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Hearts of Dayton and the Dayton Chocolate Crawl Return for 2017

Jan. 15 - Feb 14 is the time that you can show your support for Downtown Dayton activities by donating money and purchasing a "heart" at your downtown businesses. Your heart will hang with others' for the month, showing your affection for your community!

Passports for the 2nd Annual "Chocolate Crawl" will go on sale downtown (and on our website) on Jan.

15th. Passports are \$10.00 each.

This year's Crawl will take place Saturday, February

11th from noon - 3pm at participating downtown businesses. Visit the businesses and enjoy complimentary chocolate treats. For fun, take a picture for Facebook or Instagram and tag daytonoregon.

#daytonoregon #ChocolateCrawl. Also tag the business you're in! We will draw from entries for downtown prizes. Show some Valentine spirit! Watch FB or our website for further information.

All proceeds from Hearts of Dayton and the Downtown Chocolate Crawl support the Dayton Community Development Association and community activities for YOU! Because we are a 501c3, your donation may be tax deductible.



Calling all Artists

Artscape 2017 will be presented by Dayton Community Development Association and various sponsors. It is a community-building project created to add interest and color to our town. With the success of the 2016 Artscape, we are especially excited for 2017, as it will be bigger and better. Our Artscape event won an award this year for "Best Image Activity", so we have a lot to live up to in 2017.

Your artwork will be shared with the community during the summer and offered for purchase at our Artscape Auction. All proceeds will support the DCDA and the work they are doing to make Dayton great!

If you are an artist and would like to participate by donating a piece of art for this year's event, you will need to fill out the form which will be available online at www.daytonoregon.org. For details or questions please contact the Artscape Coordinator, Jenni Middleton at [971-264-4289](tel:971-264-4289).

We look forward to this exciting event and can't wait to see what this year's artists create.

Banners from 2016 Artscape



Main Street™ News

Oregon Main Street continues to acknowledge and award the good work being done by Downtown Dayton Volunteers, investors and business owners. At September's state workshop and awards banquet in Astoria, Dayton received two awards for 2016. The new Francis Court building at 303 Main St. won an award for "Best New Building". Dayton "Artscape" event won the award for "Best Image Activity".



I want to acknowledge a couple of truly special volunteers for Dayton. John Francis and Caye Poe have organized a highway clean up 2 times a year for the last several years. This past July, they also held their 2nd "Varieties of Travel" Expo. This event, hosted by Veteran Travelers, John & Caye, brings together speakers sharing their expertise in various alternative travel methods to help people see the world! The 3rd Annual Expo will take place April 28th, 2017 from 9am to 12pm at the Dayton Community Center, Palmer Creek Lodge. Many thanks for all they do for our community!

~~ Kelly Haverkate



Dayton Community News

Dayton: rooted. in Agriculture

One of the oldest towns in Yamhill County, Dayton was founded in 1850 by Joel Palmer & Andrew Smith.

Dayton flourished in the 2nd half of the 19th Century due to its agriculture and the ability to transport these goods on the Yamhill River to Salem and Portland. Of course current mode of transportation from Dayton is mainly by truck. Every truck that comes through reminds us of the thriving and vibrant industry that supports this community.



Our Dayton agricultural community puts food and drink on tables with the millions of chickens it produces each year, milk from its dairies, hazelnuts, (or filberts? more on that later), cherries, peaches and apples from its orchards. There are row crops of corn, beans, squash, strawberries, marionberries, blueberries, broccoli and others, even pumpkins for food and fun. In addition, our hills and valley are growing grapes... lots of grapes... supporting a successful wine industry.

Now, the big question: Are they hazelnuts? or Filberts? Even those that grow them will provide different answers. The following is according to the Oregon Hazelnuts website, "There is no wrong answer. Filbert is the correct name for both the tree and the nut.



Hazelnut is the name coined by the English and applied to the native species by early settlers. In 1981, the Oregon Filbert Commission decided to conform to the common standard and began emphasizing "hazelnut. Whatever its name, it is an ancient nut. A manuscript found in China, from the year 2838 B.C., shows the filbert took its place among the five sacred nourishments God bestowed on human beings. The first cultured hazelnut tree was planted in Oregon in 1858. Oregon grows 98% of hazelnuts produced in the US—but only a fraction of the world's supply of hazelnuts are grown here; the vast majority of hazelnuts are grown in Turkey, Spain, and Italy. The Hazelnut took its place as Oregon's State Nut in 1989."

Brookside Cemetery

At the end of Third Street, just past Mill Street, you'll find the Brookside Cemetery. Donated in 1850, as "A public cemetery or burying ground to be free to the entire community", by Joel Palmer, this pioneer cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1874, it was officially deeded to the Dayton School District, the only officially organized body in the community at the time. Buried here are a number of early settlers, early Oregon note-worthy and members of Oregon's first provisional government.

The Brookside Cemetery Association has been formed and is recruiting members and volunteers to assist in the preservation and maintenance of this beautiful 3.4 acre home to as many as 479 graves.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mike Imlah (503) 332-0938 imlah@easystreet.net or Kim Courtin 503-864-7754 kim@oregon.com.



4 Towns Send Men to Fight Fire in Dayton

From a Statesman Journal article March 12, 1944 Dayton, Ore. Mar 11 - (AP)

Fire departments from four Willamette valley towns turned out today to save the Dayton business district from a fire that threatened town.

McMinnville, Newberg, Yamhill and Dayton firemen held the blaze to two buildings on the main street of this town of 2500, but water damage was extensive.

Fire Chief Ivan Pearson of McMinnville estimated damage would be at least \$50,000. He said the fire apparently started from an overheated flue at the rear of the Odd Fellows building. It swept through the second floor of that building and damaged the chamber of commerce building. Water damage was heavy in the nearby Dayton bank. The Dayton Tribune and grocery store, but fire was kept out. All bank records were safe. The flames reached into a drug store and smoke and water also damaged the dentist's office and apartments.

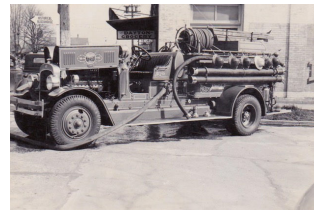
Volunteers aided store owners in carrying goods from the path of the flames at the height of the blaze. Thousands of dollars worth of merchandise clogged the main street.

Memories of the day of the fire were shared during a recent visit with local residents.

Louie Finnicum was about 5 years old and lived in apartment next to the dentist's office (Dr Goodrich) who she said was always grumpy. As to the fire, she said, her dad came home, scooped her up and said, "We're on fire. Let's go!" I asked her what she remembers from being outside and she said she didn't remember much but seeing all of the women in their night gowns out on the street.



Roberta Baker said that they lived out of town a ways, but their dad was a fireman. So she remembers her dad having to leave suddenly, and her mom saying that downtown Dayton was on fire and he had to go help put it out.



The best remembrance, by several people around the table, including Jeannie Putman, was, "Oh that's the old fire truck they had to push to get it started!"

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City Projects Update

Sewer System Improvements

The City has been working on obtaining funding for sewer system improvements for several months. These improvements include replacing the City's main pump station near the footbridge and replacement of as much of the Ferry Street sewer lines as possible between 6th Street and the Main pump station. The City is pursuing a rural development loan through the US Department of Agriculture to help fund the projects. Working through a federal agency takes time, but we should have funds committed by the end of 2016 and a funding award in early 2017. The City anticipates getting into construction of the improvements during the summer of 2017.

Alder Street and 11th Street Waterline Improvements

The City recently completed a couple of much needed waterline improvements. The waterline on Alder Street from 3rd to 4th had started to leak somewhere on 3rd Street, which is a state highway. The City was able to replace this stretch of waterline and size the new waterline more appropriately. This stretch of waterline was upsized from a 2-inch line to an 8-inch line, which is what our Water Master Plan calls for.



The City also replaced the waterline on 11th Street after being called out for a water leak. The condition of the mainline made patching the leak quite difficult, and even once it was patched, we were unsure how long it would stick. This section of mainline was

installed in the 1970's, and it was not appropriate pipe for a water mainline. Seeing the condition, location, and type of pipe in responding to the water leak, City staff asked the City Council to approve replacing the whole 11th Street stretch of mainline. As a part of replacing this section of mainline, the City also had shutoff valves put in on the north and south ends of 11th Street, which helps the City better isolate leaks and reduce the impact to residents. When the City responded to the 11th Street waterline, a large portion of the homes in town west of 9th Street and north of Ferry Street were turned off due to the lack of mainline shutoff valves. As the City continues to make improvements in this part of town, more shutoff valves will be established so fewer residents are without water during repairs.

(Editor's Note: The pictures show just how far Dayton has come)

Website

The City recently updated the City website. The new site is live now, although we are still in the process of transitioning some of the information from the old website. Most basic information is available. The City's goal is to make it as easy as possible to find the information you are looking for. Any feedback on the website is appreciated. The City's web address is www.ci.dayton.or.us and soon you'll be able to get there by going to www.daytonoregon.gov as well.



Events



After a busy summer of community gatherings at Friday Nights, Old Timers Weekend, class reunions, outdoor movies, challenging runs, river paddles, and other events, it may seem like there aren't many opportunities to connect with your neighbors or introduce new residents to what Dayton has to offer. Fear not! There are opportunities to participate in clothing and food drives through community and school groups as well as a holiday bazaar, time with Santa, and a tree lighting. Please watch the water bill for community event information and more ways you can be involved and connected to other people enjoying, empowering, and serving Dayton.



Scott Pingel, City Manager
Beth Wytoski, Mayor of Dayton

Highway Cleanup a Great Success

This year, The Dayton Highway Cleanup struck it lucky Saturday October 22nd. The persistent rains of the previous week stopped Friday night as if on cue, and the day turned out to be sunny and mild.

Veterans of many cleanups past, Jeanne Putman and Judy Gerard, showed up once again, along with organizers John Francis and Caye Poe. Second-timer Dave Rucker of McMinnville was once again the only non-Dayton worker. Jenni Middleton and Tom Segundo rounded out the group.

The cleanup is held every six months and covers two miles of Highway 221 (Third St.) from its intersection with Highway 18 to Stringtown Road, two miles south. No strange items were found this time. Most notable was a collection of empty vodka bottles, which are becoming more numerous with each cleanup.

Thanks to all the volunteers. They came, prepared to work in the rain if necessary to make Dayton more beautiful.





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Upcoming Events

Nov 7 - Dec 12 - Food for Fines to support the Dayton Community Food Pantry. Each prepackaged food item will reduce your library fine by \$1 up to a maximum of \$20.

Nov 22 - 4-6 pm - Thanksgiving Holiday food baskets for anyone with a 97114 zip code - available from the Dayton Community Food Pantry at First Baptist Church

Starting Nov 21 - Pick up gift tags for the Tree of Giving tree at Mary Gilkey Library. All unwrapped gifts must be returned to the Library by December 12. Citizens wishing to **receive** gifts from the Tree of Giving can check with City hall for details.

Dec 8 - 6:30 pm - Holiday Tree Lighting in Courthouse Square Park - Santa, cocoa, music - Come one, come all

Dec 10 - Community Center - Breakfast 8:00 - 11:00 am (a fundraiser for SAFE - \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, under 5 free)
Santa will be there from 9:00 - 11:00 am - Holiday bazaar from 8:00 - 2:00 pm

Dec 20 - 4-6 pm - Special holiday food baskets will be available for anyone with a 97114 zip code at First Baptist Church

Jan 15 - Feb 14 - Hearts of Dayton at participating downtown businesses

Feb 11 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm - Downtown Dayton Chocolate Crawl downtown. Passports available at participating businesses starting on **Jan 15**

April 28 - 9am - 12pm - Travel Expo at the Dayton Community Center

June 3 - Dayton Friday Nights returns



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