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# The Communicator

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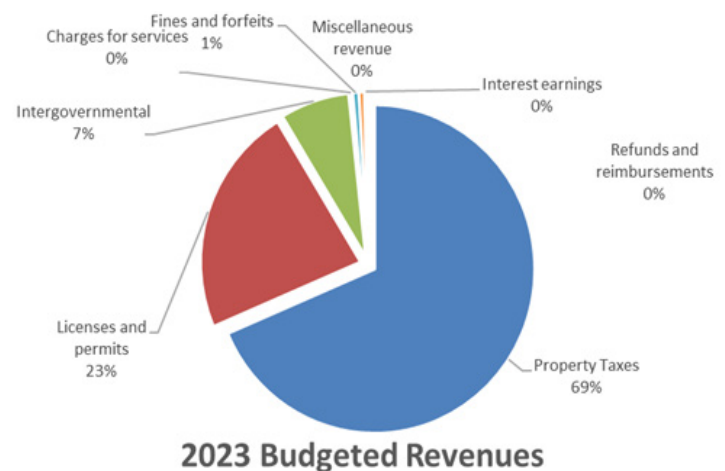
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## City Council Approves 2023 General Fund Budget

The City Council approved the 2023 General Fund Budget on December 13, 2022. The budget allows the City to continue to provide a full range of services for residents and businesses including police and fire protection along with maintenance of local roads.

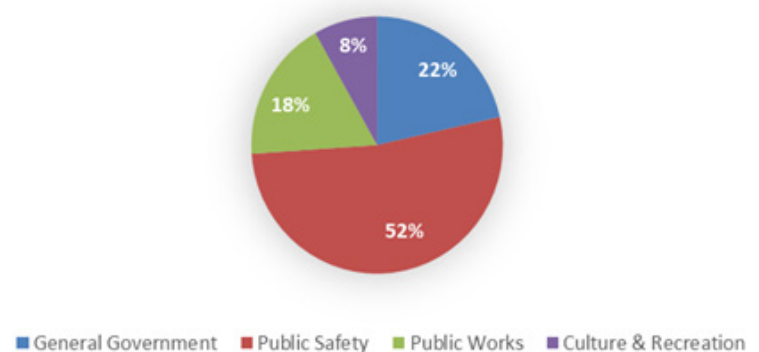
Public Works services include snow plowing, park construction and general maintenance. Administration services at city hall including permits, planning and utility billing. Some of the goals set during the annual budget process include the following, decrease the tax rate, continue to fund the pavement management levy to support future transportation projects and pavement management needs across the city and maintain service level and increase in key areas to support ever increasing demands of our residents.

The City approved the final budget which resulted in a reduction in the City tax rate from 48.44% to 35.59%. The increased tax capacity with new construction has greatly assisted in reducing this tax rate for the third year in a row and the lowest tax rate that Dayton has seen in well over 2 decades. For additional information, please select City Council Meetings on the website and view the December 13th Truth in Taxation Presentation.



**General Fund revenues come primarily from property taxes, licenses and permits. See 2023 Budget Revenue breakdown with the total revenue budgeted at \$6,693,830.**

## 2023 Budgeted Expenditures



**General fund expenditures are shown across the major departments of public safety, general government, public works, and culture/recreation. Total budgeted expenditures of \$6,693,830 match the revenue below.**

# Snow Safety

## Winter Parking Restrictions

No parking is allowed on City streets between the hours of 2 am and 6 am. Vehicles should refrain from parking on the street during and after a snowfall event until the plows have cleared the street to avoid vehicles being towed.

## Please Keep Fire Hydrants Clear!

Hydrants must be readily accessible to firefighters. To operate a hydrant, fire crews need a minimum of a 3 ft. perimeter around the hydrant. Once the hydrant is cleared, the space must be maintained. The City appreciates voluntary efforts of the residents who clear their neighborhood fire hydrants.

## Freeze Out Winter Fires

Did you know most home fires occur in the winter and peak in January. Each year in the United States there is more than \$2 billion in property loss due to winter home fires.

- Keep all doors and windows that could be used for an escape route clear of snow and ice.
- Keep all vents — fireplace, dryer, furnace and oven — clear of snow, ice and debris.
- Never use a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes.
- If you lose power, use flashlights, not candles.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heat sources; do not use your oven to heat your home.

## Planning Commission Opening

The City has an immediate opening on the Planning Commission. If you are interested, please apply and send your application to [abenting@cityofdaytonmn.com](mailto:abenting@cityofdaytonmn.com). The Planning Commission reviews all development applications including new residential, commercial and industrial projects. The Planning Commission works collaboratively with staff reviewing, discussing and making recommendations on zoning ordinance updates, zoning map amendments and is actively involved in the comprehensive plan update. Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm

## Street light out?

Please call the City at (763) 427-3224 and have the location and street light number (located on pole) The City will contact the appropriate power company for repair.

Repairs to street lights are the responsibility of the power company serving your neighborhood. Please be patient as it can take 7-10 days for the pole to be repaired.



## Snowmobile Safety Tips



Snowmobiles may be ridden in the City of Dayton on City streets at speeds less than 20mph, **excluding** Dayton River Road (Co Rd 12), North Diamond Lake (Co Rd 144), Brockton Lane (Co Rd 13), Fernbrook Lane (Co Rd 121) and County Road 81 or any highways. Hours of permitted operation are Monday - Thursday from 7am until 11pm, and Friday to Sunday from 7am until 1am.

Your snowmobiles must have the standard equipment of headlight, tail light, reflective material of at least 16 square inches, adequate brakes and dead man's throttle. Any questions, please contact our office at (763) 427-2017.

### Please review the following safety tips:

- Watch the weather and check trail conditions
- Don't drink alcohol and ride, do not ride with people who drink and ride.
- Never ride alone, this way if one machine is disabled, you have another to get help.
- Dress for safety and survival
- Slow down! Excessive speed is a major factor in many accidents, especially at night.
- Stay to the right. Almost every trail is a "two way" trail, so stay to the far right of the trail, especially on hills and corners. Obey all trail signs and cross roadways with extreme caution.
- Stay on the trail or stay home. Trespassing is a major complaint about snowmobilers and can result in trail closure. Always stay on designated snowmobile trails. Only ride private property when you have land owners permission.
- It is safest to avoid riding on lakes and rivers. If you must ride on ice, wear a life jacket over your outer clothing. Stay on the marked trail.
- Take a snowmobile Safety Training Course

# Snow Plow Safety

## Motorist Safety:

- Plows travel slower than other vehicles. Reduce speeds and do not crowd plows.
- Do not pass snow removal equipment while it is plowing and never drive into the snow cloud.
- Keep your distance from the trucks plowing or spreading salt. Frequent backing is necessary during these operations and visibility of the vehicle is restricted.

## Child Safety:

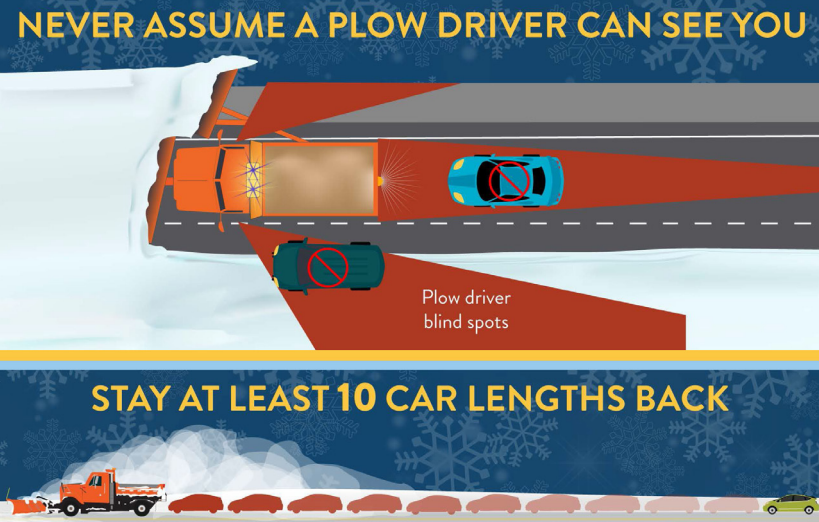
- Stay away from the plow. If a plow is on your street, children should stay back at least 20 feet or more from the road. Please have children play near the home as snow plows approach. Snow discharged from the plow can be wet and heavy.
- Keep sleds and toys away from the street and away from edge of road. Snow banks make it difficult for drivers to see. Children should never play near the edge of the road.
- Please refrain from building tunnels/snow forts near the street. The force and weight of the snow coming off the plows can collapse the tunnels or forts.

## Driveway Clearing Tips

With the recent substantial snow storms that we have experienced, staff has had a number of resident questions about snow plowing and snow management. The main focus of these enquiries is snow deposited at the end of the driveway after the plow passes by, keeping hydrants clear, and snow around mailboxes. It is always difficult to keep the end of the driveway clear, and it is frustrating for residents who have cleared the end of the driveway only to have a plow come around and fill it back in again, it is also frustrating for the plow drivers, we do not want to create more work for residents than is absolutely necessary.

A few things to consider to lessen the impact of the snow plowing operation, if we are experiencing a multiple day snow event, the staff will conduct several partial plows to keep main roads and residential streets open, cul-de-sacs will have one pass to maintain resident access, trails other than safe routes to school will not be plowed. Once the snow has stopped staff will commence a full plow that will include plowing curb to curb as close as possible to keep streets functioning at optimum levels. Residents should wait to clear driveways until the plow has come by during the full plow, if possible.

When cleaning driveways, please make sure that the snow from the driveway is pushed up behind the curb and not piled in the street. If it is piled in the street, the plow will push the snow back into the driveway. The diagram shows how residents can clear their driveways to reduce the volume of snow deposited by the plow at driveway entrances. The plow will always deposit snow in the driveway; however, following the diagram will limit the impact and avoid a pile of snow at the driveway entrance. *(continued...)*



City staff need to maintain the width of the streets within the City so that cars can pass each other and allow for school buses, garbage haulers, post office deliveries, delivery trucks and public safety vehicles to navigate the streets safely where cars may be parked on the street. Public Works Staff will be widening out streets as much as possible. This may result in snow being pushed back into yards. We will make every possible effort to avoid depositing snow in driveways or damage to property.

## Mailboxes

Plow drivers do their best to get as close to the mail boxes as possible. Clearing the residual snow so that mail can be delivered, is the responsibility of the resident. Damage to the mailboxes happens from time to time, however, the City will only replace mailboxes if the snow plow has made contact with them. In many circumstances, the mailboxes or posts are damaged from the impact of the snow coming off of the plow. Please inspect the damage to determine if the plow hit the mailbox before reporting the damage to Public Works (763) 427-3224.

## Snow Plow Contest Winner

The 2nd Annual Snow Plow contest winner name is **Plow Bunyan**. The City received 50 submissions this year. Over 100 people voted and **Plow Bunyan** received the most votes.

## A smart way to shovel your drive

*How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:*



Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Graphic: Jim Freitag, Minneapolis Star Tribune

# Activity Center

18461 Dayton Street Dayton, MN 55327  
(763) 710-1268

Thank you for joining our festivities!



## Dayton 4 Life Adult Wellness

Join our Community: [facebook.com/groups/dayton4life](https://facebook.com/groups/dayton4life)

Move Younger Wellness Workshop

FREE to Dayton Residents (a \$75 value!)

Tuesday, January 31st | 5:15p-6:15p

Thursday, February 2nd | 9:00a-10:00a

Refreshments provided

Attend one or both workshops! Please register at: [www.cityofdaytonmn.com](http://www.cityofdaytonmn.com). Who says aging is all downhill? Adjust your aging trajectory and feel younger for longer! We meet you where you are at, and at any age. Only 35 but feel 75 when you try to get off the floor? Only 60 but feeling 90? Learn how to change the way you move, so you can immediately change the way you feel.

This workshop is a great introduction to our **Move Younger Wellness Series** and we will be using your feedback during the workshops to shape our future wellness classes! Don't miss out!



## Seasonal Soup Social Series

11a-1p

Nov 16 | Dec 7 | Jan 18

Feb 15 | Mar 15

Join us for a soup luncheon & community connection

Dayton Activity Center | 18461 Dayton St, Dayton, MN

\$5 Suggested Donation

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