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Why Downtown is Important!

Here are ten good reasons why downtown revitalization makes sense:

1. Historic core of community.
2. Includes unique shopping and service activities.
3. Represents vast amount of public and private investment.
4. Provides a sense of community and place.
5. Reflection of how the community views itself and is a critical factor in business retention and recruitment efforts.
6. Most of the downtown businesses are locally owned.
7. Represents a significant portion of the community's tax base.
8. Serves as an incubator for new businesses.
9. Typically a government center.
10. Often the largest employer in town.

The DCDA is fortunate to be a part of the Oregon Main Street Program. This program is our partner in the quest to revitalize downtown Dayton and create a destination we can all be proud of.

Oregon Main Street works with communities to develop comprehensive, incremental revitalization strategies based on a community's unique assets, character, and heritage. Services are based on the successful Main Street Approach® developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and include training and technical assistance. The goal is to build high quality, livable, and sustainable communities that will grow Oregon's economy while maintaining a sense of place.

The Main Street Approach is a proven comprehensive approach to commercial historic district revitalization. This approach has been implemented in more than 2,200 cities and towns. The Main Street Approach® is based on a comprehensive, four point strategy:

Organization ,
 Design , Economic Restructuring

We welcome your participation on one of the four committees addressing these points.



Please email info@daytonoregon.org and we'll be happy to share more information.



What do these buildings have in comon?

Their're all about to receive some substantial renovation! Here's something to look forward to:

February or March of 2014, 306 Ferry Street will be the new home of "The Barlow Room". This steakhouse & eatery will be the newest venture for Chris & Mary Czarnecki (Of The Joel Palmer House Restaurant) Named for Sam Barlow, who, with Joel Palmer, blazed the trail for pioneers to take a land route from Eastern Oregon to the West, this restaurant will feature a casual dining menu, inspired by Northwest cuisine, with a distinctive yet classic cocktail, wine and beer selection. For further information see their website: www.thebarlowroom.com.

Summer of 2014 will see the Block House Café in it's new home across the park at 301 Main Street. Jason & Erin Aust will welcome you to the historic "Dayton First Baptist Church", built in 1886. Their new location will feature courtyard dining and additional new menu items. Be sure to watch their website for details: www.theblockhousecafe.com

304 Ferry Street, known for a very long time as Putt's Market, will be working to secure a new business downstairs and will feature 8 condo-style overnight accomodation units upstairs. This will allow guests to stay in downtown Dayton in a beautifully restored home away from home.



Ford Family Foundation

In January of 2013, the first Amity/Dayton Cohort of the *Ford Family Leadership* program began their training program under the *Ford Family Foundation Rural Development Initiative*.

Throughout this year the Amity/Dayton Cohort met monthly in Dayton or Amity under the guidance of the Ford Family Leadership

mentors.

Participating from Dayton have been Andy and Karol Crowder, Annette Frank, Jakob Janssen, Carol Hesseling, Evonne Foshee, Hortenisa and Gilberto Gonzalez, Angel Aguiar, Judy Gerrard, Lorri Flores, Giselle Naranjo-Gruz, Mary Ann Stoller, Sarah Heiman, and Richard Thompson.

In May, the group attended the *Ford Family Leadership Conference of Communities* for a three day event in Eugene. In addition to attending seminars and learning more about community leadership, they in turn, presented historic, cultural, and community information about our two towns.

As required by the program, the two towns developed a project that would serve both communities. This project, *Gathering Places*, is designed to encourage bicycle tourism, provide local pedestrians with a sheltered bench area, and display an information kiosk with maps for cyclists, historic information and a posting area for community notices.



Each location will have several bicycle racks designed by Merrill Denny. The group is making substantial progress in developing final design requirements and determining site locations in Amity and Dayton. (Above design by Richard Thompson)

Historic Marker Dedication – July 2013

At Dayton's historic Courthouse Square Park, a new interpretive marker honors Dayton's founding father, General Joel Palmer, and depicts the Fort Yamhill Blockhouse's relocation journey. General Palmer donated the land for the Park, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To celebrate him, the blockhouse was moved from Grand Ronde. The Fort Yamhill Blockhouse has been in the Park for over 100 years. The historic marker will also be an anchor for a walking tour of historic homes in Dayton.

The dedication was attended by some 50 local residents, City staff, Mayor White, several City Counselors, Kim Courtin, a local historian, and visiting dignitaries, including David Lewis, the Cultural Director from The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, who assisted with the information in the marker.

This project is an example of the wonderful partnership that the DCDA enjoys with the City of Dayton as we work together to improve Dayton's downtown area. The marker was supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the City of Dayton. DCDA managed the development of the marker and arranged for the dedication ceremony.



Scarecrow Contest and Photo Booth

On September 7th, DCDA held their first Scarecrow Contest as part of Dayton's Harvest Festival. There were 28 scarecrows entered in the competition. Each was submitted in one of four categories, business, youth, whimsical, or traditional.

First place winners were:

- Best in Show: Dayton Electric and Lighting Company, Andy & Karol Crowder with "Sparky." (pictured at right)
- Youth: Kylar Johnson with Ribbit the Robot
- Whimsical: Jennifer Brown with "Women's Work is Never Done"
- Traditional: Ward and Jill Nelson with "Grandma Bok Bok"
- Business: Dayton Electric and Lighting Company, Andy & Karol Crowder, with "Sparky."



Cash prizes were presented to the top three scarecrows in each division. A panel of four judges determined the winners.

The event was enjoyed by all who visited the scarecrows.



The popular DCDA free photo booth returned to Courthouse Square Park for the Festival. Over 100 pictures were taken, printed in color, put in photo folders and given to families.

A special thank-you goes out to all volunteers who helped set up the scarecrow contest and photo booth, and to those who helped with both activities throughout the day. These events were possible because of your help.

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Subscribe to our eNewsletter on the homepage by 12/31/13 for a chance to win a \$25.00 gift Certificate to Dayton's own "Block House Cafe."



Watershed Springs Project

The City of Dayton has completed the Springs Project. Getting the Springs back online is huge for the City because, not only do we have our main source of water back, but it doesn't cost the City anything to get the water out of the Springs. It flows freely out of the spring

area and we simply capture it. When we are just using our wells, we are using (and paying for) a lot of power to pump water out of the ground.

Watershed Water Tank

In October, the City began maintenance and repair work on the 600,000 gallon steel water tank in the City's watershed area. This water tank is over 30 years old. It will be cleaned and repainted inside and out to avoid rust and contamination. The City will also make a few modifications to the outside of the tank to bring the tank up to current safety standards.

Back Lot Sewer Replacement Project

In September and October, the City completed a mainline sewer replacement project that replaced and up sized the sewer mainline between Main Street and Ferry Street from 6th Street to 8th Street. This project was challenging for several reasons, but mainly because this sewer line runs through several backyards. This section of sewer line was among the worst in town as far as being in disrepair and allowing groundwater to infiltrate into the sewer system. This section of sewer line is the only one in town that is not in a designated alley way or street frontage; it runs through backyards, which means that to replace the line, we had to work and get heavy equipment into private property owners' yards. In an effort to be less intrusive into the affected properties, the City was able to pipe burst the project. Instead of cutting a big ten foot deep trench through all the backyards, a burst head is run through the old line to break it out of the way, and then the new line is pulled into place behind the burst head. This way, for the most part, the contractor only had to have access to private property to reconnect private sewer laterals to the mainline. The City would like to thank each of the property owners affected by this project as well as the School District for being so cooperative and easy to work with, especially as the City's contractor performed their work on their private property. We hope the communication from the City was adequate and helpful as we pursued this project.

WATER SAVING CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The City of Dayton is offering a \$50.00 credit (per household) on utility bills for the first 100 customers who show proof of purchase of a new water saving device. Devices included in this program are water saving dish washers, clothes washers, and 1.28 gallons per flush toilets. Just bring your receipt into Dayton City Hall and we will adjust your next water utility bill. Some devices may not apply, for more information contact City Hall at (503) 864-2221.

Miller Fountain

The City Council and staff have been considering options to rehabilitate or replace Miller Fountain in Courthouse Square Park.

Rehabilitation costs are quite high because Miller Fountain is a historic structure, and rehabilitation of a historic structure must be done by a contractor qualified to work on historic structures. Another option is to completely tear down the current fountain and rebuild a replica. The cost for this approach is less than the cost of rehabilitating the fountain. The City Council will be holding a public meeting on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex to discuss these options with the public. Please attend and participate in the conversation.



The City would also like to thank all the volunteers that made the Dayton Harvest Festival and Dayton Fiesta Run a success.



Dayton Together is a collaboration of individuals and groups who have agreed to work together toward the common goal of a safe, healthy and drug-free community. Dayton Together's primary funding comes from a grant from the Drug Free Communities Support Program, which requires a community goal of reducing youth substance use.

Most recently, the Pirate 101 students, a Youth Development group at the High School worked with the Grade School students in celebration of Red Ribbon Week, a national awareness campaign to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug misuse. This year's theme is "A Healthy Me is Drug Free."

The Dayton Together Coalition meets every other month at the Dayton School District's Training Room. For more information about the Dayton Together Coalition and its efforts contact their office at 503-864-2273, ext. 265.

From our Deputy Sheriff

The best advice I can give to people is to make yourself and your property "Less of a target" to criminals. Remember to keep your car doors locked and don't leave valuables in your vehicle. Write down the serial numbers of valuable items and if possible take photos of your items. Store this information in a safe place. Keep an eye out for suspicious activities in your area and if you see something you feel is not right it is important to report it to law enforcement. For more information on safety tips in your area please contact Deputy Samerdyke 503-434-7506 ext. 7639



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Upcoming Events

December 7 - Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Bazaar:

The City of Dayton will host its 3rd annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th in the Palmer Creek Lodge Dayton Community Center at 606 4th Street, in Dayton.

Santa will be there from 9 to 11 am. Kids of all ages can get their picture taken with Santa and receive a holiday treat. The Community Choir will perform at 10:00 am and Mrs. Claus will be there to read a holiday story. Free hot cocoa and coffee will be available.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held in the Auditorium of the Community Center from 9 am to 4 pm and will feature local artists, craftsmen and businesses just in time to get your holiday gifts and or decorations.

The Dayton High School SAFE Committee will be serving breakfast from 9 am to noon. The cost of the meal will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 6 - 12. Children 5 and under are free. The students will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, milk, juice and fresh fruit. All proceeds go toward a safe senior night.

December 11 - Christmas Tree Lighting in Courthouse Square Park: - 6:30 pm

New this year, the Christmas tree will be in the Bandstand. Both tree and Bandstand will be lit so that even the biggest Griswold fan will be jealous. Festivities will include: musical entertainment, hot cocoa and coffee, with Santa on hand to hear your holiday wishes.

April 19, 2014 - Easter Egg Hunt in Courthouse Square Park

Bring your children to hunt eggs in Courthouse Square Park (3rd grade and younger) at 10:00 am and behind Dayton Grade School (4th-6th graders) at 10:30 am. The event is sponsored by the Dayton High School FFA. Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, courtesy of the Dayton Community Development Association, beginning at: 9:30 am, at the picnic shelter in the park.

Please visit the DCDA web site at: www.daytonoregon.org for the latest calendar updates.