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Community Spotlight



Want to see your photos featured in Dayton's future communications? We'd love to showcase your perspective!

Send your favorite photos to kmontgomery@daytonmn.gov and you might see them in upcoming city newsletters, social media, and more!

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City Communications

New Look, New Domain: www.daytonmn.gov

The City of Dayton is excited to announce that our website has a new domain home: www.daytonmn.gov! Along with the new domain name, we have redesigned the website to make it more user friendly. You'll still find the same great content, resources and updates, just at a fresh new address. This change marks an important step forward for us as we continue to grow, evolve, and make it easier for you to connect with everything we do. We encourage you to update your bookmarks and explore the new site we've worked hard to make more user-friendly. Thank you for being part of our community and for continuing to grow with us!

Hennepin County Resources

Low-Waste Gift Wrapping Guide



Wrapping paper, fancy bows, and gift tags often go straight from your package into the trash. Reconsider how you wrap your presents! Here are some tips to make your gifts look glam while making the best environmental choice.

- **Reuse what you already have:** Pull from your stash of gift bags and tissue paper. If you don't have any – start collecting!
- **Get creative:** Reuse paper that you already have like old maps, posters, or brown paper bags. These are great for wrapping, and they can be recycled after!
- **Opt for cloth wrapping:** Use the Furoshiki method of folding cloth over your gift in the place of wrapping paper.
- **Skip the wrapping:** Use a decorative box or reusable gift bag to avoid the need for wrapping all together.

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Parks & Recreation

Gather, Glow & Celebrate at the 3rd Annual Holidayton Celebration!



Parks & Recreation

Holiday Light Display



Do you enjoy decorating your home and yard with festive lights each holiday season? Would you like to be featured as part of the City of Dayton's holiday celebration? Register your address on the City website between October 1st and

November 24th to be included in the official Holiday Lights Tour Map. By registering, you are committing to have your holiday lights displayed and illuminated during the evenings from December 1st through December 31st. Register for the Holiday Light Display online at www.daytonmn.gov



We're excited to announce that this year's HoliDayton event will take place on December 4th at City Hall, located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Road. The evening will begin with a Light Parade at 6:15 PM, followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:45 PM. Following the tree lighting, enjoy pictures with Santa, bonfires, food trucks, and games for kids of all ages. We're also thrilled to welcome a very special guest, the Grinch! Please note, this is an outdoor event, so dress warmly and comfortably. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you all!

Dayton Winter Coat Drive

Our Winter Coat Drive is running through December 14th! This year, all donations will be collected on behalf of the Salvation Army. You can drop off new or gently used coats at 13700 Zanzibar Lane N. Your generosity helps make the holidays a little brighter and warmer for those in need. Thank you for your continued support and kindness this season.

Dayton Food & Toy Drive

This year, we are proud to partner with Cross Services to host a food and toy drive benefiting our local community. Donations can be dropped off at either of the following locations:

City Hall - 12260 South Diamond Lake Rd
Public Works - 13700 Zanzibar Lane North

We are seeking new toys and non-perishable food items to support families in need during the holiday season. The Food & Toy Drive will run through December 4th. Thank you for your generosity and support in making this holiday season brighter for our neighbors.

City of Dayton 2026 Community Events

Medallion Hunt Begins February 2nd



The 3rd Annual Medallion Hunt begins on Monday, February 2nd! This year's Medallion Hunt is sponsored by States Manufacturing. The grand prize for the winner is \$250.00! Please remember the following contest guidelines and rules:

- The medallion will be hidden on public property within the City of Dayton.
- No digging, climbing or disassembling of park equipment is necessary to find the medallion.
- The medallion is not buried, not located in water, and not on private property.
- Participants must not deface public property or break any laws. Please observe park hours, sunrise to sunset.
- City of Dayton employees and their immediate family members are not eligible for participation.
- Participants assume all personal risk associated with the search.

The City will post the clues on the City website (daytonmn.gov), Official Facebook Page & City App at 9 a.m. on February 2nd. We look forward to your participation and wish everyone the best of luck!

Leprechaun on the Loose



March 11 - 18, 2026 | Park Hours

Cloquet Overlook Park & Elsie Stephens Park

It looks like a mischievous leprechaun has lost some gold coins between Cloquet Overlook Park and Elsie Stephens Park, and he needs your help to find them! There are 60 gold coins hidden throughout the parks. See if you can spot them all. Be sure to leave the coins on the trails so others can join in the fun.

While you are searching, keep an eye out for a rainbow, you might just find a pot of gold at the end! Feel free to take one gold coin from the pot home as a lucky keepsake. Happy hunting and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

Easter Egg Hunt... In The Parks!



Saturday, April 4th, 2026 | 8AM

Central Park, Cloquet Overlook Park & Elsie Stephens Park

We are excited to announce that our 2026 Easter Egg Hunt will have a fresh new format! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4th and join us at any of these three locations to search for Easter Eggs: Central Park, Cloquet Overlook Park and Elsie Stephens Park. This new format allows us to hide eggs a little more creatively among trees and other structures, making the hunt more engaging and accessible for kids of all ages. A few friendly reminders:

- Please take eggs that are at your height level and leave the easier or harder-to-reach eggs for others, so everyone has a chance to find some.
- No eggs will be hidden down by the Mississippi River.
- Please dress accordingly and bring your own Easter basket to collect eggs. You can start hunting as early as 8 AM and the eggs will be out while supplies last.

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Environment

Low Salt, No Salt Minnesota

D Overuse of de-icers for winter maintenance is a growing problem in Minnesota lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, and groundwater.

The leading source of chloride pollution is from deicing chemicals (salts) used for winter maintenance. Chloride damages property and the environment, harms aquatic species, and impacts drinking water quality. About 50 waterbodies in Minnesota already have dangerous chloride levels, and another 75 waterbodies are close to the danger zone. Once chloride is in a waterbody, there is no feasible way to remove it. It takes only one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water.

The leading strategy for managing chloride pollution is to be smart about its use; applying it only when, where, and in the amount needed. This also means that every effort, big or small, helps reduce chloride pollution!

EDA

Damaged Utility Boxes

The Dayton Economic Development Authority encourages property owners to contact their utility provider to repair any damaged utility box on your property.



Public Works

Winter Snow Removal Reminders

The City of Dayton Public Works team is committed to keeping streets as safe as possible. Snowfall of 2 inches or more will trigger a snow event. Staff established an order of priority, to use the staff and resources available most efficiently and effectively to us, and to allow emergency services to operate. Public Works will perform snow removal with 2 inches or more, drifting snow, icy conditions and time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use streets. It is against City ordinance to push, plow, or blow snow across or into the street. Parking is prohibited on city streets after a 2-inch snowfall. Parking may not resume on the street until it have plowed curb-to-curb. Parking on streets is prohibited between 2am-6am without a permit.

Public Works

Lawn Restoration

Snow plowing and ice control operations can cause property damage even under the best circumstances. The intent of the right-of-way is to provide snow storage, space for utilities and sidewalks. The City will place seed in areas where turf is damaged on city-owned right-of-way as the result of plowing activities. Residents are responsible for assisting with watering areas that are repaired in the spring. Landscaping materials installed (posts, shrubs, sprinkler heads and ornamentation) or encroaching on a public owned right-of-way are permitted, but the owner assumes all risk of damage and the City assumes no responsibility for damages incurred to landscaping materials as the result of snow removal and ice control activities. Please contact Public Works at (763) 427-3224 or email publicworks@daytonmn.gov to report sod damage or anything else noted above.

Public Works

Mailboxes

Damage to mailboxes is a risk that snowplow operators face during their winter plowing requirements. The City will review each mailbox damage claim. A mailbox should be installed so its bottom edge is 41" to 45" above street level with the post back from the curb or front of the box should be 6" to 8" back from the curb. That amount of clearance is needed to keep the plow's wing from hitting the box. Please visit usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm to view mailbox installation, construction standards and placement of the mailbox.

Please contact Public Works if you have further questions or email publicworks@daytonmn.gov with your address and pictures of the mailbox.

Public Works

Trash/Recycling

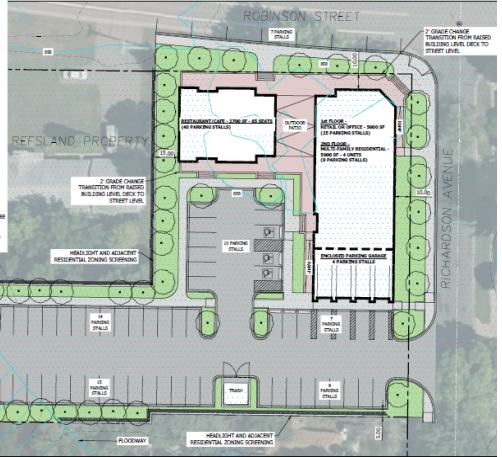
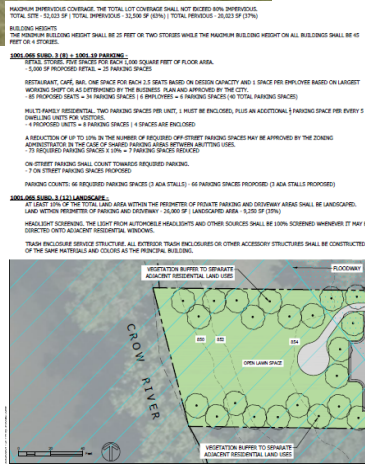
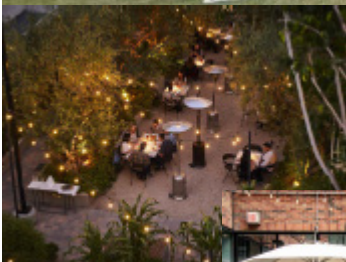
Reminder for trash and recycling collection on snow days to please place your trash and recycling containers in your driveway and do not place the container in the street for collection. Plows will not stop to move them off the street.

Planning & Zoning Development: EDA Purchases 1.2 Acres in Historic Village



In January 2025, the Economic Development Authority (EDA) purchased 1.2 acres on the southwest corner of Robinson Street (Co Rd 12) and Richardson Avenue in the Historic Village. The EDA reviewed four concept plans for redevelopment, choosing a plan for a restaurant, commercial/retail space with apartments above.

The EDA is seeking developers and restaurant operators. The property is being listed by Zach Synstegaard, IAG Commercial, zsynstegaard@iagcommercial.com (612) 860-2547.



Elevate Hennepin: Thriving Thursdays Thursday, December 18 | 11AM - 1 PM Dayton City Hall 12260 South Diamond Lake Rd, Dayton

Dayton is hosting Thriving Thursdays with Elevate Hennepin, a business-support initiative from Hennepin County that offers no-cost consulting, focused cohorts, and a hub of resources. This pop-up, in-person, office hours-style opportunity offers entrepreneurs a simple way to ask questions, learn, and identify the next step for their idea or business.

Through this monthly opportunity, entrepreneurs can connect with professional Elevate Hennepin Consultants for legal questions, marketing guidance, business strategy, and more. They also can identify resources that would support their business or idea. Participants will leave with a clear path forward or the tools to guide them. Thriving Thursdays is a collaboration between the City of Dayton EDA and Hennepin County that brings professional advisors into our city's business community for questions, conversation, and guidance. Hennepin County has contracted with dozens of professional business advisors and specialized consultants to offer expert support to local businesses in a wide range of areas. Contact a Business Navigator at Elevate@hennepin.us for assistance.

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Fire Department Message from the Fire Chief



“Our first responsibility is to protect life. We will still be responding immediately to the most serious emergencies — cardiac arrest, stroke, serious injury, and situations where seconds matter.

This update is designed to keep our firefighters healthy and available for those critical incidents. At the same time, I want residents to understand that this does create a new reality.

In certain non-emergency situations, you may see longer wait times for medical help, especially because ambulances could be 17–20 minutes away from Dayton. Please don't hesitate to call 911 if you believe it's an emergency. We will continue to evaluate this policy and adjust if community safety is affected and make adjustments as deemed necessary.

*Dayton Fire Chief,
Gary Hendrickson*

Fire Department City Council Updates Fire Department Medical Call Response Policy

New Response Model Aims to Balance Firefighter Well-Being and Community Needs. Dayton City Council has approved a change to the types of medical calls the Dayton Fire Department will respond to. The adjustment is based on a call severity ranking which classifies medical emergencies by urgency and potential risk to life. This approach helps ensure that our firefighters can focus on the most critical emergencies while maintaining a sustainable and healthy workload.

Under the updated response model, medical calls are grouped into three categories:

Priority 3 – Non-Urgent /Supportive Calls: These are low-acuity situations such as lift assists, mild allergic reactions, or general illness. The department will no longer respond automatically to these unless special circumstances apply.

Priority 2 – Urgent but Stable Calls: These involve patients who are generally conscious and stable, such as diabetic problems, moderate breathing difficulty, or falls with injury.

Priority 1 – Life-Threatening Emergencies: These are the highest-severity calls and will continue to receive **immediate response** from the Dayton Fire Department. Examples include cardiac arrest, unconsciousness, stroke, or serious trauma.

The full classification table, titled “Dayton Fire Department Medical Call Type Severity Classification with Call Data (2024–2025)

PRIORITY 3 - NON URGENT/SUPPORTIVE RESPONSE				
Call Type	Severity	Key Considerations	2024 Calls	2025 Calls
Illness (General)	3	Low acuity; monitor condition	9	38
Pain (Non-Traumatic)	3	Supportive Care Only	8	33
Medical Alarm (Unknown)	2	Welfare Check; often false alarms	1	7
Down/Unknown Problem	2	Investigate; may escalate	0	0
Lift Assist	1	No injury or complaint	8	18
Allergic Reaction (Mild)	1	Monitor for escalation	3	6
Dizzy/Faint (moved from Priority 2)	4	Cardiac or neurological cause possible	5	20
Mental Health/Behavioral (Moved from Priority 2)	4	Safety Risk; coordinate with law enforcement	0	0

PRIORITY 2- URGENT BUT STABLE MEDICAL CALLS

Call Type	Severity	Key Considerations	2024 Calls	2025 Calls
Bleed Call (Controlled)	8	May worsen; monitor for shock	4	13
Breathing Problem (Moderate)	6	Respiratory distress possible	12	35
Head Injury (Alert)	6	Risk of internal bleeding	4	2
Diabetic/Insulin Problem	6	Altered consciousness possible	1	8
Poison/Ingestion	8	Substance-dependent; poison control consult	0	0
Fall (Injury Suspected)	5	Elderly at higher risk	11	31
Broke Bone (Isolated)	5	Painful but stable	2	4
Burn to Skin (Minor/Moderate)	5	Monitor for infection or airway risk	0	

PRIORITY 1 - LIFE -THREATENING EMERGENCIES (IMMEDIATE RESPONSE)

Call Type	Severity	Key Considerations	2024 Calls	2025 Calls
Cardiac/CPR Needed	10	Immediate cardiac arrest intervention required	2	3
Unconscious/Unresponsive	10	Possible cardiac or respiratory event	5	25
Shooting/Stabbing	10	Penetrating trauma; bleeding control critical	1	1
Drowning/Near Drowning	10	Respiratory arrest; airway and resuscitation	0	0
Stroke	9	Time-critical; early intervention essential	4	15
Heart Issue/Chest Pain	9	Possible cardiac arrest; early transport needed	10	32
Choking	9	Airway obstruction; requires rapid action	2	4
Amputation	9	Severe hemorrhage; risk of shock	0	0
Overdose (Unresponsive)	9	Respiratory or cardiac compromise likely	0	0
Accident	8	Mechanism uncertain; may involve major trauma	6	24
Seizure (Active or Multiple)	7	Airway risk; postictal monitoring	4	12
CO Alarm (Symptomatic)	7	Toxic exposure; oxygen and evacuation needed	0	1
Birth of Baby	8	Dual Patient emergency; mother and infant care	0	0

Police Department Message from the Police Chief

Dear Neighbors,

With the holiday season fast approaching, we are writing to remind everyone to be extra vigilant and take proactive steps to prevent thefts from vehicles and stolen packages from our doorsteps. Unfortunately, opportunistic crime tends to increase during this time of year, and by working together, we can protect our community and belongings.



Tips for preventing thefts from vehicles:

- Remove valuables
- Park in garage or well-lit area
- Lock up your vehicle
- Be aware of your surroundings

Tips for preventing holiday package theft (porch piracy):

- Track your deliveries
- Retrieve packages promptly
- Ship to a secure location
- Require a signature
- Use security technology such as cameras

What to do if you see something suspicious?

The most important step we can take as a community is to be vigilant and report suspicious activities. If you notice any individuals or vehicles that seem out of place, please report it to our local authorities immediately. Do not confront the individuals directly. By taking these small but important precautions, we can significantly reduce our risk and help ensure a safe and happy holiday season for everyone.

Police Chief, Paul Enga

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Winter Edition

City Hall

12260 S. Diamond Lake Rd
Dayton, MN 55327
Mon-Thurs 7:30am-5pm
Fridays 8am-12pm

Public Works/Police Dept.

13700 Zanzibar Lane N
Dayton, MN 55327
Mon-Thursday 7am-4:30pm
Friday 7am-11am

City Contacts

Police Department Office

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City Hall Information

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City Administrator

763-323-4010

Planning & Zoning

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City Clerk

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Utility Billing

763-323-4003

Public Works

763-427-3224

Activity Center/Recreation

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City Council Meetings

Meetings occur the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings generally begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers. Check website for details and zoom link.

Planning Commission

Meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Rd.

Park Commission

Meetings occur on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Rd.

EDA

Meetings occur once per month on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers.

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