A special website launched by the City of Dayton in May displays continuously updated information on arrests and other policing activities.

DaytonOhio.gov/TransparencyPortal is a “one-stop” dashboard-style resource for public information related to the Dayton Police Department’s data, policies, and operations.

The online tool includes several dashboards showing crime data and information on police calls for service, arrests, use of force, and officer-involved shootings. Data is displayed by category totals and sub-totals for demographic groups (race, gender, age).

The City of Dayton assembled the portal in recognition of the importance of accountability and transparency.

A resource of this type was also a recommendation of Dayton’s Police Reform Initiative, which began in June of 2020 and resulted in acceptance of 142 recommendations by the City Commission.

The reform effort is now in the implementation phase, under the guidance of a community-based advisory group working in cooperation with the Office of the City Manager and the Dayton Police Department.

You can find a video providing an overview of Dayton’s police reform process at daytonohio.gov/ReformVideo or get more information at daytonohio.gov/PoliceReform.
New power plan runs on green energy

Dayton’s new electric aggregation plan will be powered entirely by green, renewable energy.

On May 26, the City Commission approved a new electric aggregation program for Dayton residents and small businesses, with energy generated solely by renewable sources.

The City of Dayton has selected SOPEC, the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council, to procure energy for use in Dayton.

Ohio allows municipalities to work with an aggregator to provide electric energy to eligible customers at a competitive rate. Under the Dayton program, customers would continue to be billed by the existing distributor, AES Ohio (formerly DP&L).

All eligible customers will be automatically enrolled in the new aggregation program. If a customer does not wish to participate in aggregation, opting out is available at any time. More information about the new aggregation program is being sent to Dayton residents this summer.

Electric aggregation was approved by Dayton voters in 2013 and launched in 2016. That plan was ended in 2018 because of market fluctuations. Restarting an aggregation program is a priority of the City Commission and was a recommendation included in the “Strategy for a Sustainable Dayton,” a comprehensive sustainability roadmap adopted in August 2020.

The City of Dayton’s selected broker/aggregator, SOPEC, is a non-profit council of governments. Dayton will be represented on SOPEC’s board of directors to oversee the procurement of energy for electricity customers.

The City of Dayton is proud to partner with an organization that is prioritizing sustainability and working to advance clean energy in Ohio. SOPEC also offers community grant programs for funding sustainability projects within member communities.

Dayton Delivers: Updated, easier to use

Many Dayton Delivers users asked for it, and it’s now available - a GPS-based mapping feature on the popular customer service app.

Now you can add a mapped location to service requests submitted through the mobile app or desktop version – making reporting potholes, malfunctioning streetlights, waste collection problems and other requests easier (and maybe even kind of fun).

If you are not already a Dayton Delivers user, just go to the Google Playstore or the Apple App Store for a free download. Or, use the desktop version at daytonohio.gov/daytondelivers.
Street work underway for 2021

This year’s City of Dayton street resurfacing program began April 30 and is scheduled to be complete by Aug. 31.

The effort for 2021 includes selected residential streets in every area of the city, as well as several thoroughfares.

Including the 2021 paving program, Dayton has dedicated $32.1 million to resurfacing since 2017, with funding coming from a number of sources including federal grants. This year, Dayton is resurfacing 56 lane-miles of residential streets, with $3.4 million in funds coming from the voter-approved Issue 9 in 2016. In addition, the City is resurfacing 6.7 thoroughfare lane-miles in 2021.

The residential street work is in keeping with pledges the City of Dayton made in 2016 as part of the Issue 9 (“Your Dollars, Your Neighborhood”) initiative.

To see a list of residential streets and thoroughfares scheduled for resurfacing, go to daytonohio.gov/streets2021.

In addition to resurfacing, a number of special street projects will be completed this year. These include the first phase of the comprehensive reconstruction of Salem Avenue and rehabilitation of a portion of Keowee Street.

Residents and businesses can assist in the timely completion of street paving by observing some guidelines and procedures.

Please move your vehicle when paving operations begin. The contractor will post “No Parking” signs no more than 72 hours in advance of any work and will attempt to identify and alert the owners of vehicles in the way of the paving operation prior to starting. If these vehicles are not moved in a timely manner or the owner cannot be located, the vehicles will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Once the street has been milled (old asphalt removed) the contractor has seven days (weather permitting) to put down the new asphalt surface. When resurfacing is finished and the signs and traffic control devices are removed, the street will open to traffic.

Let the sun shine: City exploring solar options

The City of Dayton is studying environmentally friendly uses of the former Kittyhawk and Madden Golf Center properties, and one of the possibilities is installation and operation of power-generating solar arrays. The two golf centers were closed in January of 2020 because of COVID-19 concerns and then shut permanently in May of 2020.

Both properties are located adjacent to Dayton Water Department facilities—Kittyhawk is by the Miami Water Treatment Plant (Wagner Ford Road), and Madden sits next to the Water Reclamation Plant (Guthrie Road).

With those locations, the City is considering using solar arrays to provide part of the power needed for the water facilities, which are major power users. Such an arrangement would reduce the City’s carbon footprint, create local energy jobs, reduce power costs at the water plants, and potentially lower rates for Dayton water customers.

Importantly, because Kittyhawk falls within the drinking water wellfield protection area, a solar installation would continue to ensure the protection of the region’s most valued resource—the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer.

The properties are currently being marketed for possible sale, but parts may remain under the ownership or management of the City of Dayton, depending on development plans and partnerships that evolve. City staff members will continue conversations with the community about potential uses of the former golf sites.

The City of Dayton will release a request for proposals (RFP) for assistance with assessing the possibilities for solar at both sites. For questions or comments about the solar feasibility study, please contact Meg Maloney in the City of Dayton Sustainability Office, at 937-333-3623 or meg.maloney@daytonohio.gov.
The record-setting real estate market and a return to relatively normal activities may be spurring the visible upturn in home improvement projects going on across the city. Knowing if a project requires a permit or other requirements (such as written plans) is the starting place for residential property improvements. Because requirements vary for different kinds of projects, checking with the Division of Building Inspection (after some online research, if you can) is essential.

For example, in the city of Dayton, adding a shed (200 sq. ft. or less) to a residential property does not require a building permit, but does require meeting some zoning guidelines and passing a zoning inspection. Getting the necessary information up-front will prevent delays or do-overs later.

To reach the Division of Building Inspection, call 937-333-3986. To find important information online, go to:

- General building inspection information: daytonohio.gov/building
- Frequently needed permit information: daytonohio.gov/permitfaqs
- Zoning information: daytonohio.gov/zoning.

**Historic Districts:** Special guidelines apply to most exterior home improvements in Dayton historic districts. For more information, go to daytonohio.gov/historiczoning, or call 937-333-4271.

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**Home improvements: Do I need a permit?**

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**Yard debris: Free drop-off location**

Residents, neighborhood groups and community organizations can dispose of green debris (leaves, branches, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc.) at no charge at the City of Dayton’s “green landfill.” Debris does not have to be bagged, bundled or sorted. The drop-off site is located at 2670 Wagner Ford Rd. Operating hours through October are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Weekend hours return in the fall (leaf drop-off season).
As Dayton’s supplier, the Dayton Department of Water wants to help homeowners and property managers better understand water service and associated costs. We’re here if you have questions; call 937-333-4900.

Summer: Water wisely
Using a sprinkler when the sun is out is not as effective because much of the water evaporates before it can make it into the soil! Watering in the early morning or later evening hours provides a much better chance of making the yard greener, with cost savings over mid-day watering. Want even more savings? Consider switching from a sprinkler to a drip irrigation system. These systems put the water exactly where it needs to go, right at ground level, so evaporation is less likely to be a problem.

How to shut off water
Homeowners have many reasons to shut off the water to their homes from time to time—including repairs, leaks, etc. If you request a shut-off by Dayton Water, there will be a $55 fee.

To avoid the expense, you can turn off the water at the main water valve, usually found in your home’s utility room or basement (or in the meter pit, read the following section). Older homes often have a wheel-shaped shut-off valve, whereas newer homes usually have a lever-style valve.

What’s my responsibility to maintain?
Next time you’re outside, look for your home’s curb stop and water meter pit. A curb stop is about the size of a softball and is usually located at the edge of your property, by the sidewalk. This is where Dayton Water staff can access your water system when needed, and it’s the City's responsibility to maintain it. Water meter pits are about the size of a dinner plate and are usually located around 3 ft. from the curb stop. In addition to a water meter, this pit may also house shut-off valves. The homeowner maintains this access point and keeps it up to code.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
The City of Dayton wants your input on potential uses for the $138 million expected from the American Rescue Plan Act.

In the coming weeks, the City will host a series of meetings and provide a survey for Daytonians to provide input on how to best improve the community using these funds.

Details will be shared on daytonohio.gov and City social media channels.
The Dayton Fire Department and Dayton Children’s are partnering to provide an advanced medical treatment course for DFD paramedics.

The training, known as PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), is an intense 8-hour class that consists of an in-depth review of medical and trauma emergencies affecting young patients, as well as hands-on training with child-sized mannequins and equipment.

DFD members across all fire stations were able to rotate through the training, which was provided by a team of instructors from both DFD and Dayton Children’s. This community partnership between the two agencies is an outstanding collaboration to benefit Dayton’s residents, particularly the youngest and most vulnerable.

The City of Dayton and Dayton Fire Department thank the senior leadership of Dayton Children’s for their support of this training endeavor, including CEO Deborah Feldman and Chief Nursing Officer Jayne Gmeiner, as well as the daily efforts of EMS Instructor Mike Grunkemeyer during the course.

For helpful information on childhood safety and injury prevention, go to childrensdayton.org/safekids.

Dumping in Dayton? Smile for the camera!

Residents can help by reporting illegal dumping

The City of Dayton continues to fight illegal dumping and is asking residents to join in the effort to protect neighborhoods and the environment.

Last year, Dayton spent about $600,000 in labor, equipment and disposal costs to remove 3,611 tons (2,315 truckloads) of debris from illegal dumpsites across the city. These taxpayer dollars could have been dedicated to other needs, such as filling potholes and mowing parks.

Dumped debris can attract more dumping, create loose or blowing litter, release toxic substances, attract rodents, affect property values and negatively impact the quality of life in neighborhoods.

The City of Dayton monitors for illegal dumping with a network of cameras, which can collect evidence for criminal prosecution. The City and the Montgomery County Environmental Crimes Task Force prosecuted 13 dumpers in Dayton in 2020.

Dumping can be reported by calling 937-333-4800 or at daytonohio.gov/reportadumper. When vehicles are observed, please report the color and make, license plate number and any identifying markings when possible.

Dayton waste collection customers can schedule free bulk pickup at 937-333-4800 or by using the Dayton Delivers customer service app. Residents may also dispose of bulk materials at the Montgomery Country transfer station (1001 Encrete Ln., Moraine) for a nominal fee.
Summer favorites are back, with a splash

Following a year of cancellations and uncertainties, most of Dayton’s favorite summer activities are returning to parks and entertainment venues across the city.

The Dept. of Recreation and Youth Services presents free-admission music festivals each summer. The series returns in 2021, with the following occurring at the Levitt Pavilion Dayton (134 S. Main St.), from 1 to 9 p.m. The lineup for this summer:
Blues Festival, Sunday, July 18
Funk Festival, Sunday, August 15
Reggae Festival, Sunday, Sept. 5

Splash, without the cash: Dayton’s spray parks are free and open from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year, operating from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Each spray park offers plenty of fun ways to cool down, including water cannons, dumping buckets, water slides and more. Please review the rules and reminders posted at each site before enjoying the space.

Fairview Aquatic Center, 2262 Elsmere Ave.
Five Oaks Park, 329 Five Oaks Ave.
Mallory Park, 3037 Germantown St.
McIntosh Park, 882 W. Riverview Ave.
Stuart Patterson Park, 238 Baltimore St.
Walnut Hills Park, 2300 block, Wayne Ave.
Washington Park, 3620 E. Second St.

Hoops-R-Us: Dept. of Public Works staff re-installed basketball hoops at parks in May. The hoops had been removed in 2020 to help enforce social distancing guidelines.

For information on activities, call 937-333-8400 or go to daytonohio.gov/rys.

Honoring a fallen hero:

A three-block section of East Monument Street (Main Street to Patterson Boulevard) was dedicated on June 10 in honor of Detective Jorge DelRio, who was killed in the line of duty in November of 2019. Family members, Dayton Police Dept. personnel and City of Dayton officials attended the ceremony at the corner of Monument and Patterson.
City Hall: Ludlow entrance is closed
Do you usually pay your quarterly water/waste collection bill at the City Hall customer service center? If you haven’t visited lately, you’ll find the Ludlow Street entrance is closed while a new fully accessible entrance is constructed. Please enter from West Third Street, or use the dropbox (temporarily located on the west wall of City Hall, off Third Street). There are other options for paying your City of Dayton bills:

- Go to paydaytonwater.com
- Visit Family Dollar or CVS stores in Dayton (bring your latest bill).

Questions? Call 937-333-4800.

Airport: Parking lots have re-opened
The economy lot at Dayton International Airport is the latest to re-open, following a nearly year-long COVID-19-related shutdown. Most on-airport parking options now have reduced rates for your traveling convenience (the economy lot costs just $5 per day; the long-term lot charge is $10 per day, maximum). For information on parking, flights and more at DAY, go to flydayton.com or call 937-454-8200.