## January 2025

#### City Hall

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

**Police Department** 

13700 Zanzibar Lane N Dayton, MN 55327 Mon-Thursday 8am-5pm Friday 8am-1:30pm

## **City Contacts**

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Planning & Zoning

763-712-3221

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## **Dayton Council**

Mayor Dennis Fisher (763) 290-0501

Council Member David Fashant (612) 710-9148

Council Member Scott Salonek (612) 850-8684

Council Member Sara Van Asten (612) 804-6833

Council Member Stephanie Henderson (763) 238-2560 PRST STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID TWIN CITIES, MN PERMIT NO. 1024

## **City Council Meetings**

Meetings typically 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 located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Rd. Check website for details on meetings and zoom link.

## **Planning Commission**

Meetings typically 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 Road

#### **Park Commission**

Meetings typically 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 Road

#### **EDA**

Meetings typically occur once per month on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30am and are held at Dayton City Hall Council Chambers located at 12260 South Diamond Lake Road



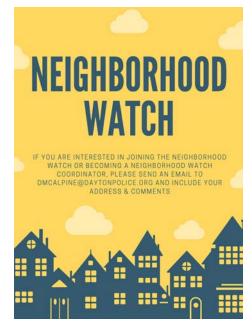






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# Police Department Ice Safety

If you head out to one of Dayton's lakes or rivers to ice fish, snowmobile, ATV, cross-country ski, or just to enjoy a winter day, we want you to have fun and be safe. Advanced planning and practice with basic ice precautions can help you return home safely.

#### When is ice safe?

There really is no sure answer, and no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. You can't judge the strength of ice by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Ice strength is based on a combination of factors, and they can vary from water body, water chemistry and currents. For additional information, please visit www.dnr.state. mn.us

#### Safety Tips

- Dress warmly in layers.
- Don't go alone. Head out with friends or family. Take a cell phone and make sure someone knows where you are and when you expect to return.
- Don't travel in areas you are not familiar and don't travel at night or during reduced visibility.
- Avoid inlets and outlets that may have current that can thin the ice.
- Look for clear ice, which is generally stronger than ice with snow on it or bubbles in it.
- Carry basic safety gear such as ice picks, cell phone, life jacket, ropes and make sure they are accessible.



Live the difference.

The City Council approved the 2025 General Fund Budget on December 10, 2024. 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 and parks. Some of the goals set during the annual budget process include the following:

- Maintain or decrease the tax rate
- Continue to fund the pavement management levy to support future transportation projects and pavement management needs across the city
- 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 35.64% in 2024 to 35.44% in 2025. The increased tax capacity with new construction has greatly assisted us in keeping the tax rate very steady over the last several years when surrounding communities are seeing increased tax rates to keep up with the ever-changing economy.

Table below shows the tax capacity change of the City by property type from 2024-2025.

Property Type	_20	2023 Pay 2024		24 Pay 2025	% Change	\$ Change	
Commercial/Industrial	\$	5,400,571	\$	7,591,184	40.56%	2,190,613	
Apartment		61,488		48,313	-21.43%	(13,175)	
Residential		16,800,432		18,451,617	9.83%	1,651,185	
Agriculture		763,513		725,054	-5.04%	(38,459)	
Other		179,113		247,238	38.03%	68,125	
Total	\$	23,205,117	\$	27,063,406	16.63%	3,858,289	

Residents may not be impacted by tax rate if the value of your home stayed the same; the following table shows the City portion of taxes to be paid in 2025 when compared to 2024.

#### CITY OF DAYTON IMPACT ON TAX BILL

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			\$ Increase /	2024	2025	\$ Increase /				
		2025	(decrease)	Monthly	Monthly	(decrease)				
Value of Home	2024 Actual	Preliminary	Annual	Payable	Payable	Monthly				
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 1,247.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ (7.00)	\$ 103.92	\$ 103.33	\$ (0.58)				
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 1,426.00	\$ 1,418.00	\$ (8.00)	\$ 118.83	\$ 118.17	\$ (0.67)				
\$ 450,000.00	\$ 1,604.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ (9.00)	\$ 133.67	\$ 132.92	\$ (0.75)				
\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 1,772.00	\$ (10.00)	\$ 148.50	\$ 147.67	\$ (0.83)				
\$ 525,000.00 *	\$ 1,893.00	\$ 1,883.00	\$ (10.00)	\$ 157.75	\$ 156.92	\$ (0.83)				
\$ 600,000.00	\$ 2,227.00	\$ 2,215.00	\$ (12.00)	\$ 185.58	\$ 184.58	\$ (1.00)				
\$ 700,000.00	\$ 2,673.00	\$ 2,658.00	\$ (15.00)	\$ 222.75	\$ 221.50	\$ (1.25)				

<sup>\*</sup> Average 2024 home value.

#### Planning & Zoning

## **Economic Development Authority**

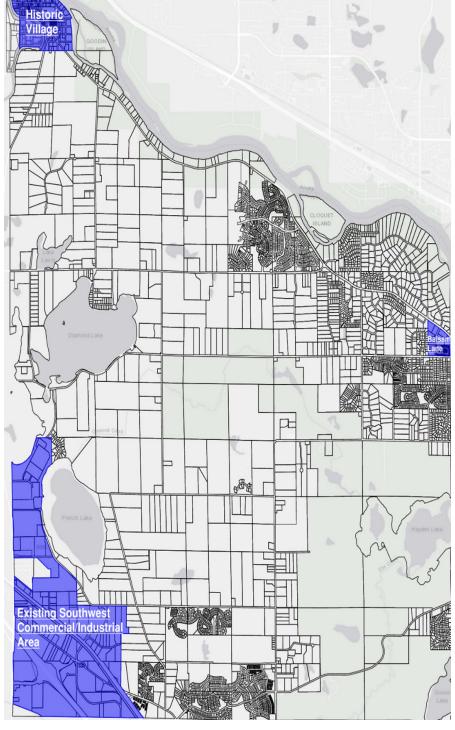
## **Economic Development Authority**

The mission of the EDA is to promote economic growth in the City of Dayton through the attraction of new business, retention of existing business and promotion of managed growth and redevelopment of key areas by providing resources that enable development and enhance the quality of life in Dayton. The EDA addresses ways to enhance economic development at the direction of the City Council in order to meet the City's goals. The EDA consists of seven members including two City Councilmembers and five members of the Dayton business community or residents of the City of Dayton with business and/or economic development expertise, each with an interest in promoting the economic growth and development of the City of Dayton.

## Dayton EDA Revolving Loan Fund

The revolving loan program was established to offer low-interest loans for business start-ups, expansions, and retention within the EDA high priority area (see map). Revolving loans can be up to \$50,000 at a maximum 2% interest rate. The funds from the loan can be used by business owners for the purchase of equipment, property, or to assist with new construction or renovations.

Interested in finding out more about how the Dayton EDA can help with your business success?
For more information, contact Jon Sevald, Community Development Director at (763)-712-3221 or jsevald@cityofdaytonmn.com.



#### Other Resources for Local Business Assistance

- www.elevatehennepin.org
- metrocouncil.org
- mn.gov/deed
- SBA.gov

### City Administration

## **Administration Announcements**

#### **New Domain Name Beginning March 1st**

The City of Dayton is pleased to announce the launch of its new website domain **www.daytonmn.gov** effective March 1st. This update marks a pivital moment in the city's digital evolution, replacing the previous domain with a fresh and more intuitive web address. In addition, City email addresses will be updated to reflect the new domain (example@daytonmn.gov) Please visit the Contact Us page on the City website to view the updated email addresses.

#### **City Website Redesign in Process**

The City of Dayton is in the process of updating the website to improve functionality, update content, and launch a refreshed design. The new design will include a user friendly experience, updating to the most current ADA compliance, and increasing resident engagement by adding a notification system. The site will be live early to late summer 2025.

#### City to Charge Credit Card fee of 2.95%

Effective March 1, 2025, transaction fees will apply to all credit and debit card payments. The per transaction fees will be 2.95% with a minimum fee of \$1.95. The fee is collected directly by the card processor and not the City. If you would like to avoid fees, please use check or ACH payment from bank account.

#### Planning & Zoning

#### **States Manufacturing Leases Cubes Building**

States Manufacturing based in Champlin, is a manufacturer of specialty Power Distribution Products including Switchgear, Switchboards, E-Houses, and Custom Skidded Solutions, employing 117 FTE. In December, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awarded States \$840,000 from the Job Creation Fund (JCF) and a \$1,960,000 forgivable loan from the Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF). The \$2.8 million awards will assist States' \$24 million investment in leasing 500,000 sq ft of The Cubes, site improvements, building renovations, machinery and equipment purchases. States will create 340 jobs by April 2027, paying about \$66,000 per year. States' Champlin facility will remain.

The JCF program provides incentives for new and expanding businesses that meet certain job creation targets. The MIF program provides financing to create and retain jobs in Minnesota with a focus on industrial, manufacturing, and technology related industries.

The Cubes is a 1 million sq ft facility completed in 2022, located at 11500 Dayton Parkway. The 61 acre property includes the former French Lake Open Golf Course. At the time of completion, it was the largest speculative distribution center in Minnesota.

#### Environment

#### **Chloride Pollution**

Did you know that one teaspoon of salt pollutes 5 gallons of water forever? When de-icing salt (a.k.a. chloride) enters bodies of water, there is no easy way to remove it. Chloride harms plants and animals, contaminates drinking water, damages buildings, and corrodes vehicles, roads and bridges.

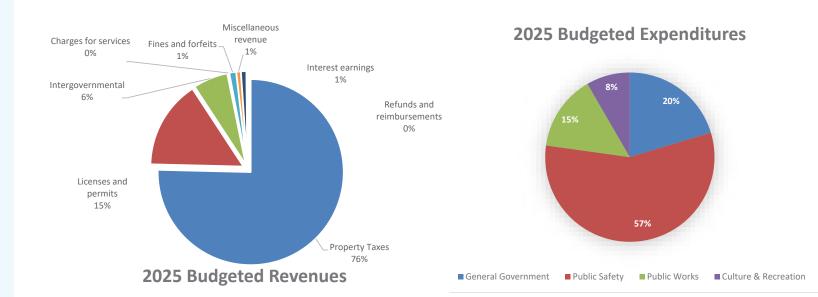
## Actions you can take at home when managing snow and ice this winter:

- **1.** Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm to prevent ice buildup.
- 2. Add an ice scraper to your toolbox. These are often more effective than salt when ice has built up on sidewalks and driveways.
- **3.** Read the label on your deicer to make sure it will properly work in the current weather conditions. At low temperatures, typically colder than 15 degrees F, regular road salt will not melt ice.
- **4.** Use sand or grit for traction when temperatures are too cold for salt to work.
- **5.** Use salt sparingly. Generally, aim to have salt granules dispersed three inches apart.

To reduce chloride pollution, West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) is offering one-on-one consultations to facilities to address salt use and improve snow and ice management, all while keeping communities safe, increasingly environmental well-being, and decreasing winter maintenance and infrastructure

For more information about chloride consultations, please contact Grace Barecelow, Conservations Specialist at grace.barcelow@hennepin.us or call (612) 543-9295

	2	024 Budget	2025 Budget	_	Increase Decrease)	% Change of Overall Levy
Base Levy						
General Fund		5,929,085	6,480,700	\$	551,615	6.99%
Capital Equipment		750,000	1,020,000		270,000	3.42%
Park Capital Equipment		30,000	45,000		15,000	0.19%
Capital Facilities		370,000	220,000		(150,000)	-1.90%
Pavement Management		600,000	800,000		200,000	2.54%
<b>Total Base Levy</b>		7,679,085	8,565,700		886,615	11.24%
<b>Debt Service</b> 2016A Improvement Bonds		210,000	210,000			0.00%
2010/1 Improvement Bonds		210,000	210,000			0.0070
<b>Total Debt Service Levy</b>		210,000	210,000		-	0.00%
<b>Total General Levy</b>	\$	7,889,085	\$ 8,775,700	\$	886,615	11.24%
EDA Levy						
EDA General Fund		-				0.00%
Total EDA Levy		-	-		-	0.00%
<b>Total City Wide Levy</b>	\$	7,889,085	\$ 8,775,700	\$	886,615	11.24%

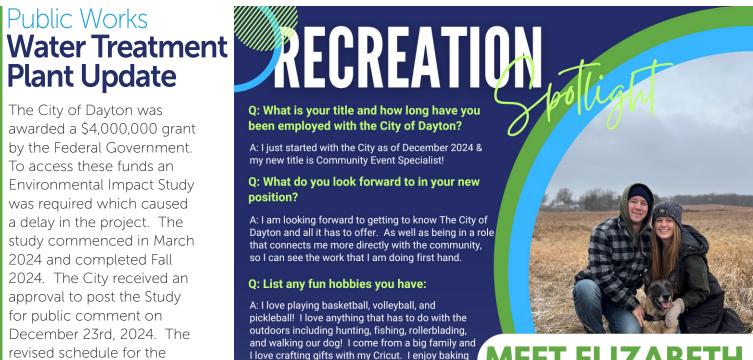


General Fund revenues come primarily from property taxes followed by license and permits. See 2025 budgeted revenue breakdown above with total revenue budgeted at \$8,596,500.

General fund expenditures are shown above across the major departments of public safety, general government, public works, and culture/recreation. Total budgeted expenditures of \$8,596,500 match the revenue above.

# Public Works

The City of Dayton was awarded a \$4,000,000 grant by the Federal Government. To access these funds an Environmental Impact Study was required which caused a delay in the project. The study commenced in March 2024 and completed Fall 2024. The City received an approval to post the Study for public comment on December 23rd, 2024. The revised schedule for the project is to be determined and the city is anticipating the project to begin April 2025, with a completion date late in 2025. If you have additional questions, please email



#### Q: What is a good quote to live by? A: If your not stretching yourself, your not growing!

#### Q: Tell us three fun facts.

- I have a sister that is 4 years younger than me and we are always mistaken as twins
- I have studied abroad in Dublin, Ireland
- I think I make Crumbl Dark Dream Cookie bette

### Recreation & Events

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## **Upcoming Activities & Events**



#### Medallion Hunt begins February 1st

Bundle up and get your thinking caps on Dayton! The 2nd Annual Winter Medallion Hunt is near! Gather your friends and family and make your way around the City of Dayton in search of the medallion piece. The first clue will be given on February 1st at 9 a.m. The clue will be posted in the following locations:

- City Hall Front Door
- City Website Annoucement Section
- City Official Facebook page
- City App

If the medallion is found, please email activitycenter@ cityofdaytonmn.com with time, location & photo with the medallion.

For contest rules, please visit the city website!

## Fire Department

#### Smoke Alarms: Make Them WORK for You!

Over the last guarter, our Dayton Elementary school friends worked extremely hard on their fire safety posters. The state theme this year was "Smoke Alarms: Make Them WORK for You!" and the students really brought their talent forward! The following student's won the Dayton Fire Department Experience along with having their posters sent to the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association for a chance at the overall state prize to be featured as the cover for an issue of the Fire Chief! Winners will also receive cash prizes. Congratulations to the following students: Paisley B, Makenna B, Sharon P, Skylar F, Marwa A and Alyah B!





