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Dayton Old Timers Picnic

From *Dayton Centennial 1880-1980* booklet,
article 33 written by Sheila Henry in 1979.

"The first annual Old Timers Picnic in the Dayton City Park began in 1934. It was a day set aside for all Dayton residents to renew old friendships and make new ones. The picnic began as a town-wide potluck with all participants contributing to one main table.

Throughout the years, the gathering has become a time of family reunions, and class reunions where old timers continue to gather. This tradition is still continuing after 45 years (note... at time Sheila wrote this, it was only 45 years, now it's 80 yrs!).

In 1980, the Old Timers Weekend was coined in order to celebrate 100 years of incorporation for the City of Dayton. Events such as a parade and chicken barbecue highlighted the Saturday and Sunday affair. The Old Timers Picnic may prove to be one of the longest running events in Dayton's history."

2014 addendum:

Nowadays, the Old Timers Picnic is a tradition spanning 80 years, and continues to be held the last Sunday in July. Sponsored by the City and Dayton Volunteer Fire Department, the fire volunteers put on a delicious chicken barbeque dinner, and strawberry shortcake dessert.

All Dayton residents are invited to be a part of this great event.

A Note From Our Program Coordinator

Something wonderful, and unprecedented, is happening in your fair city. A collaborative effort is taking place to create a summer full of eventful "Friday Nights". The Dayton Community Development Association, the City of Dayton, local businesses and community volunteers are all working together to offer you an alive and vibrant downtown Dayton, every Friday Night, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

This is the true spirit of the Main Street Program (™)! (For more information visit www.mainstreet.org.) Everyone working together to improve our community by creating an environment where all of our citizens are welcome to come and meet their friends and neighbors, dine at our local restaurants, and support our local business owners and craftsman. By participating in these events, you are showing visitors to our area that Dayton is a great community.

I am so proud to live and work in such a wonderful city! We are working hard to help you feel that way, too!

Best Regards,
Kelly

Downtown Dayton Kicks Off Friday Nights Events on May 23rd

Every Friday Night between Memorial Day and Labor Day from 5 to 9 p.m., downtown Dayton will come alive as businesses and local vendors host fun events and offer exciting summertime specials in the historic town square. Presented by the Dayton Community Development Association and the downtown business community, the Friday Nights events kick off on May 23 with live music, a cruise in, children's activities, local vendors and a family-friendly atmosphere.

Archie's Ice Cream and Eatery, 401 Ferry Street, will host a Cruise In from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fourth Street, which will be closed to allow for parking of the participants' vehicles. The free event is open to all classic, specialty or unique vehicles.

Other participating restaurants and businesses on Ferry Street include Seufert Winery, the newly opened Barlow Room, the Block House Cafe and Lupita's Mexican Food. The businesses will offer specials, such as a Hawaiian party theme at the Block House Cafe, and extended hours until at least 8 p.m.

Dayton Electric & Lighting will offer a free drop-in art activity and balloons for children in Courthouse Square Park from 5 to 8 p.m.

Businesses sponsoring Friday Nights include the Willamette Wine Country RV Park, the Block House Cafe, The Barlow Room, Turley Farms, Archie's Ice Cream and Eatery and Sweet Oregon Berry Co.

Interested in participating in Friday Nights in Downtown Dayton as a business, organization, performer or vendor, or in sponsoring an event? We'd love to hear from you! Please call DCDA Program Coordinator Kelly Haverkate at 971-241-2076 or email info@daytonoregon.org.



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Downtown Business News and Updates

The Barlow Room is Coming to 306 Ferry Street

The Barlow Room will be a comfortable restaurant and bar featuring a casual dining menu, inspired by Northwest cuisine, with a distinctive yet classic cocktail, wine and beer selection. They will be open for lunch and dinner five days a week,

Wednesday - Sunday, from 11 am to 10 pm. Visit their website:<http://thebarlowroom.com/>



Pineapple Produce Offers Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

The produce shop downtown is now under energetic new ownership.



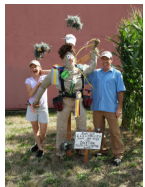
Proprietors Norma Zapien and Benjamin Uribe are pleased to offer our area a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit from broccoli to papayas, as well as some other grocery items. Come in for some regular or exotic produce and welcome them to Dayton! Open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the shop is located at 409 Ferry Street.

Black Pearl Cafe Opens Downtown

A new coffee shop has joined Dayton's family of downtown businesses! Serving Seattle roasted Umbria coffee and baked goods, the Black Pearl Cafe is located at 216 Ferry Street and its hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Proprietors Ryan Ferguson and Monica Cisneros plan to combine the art of espresso with the art of ceramics and paintings. They'll feature the work of Ryan and other local artists.



Dayton Electric & Lighting Lights Up the Area



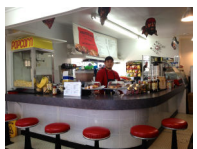
Andy and Karol Crowder have chosen Dayton as their home because they fell in love with the community and want to be involved in the process of bringing a wonderful small town back to life. As owners of Dayton Electric & Lighting, they have years of electrical construction experience in all types of commercial and residential structures. Their focus is on serving the residents of Dayton as the nearby neighborhood electrician.

New Hours at the Block House Cafe

Jason and Erin Aust, the proprietors of the Block House Cafe have announced new hours at their restaurant. They are now open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday as well as Sundays and stay open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.



Pirate's Den Reopens



New owners Ricardo Fonseca and Anny Bejarano reopened the Pirate's Den in March and are now serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 715 Ferry Street. Stop in and visit this rejuvenated Dayton landmark.

What is Historic Preservation? Why is it Important?

"It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future." -- William J. Murtagh, first Keeper of the National Register for Historic Places



Historic preservation is so much more than protecting our old buildings or historic districts. It's about sharing our past with future generations. It tells the story of who we are and where we came from so that current and future generations will have a deeper understanding of our community and culture. Preservation has many rewards, including fostering civic pride and beauty, strengthening our local economy, education and creating an appreciation of our local and natural history.

"These old buildings do not belong to us only, they belong to our forefathers and they will belong to our descendants unless we play them false. They are not in any sense our own property to do with as we like with them. We are only trustees for those that come after us." ~ William Morris (1834-1896) artist, philosopher and political theorist was one of the most outstanding and influential designers of the Arts and Crafts Movement.



In this time of community rejuvenation, let's remember our roots and feel grateful for our area's Century Farms, our City's beautiful Courthouse Square Park, our historic homes and historic commercial buildings. These are all gifts given to us by the citizens that came before us and, if cared for, will be treasures we can pass along to future generations.



Design Committee Hard at Work

The Downtown Dayton design committee and local artists are working to bring additional beauty to our community. Soon you'll see artistically decorated wine barrels placed around the downtown to be used as planters. Be sure to keep an eye out!

"Design" is one of the four focus points of the Main Street Program™. "Design enhances the attractiveness of the business district. Historic building rehabilitation, street and alley clean-up, colorful banners, landscaping, and lighting all improve the physical image of the downtown as a quality place to shop, work, walk, invest in, and live. Design improvements result in a reinvestment of public and private dollars to downtown."



The community of Dayton is working with Yamhill County Public Health and Dayton School District in planning for a potential School-Based Health Center (SBHC). A SBHC is a primary care clinic on school campuses, offering a variety of services; potentially including: primary care, mental health, substance abuse, counseling, case management, dental health, nutrition education, health education, and health promotion. As a part of the planning process, a planning committee has been formed in order to put together communication events, represent the community of Dayton, and discuss what's best for the community and our youth. The planning committee would like to invite you to join this group as we pave the way towards building the Dayton School-Based Health Center. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jennifer Johnson, at johnsonj@co.yamhill.or.us or 503-434-7481.

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DCDA is always looking for volunteers. Contact us for details



Sidewalk Project on Ferry from 5th to the Elementary School Crosswalk

The City is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in which ODOT will provide funding for the construction of a sidewalk on Ferry Street from the corner

of 5th Street due west to the Elementary School Crosswalk. Part of this stretch of road is alongside a deep ravine, so the sidewalk portion near the ravine will have railing in order to increase the safety of this pathway to school. The City hopes to have this project completed before the 2014-2015 school year begins in September.

Springs Project

The City is in the final stages of the Springs Rehabilitation Project. The Watershed Springs are back online as a water resource for the community. The City is finishing up some controls work that will allow Public Works staff to see and control the springs remotely.

Andrew Smith Park

The City Council recently renamed 11th Street Park to Andrew Smith Park in honor of Andrew Smith, who was a cofounder of the City of Dayton along with Joel Palmer. The City will be holding a ribbon cutting at the park sometime this summer, so stay tuned for more information on that.

LED Street Lights

The City Council has approved PGE to change the City's street lights to LED's. This will result in both reduced energy usage and cost for the City. PGE has begun the process of changing the lights out.

Scott Pingel, City Manager

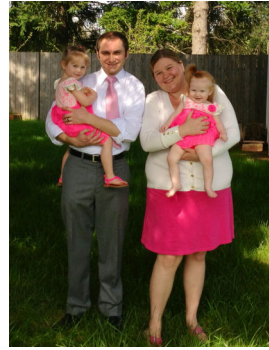
Meet Our New Mayor

Dear Fellow Dayton Residents and Business Owners,

You may have heard about some changes at the City Hall over the last few months and I want to provide some information to the community, especially during this time of transition, so we can all be more aware of policy and position updates.

Our hard-working Mayor resigned as of January 2014 after seven years of excellent service to Dayton. We have taken several steps forward during Jolie White's time in office and I hope to help continue making progress. That brings me to the purpose of this initial letter.

We have a new Mayor! I, Beth Wytoski, was appointed by our City Council in February, to complete Jolie's term, running through December 2014. I am honored to serve Dayton in a new way and I look forward to working with our Council, staff, business owners, and most importantly, our residents, to find ways to improve livability without losing the "Dayton factor" that keeps us all here.



A little background on me: I am a third generation graduate of Dayton schools (2002–Beth Overgard), and I love my small town! I attended the University of Oregon (2002-2006) where I earned a Bachelors degree in Political Science, focusing on legislative procedure, public policy, and local and state government structure. I also earned Minors in History and Music and played trumpet in the Oregon Marching Band all four years I was enrolled.

During and after college I worked for the Recreation Department of the City of Eugene while I attended Pacific University (2007-2008) to earn my Masters in Teaching and my Oregon teaching license. After a couple years of working in Eugene schools in different capacities, I wanted to come home to student teach in Dayton. In 2008 I married my wonderful husband, Chris, who agreed to move to Dayton with me.

Earning the family nickname "Gov" at the age of 16, I have a history of public service including several leadership positions from high school Student Body President, to Public Safety Advisor. In college, in addition to working on a few campaigns, I also worked in the state legislature and have a strong understanding of how "the system" works.

Elected to the City Council in 2008, I was subsequently appointed Council President in 2013.

My focuses while in office are many but my primary concerns are:

- Improving the reliability and delivery of our water
- Expanding community involvement and empowerment
- Encouraging economic development
- Advancing our public safety goals through sidewalk construction and the continuation of police services.

I plan to continue communicating through this newsletter to provide updates on city projects, plans, activities, and other announcements. If you have specific questions or comments you would like to share with me, feel free to contact City Hall to schedule a time for discussion. You could also come find me at one of the upcoming *Dayton Friday Nights*.

I hope to see you there!

Mayor Beth Wytoski

Dayton is Cleaner!

Thank you to the city and the awesome Eagle Scouts for their efforts at the recent City Wide Clean Up! And thank you to the 11 volunteers who turned out in the wet weather to help at the DCDA Adopt a Highway Clean Up, and to the The Block House Cafe for the free coffee that fueled their efforts!

Fearless leaders of the highway pickup, John Francis and Caye Poe, report that the group found nine tires in the bushes near a new house and the usual myriad of cups, beer cans, etc. Volunteer Richard says: "we did find a couch that had been thrown off the Palmer Creek bridge but our grabber was not up to lifting it up and out!"

If you would like to participate in future clean-up, please contact the City or DCDA at www.daytonoregon.org.

In the meantime, remember to do your part to keep our community beautiful. Small efforts such as mowing grass and weeds, removing unused items from the yard and picking up trash where you see it will make a world of difference.



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Upcoming Events

May 23 through August 29 - Downtown Dayton Friday Nights

Friends, Family & Fun in Our Historic Town Square! Every Friday Night between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Downtown Dayton comes alive as downtown businesses and local vendors host fun events and offer exciting summertime specials. Bring your family and friends for the true local experience in Downtown Dayton from 5 pm to 9 pm on Friday Nights! Check our web site or the City web site, <http://www.ci.dayton.or.us> to see schedule of events as it develops and "like" our Facebook page for updates!

July 27 - Dayton Fire District Barbecue & Old Timers Picnic

Celebrate old friendships and new at the Dayton Fire District's annual Old Timers Weekend Chicken Barbecue. Held on the last Sunday of July in Dayton's Courthouse Square Park, this annual celebration began in 1934 as a town potluck and has continued through the years to become a time of celebration and family and class reunions

August 5 - National Night Out 2014

Spend a summer evening outside, meet your neighbors, and have a festive time at this celebration – "a going-away party for crime and drugs" - sponsored by Community Partners of the Dayton Together Coalition. Crime and drug prevention information will be available. Enjoy a free meal, local entertainment and community spirit! Held from 5-7 p.m. in Courthouse Square Park.

August 22 - 24 - Quick Draw Competition - Courthouse Square Park

September 6 - Dayton Fire Department Pancake Breakfast - 7:00 am - Fire Hall

September 6 - Dayton Fiesta Run in Downtown Dayton

Kids 1 mile run - 8:30 am, 5k and 10k race - 9:00 am. For information call 503-864-3933 or visit www.daytonfiestarun.com

December 6 - City Holiday Bazaar - Palmer Creek Lodge

December 6 - Downtown Dayton Ginger Bread Contest - Palmer Creek Lodge

This year we are moving from scare crows to ginger bread to give you Dayton artistic types a chance to work in a different medium. Check the website for rules as we get closer to the holiday season

Visit the DCDA web site at: www.daytonoregon.org for the latest calendar updates, & be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook.

