initiative demonstrates that solar energy not only provides financial savings but can also revitalize underused land for clean energy generation.

The City of Dayton undertook a rigorous, four-year evaluation and planning process beginning with a feasibility study to ensure the array would generate the desirable level of power capacity.

In September of 2023, the City issued a bid request for solar contractors to enter into a power purchase agreement. Following a thorough review of proposals and interviews, IGS Energy (power production) and Kokosing (construction) were chosen.

The project aligns with Dayton's climate emergency commitment to reduce carbon emissions at City facilities through renewable energy generation and will be Dayton's first utility-scale solar array.

The solar installation is expected to provide 38% of the Miami Water Treatment Plant's electrical power needs.

"We're not just doing this because it's the right thing to do," said City Commissioner Matt Joseph. "We're doing it because it's the right thing to do and it saves citizens and the City money, and that is an amazing balance to find."

55 or over? Help create the age friendly plan

Dayton is taking steps to become a more age friendly community. What exactly does that mean? An age-friendly community is one that works for residents of all ages, allowing people to go to work, to attend recreational, social, civic, or faith-based activities, to do their shopping, and to take care of health needs - all without significant struggle. The number of adults 65+ in the United States is growing quickly (by 2034, older adults are expected to outnumber children for the first time). The City of Dayton Planning Division is working to collaboratively with community partners to respond to this growing population. An assessment of community needs is now underway. If you would like to participate (anyone 55 or over is invited to join in), then scan the QR code, go daytonohio.gov/AgeFriendlyPlan, or call Ellen Sizer at 937-333-3671.



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Spring Sports

DaytonRec.com or 937-333-8400
for registration/more information



Grand Slam Youth Tennis Camp

Register now for the June 2 event.

NHL Street Hockey

Registration: Begins May 1
Play: Begins June 30
Clinic: May 9, 16, 23

Adult Flag Football

Registration: Begins March 31
Play: Begins May 31



Youth Baseball

Registration: Begins April 14
Play: Begins June 16
Clinic: June 10, 11, 12

Gymnastics

Begins April 19
10-10:30 a.m. or 10:30-11 a.m.,
Mommy + Me (ages 3 and under;
guardian is asked to participate
and assist); 11:00-11:30am, Ages
3-5; Coach: Jasmyne Phillips

Back 2 the Basics: Empowering teens with life skills

This past January, the Department of Recreation proudly launched its first-ever Back 2 the Basics teen program. Designed with a goal of equipping teens with essential life skills, the program was created by Recreation Facility Specialist Ja'Cole Tabor. Ja'Cole's passion for helping teens grow into successful adults drove her to develop a seven-week curriculum that would leave a lasting impact on participants.

Through Back 2 the Basics, teens had the opportunity to learn practical and soft skills that will serve them well into adulthood. The program featured a series of engaging workshops and guest speakers from across the community, from the Dayton Police and Fire Departments to the head lifeguard of Dayton's aquatics programs. Professionals from Sinclair College's Culinary Arts and Automotive Departments also led sessions involving hands-on experiences that could spark future careers.

Thanks to the generosity of local partners, teens were provided with nourishing meals from Hello Twenty-Eight Shop and House of Bread, ensuring they were fueled and focused throughout the program. Additionally, Greater Dayton RTA's transportation support allowed participants to visit the Sinclair campus, giving them a exposure to a college environment.

Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive. One parent shared, "The program was fantastic! My child learned valuable skills." Another said, "The program was great—very thankful for opportunities like this!"

Back 2 the Basics is more than just a program; it's a steppingstone to brighter futures. With the guidance of caring mentors and the support of the community, these Dayton teens are now better equipped to navigate life's challenges and pursue their dreams. Another program is planned for fall 2025.

— Tiffany Doakes, Recreation Program Coordinator



Urban Adventures Summer Camp

June 2-July 35, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Preschool (3-5 years), Youth (6-12 years), Teens (13-15 years, Counselor in Training Program). Before-care starting at 7:30 a.m., after-care until 5:30 p.m., no additional fee.

Weekly field trips; Swimming twice weekly (as schedule allows), Mon./Wed. at Lohrey, Tues./Thurs. at Northwest; Guest speakers: librarian, police officer, firefighter, SNAP-ED, and more.

Lunch provided daily by Dayton Public Schools Summer Food Service.

Register at DaytonRec.com or visit the Lohrey, Northwest or Greater Dayton Recreation Centers.

What's New at Water

The City of Dayton Department of Water is always working to provide affordable, high-quality water services to the community. Here are updates on some of the improvements.

Emergency generators installed

Dayton Water is wrapping up a project to install five new, stationary generators at the Miami Water Treatment Plant, Ottawa Water Treatment Plant, Miami Pump Station, Ottawa Pump Station, and the Water Supply and Treatment Administration and Laboratory Building. The generators will produce a collective 5,350 kW of backup emergency power for the utility – effectively allowing the system to maintain operations during a widespread power outage.

This \$8.5 million project is a significant investment in our water system's infrastructure, providing additional redundancy and resiliency. The overall project cost was offset with the help of a \$3.6 million grant from the United States Economic Development Administration. The request for grant funding was made after the Memorial Day tornadoes that significantly impacted the Dayton region in 2019. The tornadoes compromised the area's electrical infrastructure, leaving the water system without power for an extended period.

Aeration basin rehabilitation

The Water Reclamation Plant on Guthrie Road was experiencing some operational and functional issues with its advanced treatment aeration basins. Water Reclamation staff developed a plan to upgrade the basin and address the issues, including installation of new conveyance pipes, reinforcement of joints, and increasing flow through the basins. To complete the upgrades, maintenance staff reused inventory available at the facility and utilized staff expertise, effectively reducing the cost of the project by \$127,000. Through these efficiencies, regulatory compliance with Ohio EPA-issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System standards was more quickly achieved.



Emergency power generators are installed at the Ottawa Water Treatment Plant

Catching up with DAY

Your Dayton International Airport (DAY) has exciting updates to share. Here's the latest:

Enhanced Chicago service

American Airlines recently launched dual-class regional jet service between Dayton and Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD). Travelers from Dayton can now enjoy the comfort of upgraded aircraft, expanded seating options, and superior in-flight amenities while flying to Chicago.



Airport modernization continues

Escalators: After 20 years of continuous service, the escalators in Concourses A and B are undergoing modernization that will completely rebuild each unit with new components. When complete in mid-May, the escalators will offer a smoother, quieter operation as well as energy savings and increased reliability.



Denver flights: aircraft upgrade

United Airlines has expedited its upgrade of aircraft serving DAY to Denver International Airport (DEN) because flights have been 92% full, on average. Effective June 26, United will upgrade from an Embraer 175 to an Airbus 319. This aircraft change will increase available seating from 60-70 seats to 120-150, doubling the capacity for Dayton travelers.

Airport parking: easier than ever

Through a new AI-based system, Dayton International Airport travelers now have an even easier parking experience. With a one-time advance registration and a credit card, you can use the garage or lot of your choice, park as long as needed, and be charged automatically after leaving the airport.

No more printed tickets or trying to find cash or a card. Parkers can also reserve a space and pay in advance. DAY is just the second airport in the country to offer the service, a collaboration of the airport and Metropolis. For more information, go to flydayton.com.



Transparency: Dashboards show City spending, other data

The City of Dayton continues to take steps to make essential information more available to the community. Seven data-driven dashboards are now online, each providing frequently updated information on areas of

City government that may interest you, including the City budget, the annual survey of residents, housing conditions and more. The dashboards are available at daytonohio.gov/transparency.

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).

