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We Are Award Winning!!

In October the Oregon Main Street Program held its annual state-wide conference in Downtown McMinnville. Many of your DCDA volunteers and City Council were able to attend a host of workshops, all to learn more about how to help our community thrive. An awards presentation was held and Dayton came home with THREE of them! Pretty great for our little town.



Friday Nights won the award for "Best Event in a Series". Thanks to a bit of hard work and a LOT of community participation, we've shown others in the state that bringing folks together on a Friday night is a great thing to do.



Archie's Ice Cream & Eatery won the award for "Outstanding Business"! The Archibald Family can be very proud of all they've done to create a business that we love to support! Archie's has recently expanded their seating capacity and brought in some new things to look at! Can't wait to see!



The Barlow Room & the Czarneckis won an award for "Best Facade Improvement"! Not ONLY have they given us a wonderful new dining experience in our downtown, but truly beautified Ferry Street with the renovation of their building. It's wonderful to have elegant windows to look in to!

The Black Pearl Cafe is back with us, and open to serve our caffeine needs!

Renovation Complete

Home to so many memories, our beloved 1886 Dayton First Baptist Church is ready to thrive for the next 100 years. The National Register Landmark building is being given new life. **The Black House Cafe** will move into the little brick church and open to greet customers November 18th. Please stop in and welcome them into their new home.



A Note From Our Program Coordinator

Downtown Dayton was THE place to be on **FRIDAY NIGHTS** this past summer! It was truly exciting to see you all come out to support us and your community, and have some fun in the process.

We'll be back next Summer, looking forward to more socializing, entertainment, local vendors and having our local businesses open.

How can you participate you ask? There are OH so many ways! You can become an official **FRIDAY NIGHTS** SPONSOR, you can VOLUNTEER as a HOST, or you can become one of our VENDORS! For more information please send a note to: info@daytonoregon.org, or call 971-241-2076. We'd love to have you be part of our team. ~ ~ Kelly Haverkate

Downtown Beautification Project

Four new artfully-painted wine barrel planters are adding color and style to the downtown Dayton streetscape. Local resident and DCDA super-volunteer Teresa Shelburne spearheaded this Dayton Community Development Association project. Teresa, an interior designer by trade, coordinated all aspects of the project, including acquiring the barrels,



plants and materials as well as recruiting local volunteer artists. Businesses and building owners along Ferry Street graciously agreed to host and water the planters in front of their buildings. Each wine barrel is artistically painted with themes honoring Dayton's agricultural heritage and

planted with flowering and evergreen plants such as camellias and rosemary. The artists are **Kylie Spivey, Heidi Lindell, Karol Crowder, and Jeannie Putman**. The wine barrels and plants were generously donated by Stoller Family Estate, Red Ridge Farms and French Prairie Perennials. Look for more barrels to be added in the coming months.

Volunteer of the Year 2014



Congratulations to our DCDA Board Secretary, Ann-Marie Anderson, on being selected as Downtown Dayton Volunteer of the Year for 2014. We appreciate the many hours she devoted to making Friday Nights a success. Her organizational skills are a wonderful asset for the DCDA.

Downtown Tour

Dayton was honored to host a group of Main Street leaders from around the state in a workshop, during the Oregon Main Street Conference in October. We showed off our lovely community to others who are like-minded in downtown revitalization efforts. Tour was led by Kelly Haverkate and Architect, Paul Falsetto.



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The Fountain in the Park

The fountain in our City Park is called the Martin Miller Fountain, and was built in 1917.

It was dedicated to honor Martin Miller, pioneer citizen of Dayton, who granted the city a perpetual right to the use of an abundant supply of pure water originating on his farm some distance away.

The fountain was erected through the efforts of the ladies auxiliary of the Dayton Commercial Club and the Pleasant Hour Reading Club. The fountain, which was designed by Ernst Kroner, architect, of Portland, without charge to the city, was christened in the presence of the entire population of Dayton and of the surrounding country. The fountain was built by local tradesmen, again, at no cost to the city.



"Mr. Miller, the city has long ago accepted your generous gift of the water right which we are enjoying, by the using, but we do not remember that we have ever publicly thanked you for it. Therefore, on this occasion, we, in behalf of the city of Dayton, which to thank you for your generosity," spoke D.A. Snyder, acting Mayor.



R.L. Harris, ex-Mayor, delivered the principal address, dedicating the fountain to the use of all who might pass that way. "It is a symbol of the most noble trait of humankind - there are those among us who have the will and heart to do for others." The fountain was "dedicated to the use of all who pass this way. That

time, the destroyer, will deal kindly with it and that it may be preserved and utilized through many years for the purpose for which it has been constructed, is our wish, our hope and prayer."

The city hopes to reconstruct the fountain to its original 2015 glory.

While researching history of the fountain, we found that some people remember it had a light at the top; others remember the water fountains on the side. We would like more photos of the fountain through the years. If you have any tucked away in your old family picture box, we would like to include them in our archive.

Please send them to judyg@macnet.com.



Award Winning Dayton Friday Nights A Huge Success!

For 15 straight Friday evenings this past summer, hundreds of residents and visitors enjoyed a family-friendly downtown party known as *Dayton Friday Nights*. The goal of the event series was to draw people downtown to socialize, play and support our local businesses. Based on attendance figures, community feedback and economic data, these weekly mini-festivals were a smashing success.

In Courthouse Square Park, bands entertained audiences with a variety of musical genres, Dayton-area vendors displayed their wares, and kids had fun creating art and enjoying the playground. Our businesses stayed open late and offered specials. Fourth Street was closed to traffic so that dozens of classic cars could be on display at Archie's Cruise Ins.



Everyone got creative with handmade lanterns at our Lantern Parade at our finale night! We averaged between 300 and 600 attendees each week.

The event series was developed by DCDA and downtown businesses, and was truly a community-wide collaborative effort. A big thank you to the City of Dayton and the events committee.



We sincerely appreciate the support provided by our sponsors, City staff, the bands, vendors and everyone who participated. A special thank you to our volunteers who made it all happen! They contributed approximately 555 hours in planning and hosting the events. Our event surveys showed that *Friday Nights* attendees spent an estimated \$56,000

downtown over the summer, keeping local dollars in Dayton and generating new revenue from out-of-town visitors.

We're looking forward to doing it all again next year at *Friday Nights* 2015! Look for our next plans and volunteer and sponsor opportunities on our website and Facebook pages at www.daytonoregon.org and www.facebook.com/DaytonFridayNights.

Friday Nights Lantern Festival A New Dayton Tradition?



Our Finale for *Friday Nights* included a beautiful, creative Lantern Festival that was well-attended. Be thinking now about the lantern YOU might create to participate next year!

Please join us this Thursday for the annual Dayton Community Development Association general membership meeting. We will be electing Board of Director members for the coming year.

We welcome all members of the Dayton community at 6:30 pm on November 20th, in the City Hall Annex.

Dayton Community Food Bank Needs Your Help

We really need the community of Dayton to support its food bank. Our food bank is supported by individuals like you. We have been able to survive because of the low cost of food available from YCAP food bank and the facilities provided by Dayton First Baptist church.

The people who come to the food bank are our neighbors who need our help. Our neighbors include the Grandmother who is now raising her grandchildren. Or the folks who rush over to the food bank after work to grab some extra groceries to fill in their meals. No one wants to go to the food bank. Sometimes they are embarrassed or feel like they can just make do. If we all give a little we can make a big difference in our neighbors life.

Donations of food or funds can be made to the Dayton First Baptist Church, 300 Flower Lane, Dayton OR 97114. Call Naida Paris 503.550.6556 for more information or to pick up food.

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Sidewalk Projects

The City has completed a few sidewalk projects over the last few months and is working on another one. Through a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the City was able to put in a sidewalk on the north side of Ferry Street from the corner of

5th

Street to just past the Elementary School crosswalk. The crosswalk was moved so that it was no longer in a drive way. A railing was also installed across the portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the gully off of this portion of Ferry Street. The City will be replacing the sidewalk all



the way to 6th Street since the main portion of the project came in under budget. The contractor for this project is Raugust Excavating.



The City, in partnership with Roman's Café, replaced the sidewalk and street trees from the front of Roman's Café to Palmer Creek Lodge. The contractor for this project was Montelongo Set 2

Finish Concrete.

The City will be putting a sidewalk over the gravel pathway on Fletcher Road from Ash to Howard Jordan Loop as well. This project was recently awarded to KL Bowers Concrete.

Main Water Transmission Line from the Springs

The City recently replaced about 2000 feet of the main water transmission line that goes from the City's watershed springs to town. This water line is amongst the oldest in the City's water system and a large quantity of water was being lost because it was in such a state of disrepair. Getting it replaced gets rid of a large part of a very old, very damaged water line, which helps the City retain more of the water being produced by the watershed springs.

Sewer Lift Station Upgrades

The 9th Street lift station was recently upgraded. The pump in the lift station was put on rails and it now has a redundant pump. These upgrades make it so that maintenance is quicker and easier. When a pump goes down, the City's Public Works crew does not have to get down in the manhole to fix it, they just have to pull it up the rails and fix it above ground. The City plans to do the same to the Highway 221 lift station as well.

Scott Pingel, City Manager

From Our Mayor

After a very exciting summer of new community events, construction, and grand openings I am looking forward to what Dayton might see this fall. I know many residents had an opportunity to experience Dayton Friday Nights and for those who have yet to enjoy one of the weekly gatherings, I look forward to seeing you there next year!



We have had a lot of visible changes in Dayton lately, particularly around our historical Courthouse Square Park. The City has been very project-focused and our list of completed work has grown tremendously over the last year...but we are not done.

One project I want to specifically discuss is our park centerpiece, the Martin Miller Fountain. The once beautiful fountain has fallen into desperate condition. The construction material has deteriorated to such an extent, that its outside layers can no longer be cleaned, the drain no longer works, and the lines to and inside the fountain are damaged beyond repair. For more than two years City Council has considered options for renovation. A patchwork approach that does not restore functionality is only a band-aid.

In early 2013 we sought and received restoration quotes, which was our intended direction. Because of its historical nature, we were limited to specialists. The construction estimates were unaffordable. We chose to wait, to consider funding options such as grants, fundraising and creative solutions. After extensive research, a public hearing was held to receive feedback from the community and to consider our options. The outcome of that meeting was a change in direction.

A decision was made that we would honor the history of Miller Fountain by building an historically accurate replica that would be a fully functional fountain. We received a more affordable quote from a local contractor. With the skills, artistry, and integrity of KL Bowers Concrete, I look forward to seeing a beautiful working fountain in our park. The contractor will create a binder of preservation, recording original construction details and materials, throughout its removal so it can be properly and professionally replicated. We are also considering additional documentation of the fountain's history such as interpretive panels. If you have questions on this project, you can contact City Hall to schedule a discussion with me.

The City of Dayton has purchased the land formerly known as Fisher Farms Nursery, located at the corner of Ferry Street & Lafayette Highway. Our primary interest in this purchase is in the water rights and the existing wells that we will tie into Dayton's water system over the next few years. As a nursery, the property was planted with many trees and shrubs that will soon be free to Dayton residents. We are still working on the details of the Dayton Community Tree Giveaway, but I am hoping to have stock ready to take home soon. We are looking for someone who can ball & burlap for us to get this event going. If you can help, contact City Hall. If you're hoping for a new blue spruce for your yard or a lovely maple near your pond, watch your water bill for more information. The long-term plan for the property still has many options. We are accepting proposals from farmers who have an interest in leasing the land for agricultural purposes. Contact Scott Pingel if you have questions or an offer.

Our Council will see some significant changes in January. I will personally miss John Bixler and Sandra Utt, and wish them the very best in their future endeavors! If you have an interest in serving your community and did not get on the ballot, there are several opportunities to wade into public service through the Budget, Historical Preservation, Planning, and Community Events Committees, or the Dayton Community Development Association. "It takes a village" refers to more than raising a child. Our potential is limited only by our time and willingness to work. Let's see what we can do.



Ferry Street, looking toward McMinnville. 1905 - 1910



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Upcoming Events

November 10th - December 10th - Food For Fines at the Dayton Library. Bring food for the Dayton Food Bank to reduce your over due fines!

November 20th - DCDA annual general meeting and election of board members - 6:30 pm at the City Hall Annex

November 24th - December 15th - Tree of Giving , Dayton Library. Stop by and pick up a gift or food tag and donate to make the holidays brighter for a Dayton Family. Volunteers are needed. Contact Lorri Flores at 971-237-5037

November 25th - Naturalist Laura McMasters will bring her Outdoor Science Exploration Program to the Dayton Library from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the City Hall Annex building. Come and check out microscopes and meet a garter snake and other critters. Be prepared for an outdoor hike and all weather. The program is sponsored by the Yamhill Watershed Stewardship Fund.

Celebrate Christmas in Dayton! Revel in the season with the Dayton Community Chorus' Renaissance Christmas Revels on **December 5th** at 7 pm and **December 6th** at 3 and 7 pm at the LDS Cultural Center at 700 Ash Street. \$10, including wassail and dessert.

December 6th - Breakfast with Santa in the Community Center from 9:00 am to Noon

Early December - Holiday Lighting event in Courthouse Square Park. Watch the City information board or the DCDA Facebook page for details.

March 2015 - City Wide Clean Up. Check with City Hall in early March to determine the date. 503 864-2221

April 4th 2015 - Dayton FFA Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m. Courthouse Square Park thru 3rd Grade. 10:30 behind grade school 4th - 6th grade.

Summer 2015 - *Dayton Friday Nights*

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