



RESIDENT SURVEY

2023

# DEMOGRAPHICS

WHO TOOK OUR SURVEY?

2023: 328 PARTICIPANTS

2021: 324 Participants

**99%** DAYTON RESIDENTS

## AGE RANGE

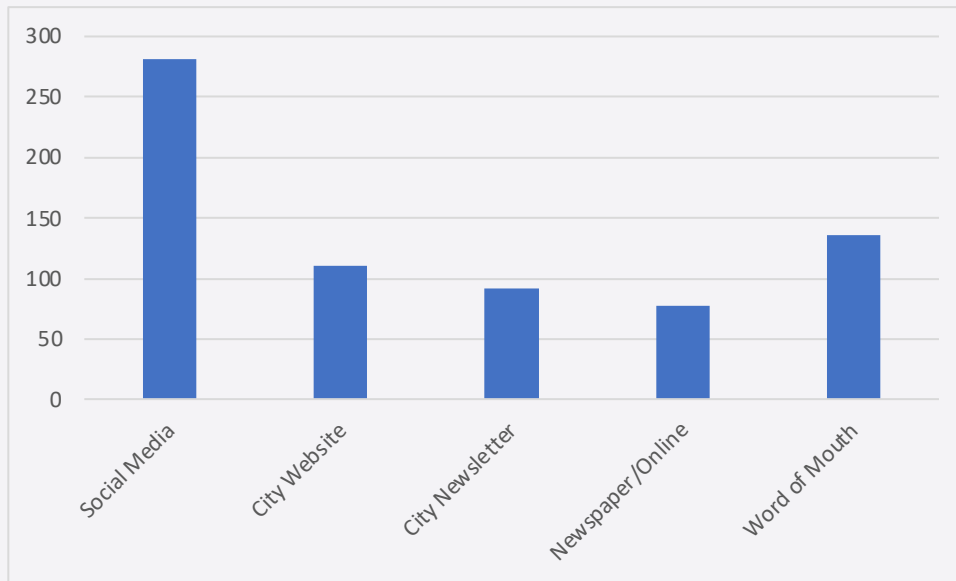
<18	18-29	30-49	50-69	70+
2%	13%	36%	40%	9%

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN DAYTON?

LESS THAN A YEAR: 5%	10 TO 20 YEARS: 20%
1 TO 5 YEARS: 21%	MORE THAN 20 YEARS: 41%
6 TO 10 YEARS: 13%	

**81% HOMEOWNERS**  
**19% RENTERS**

## Where do you get your City news and information?

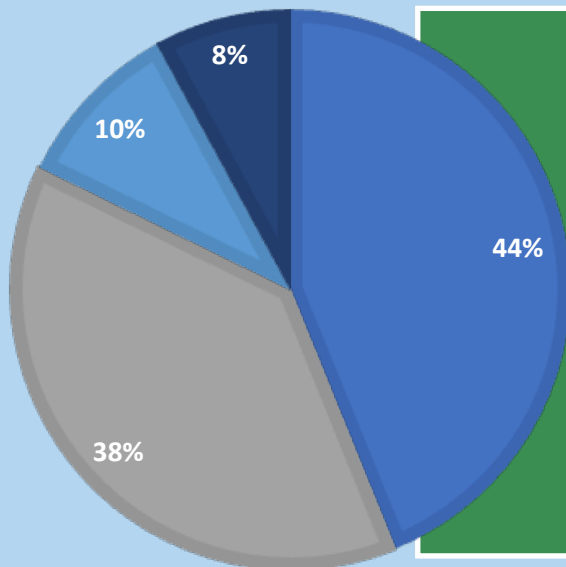


Survey respondents indicated that they receive news related to the City of Dayton via social media more than any other source and increased from the 2021 Survey. Word of mouth was the second most chosen option with city website, city newsletter and newspaper/online news source coming in third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

This survey was conducted via the City’s social media pages; therefore, the results of this survey could be biased toward social media as a news source. In future surveys, options should be given outside social media channels for residents to participate. Adding paper copies with the mailing of property tax bills

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Not Good

## Rate your experience with a city employee.

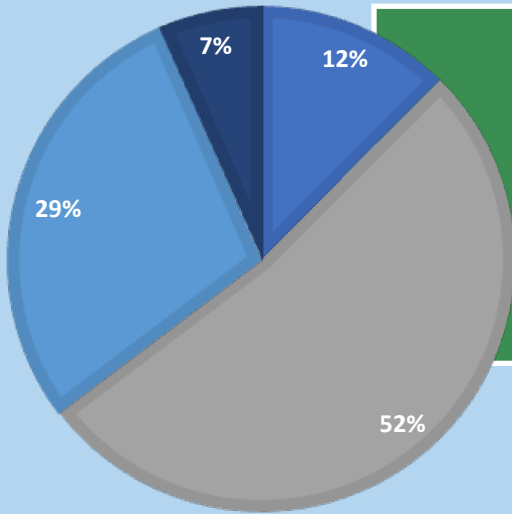


City employees received high marks from residents in this survey with 44% rating “excellent” and 38% (-4) rating staff interactions as “good.” This question received more positive feedback than any other, indicating that the residents of Dayton are generally pleased with the service rendered by City of Dayton Staff.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
<b>2023</b>	44%	38%	10%	8%
<b>2021</b>	44%	42%	10%	4%

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Not Good

## Rate City of Dayton parks.



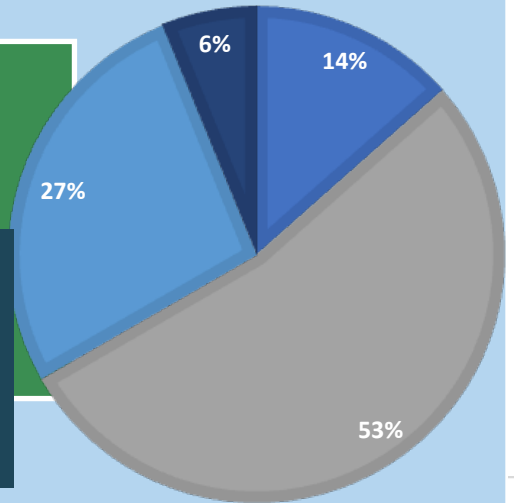
Dayton parks received an overall “good” rating from survey respondents with 52% (-10). Only seven percent of survey takers rated City of Dayton Parks as “not good.” 2023’s saw a slight increase in more negative selections from residents, Fair increased 6% and Not Good increased by 3%.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
<b>2023</b>	12%	52%	29%	7%
<b>2021</b>	11%	62%	23%	4%

## Rate City of Dayton events.

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Not Good

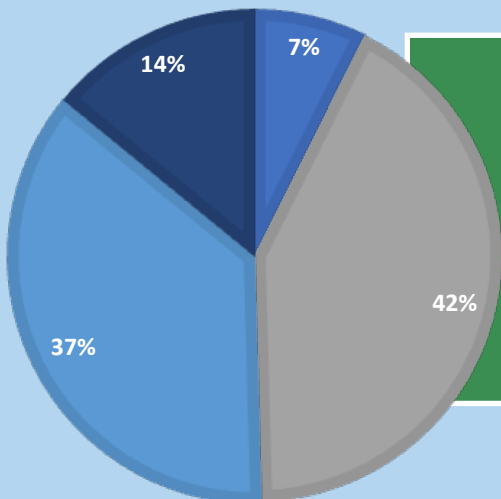
Dayton events also received an overall “good” rating with 53% (-4). Many respondents noted a need for improved communication about events from the City in their comments.



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
<b>2023</b>	14%	53%	27%	6%
<b>2021</b>	12%	57%	25%	6%

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Not Good

## Rate the City of Dayton’s downtown.

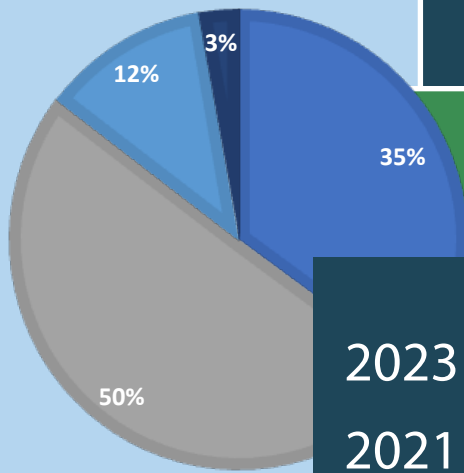


Dayton’s downtown received mixed reviews with the majority of respondents rating it as either “good” (42%) or “fair.” (37%). While many respondents noted that downtown has improved, there was wide agreement that more needed to be done in this area.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
<b>2023</b>	7%	42%	37%	14%
<b>2021</b>	6%	39%	43%	12%

- I always feel safe in Dayton
- I feel safe in Dayton most of the time
- I feel safe in Dayton only sometimes
- I do not feel safe in Dayton

## How would you rate safety in Dayton?



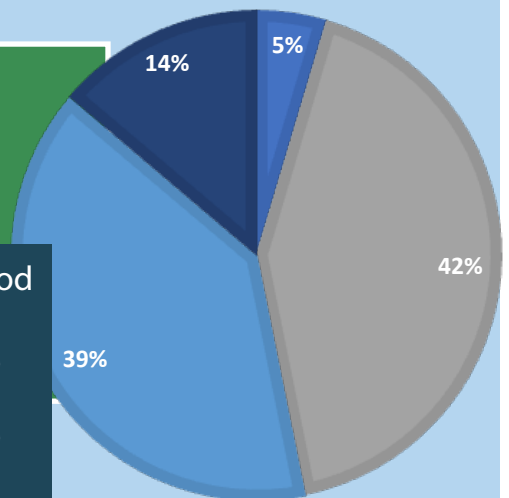
Safety in Dayton received generally high marks with 35% (+10) of respondents choosing "I always feel safe in Dayton" and 50% electing to choose "I feel safe in Dayton most of the time."

	Always	Most	Sometimes	Not Safe
<b>2023</b>	35%	50%	12%	3%
<b>2021</b>	25%	61%	11%	3%

## Rate City of Dayton streets.

Dayton streets received an overall "good" review with many respondents writing comments concerning potholes and overall road conditions. Streets had an overall "fair" score during the last survey. Street repaving in the past year could explain this boost in score.

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Not Good

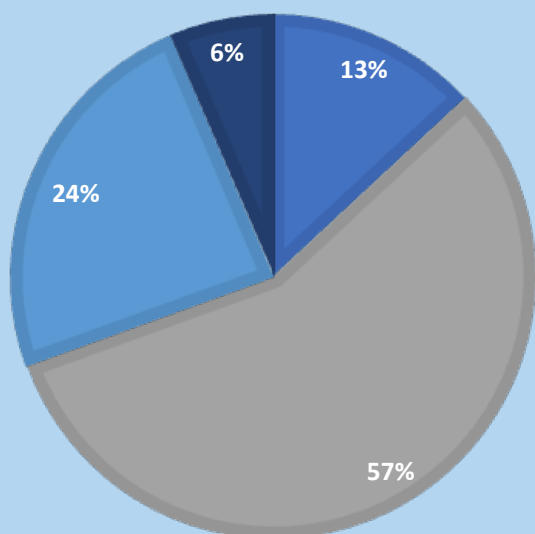


	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
<b>2023</b>	5%	42%	39%	14%
<b>2021</b>	3%	36%	48%	13%

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Not Good

## Rate the City of Dayton as a whole.

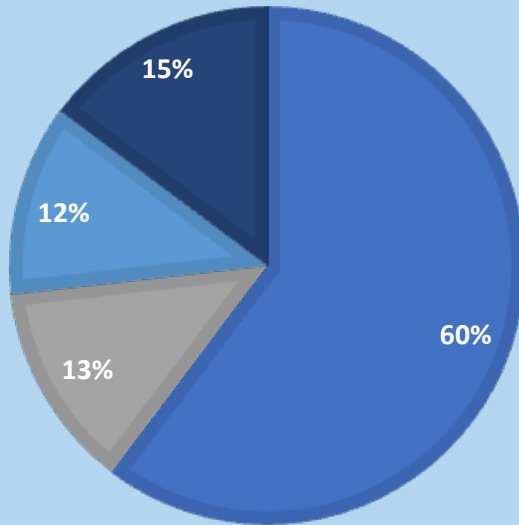
Overall, respondents gave the City of Dayton a "good" rating with 57% (-8). In future surveys, the City should track trendlines and strive to increase excellent ratings. Those comments left by "excellent" raters were more often noting that they participated in city events and utilized city services more than those who chose lower ratings.



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
<b>2023</b>	13%	57%	24%	6%
<b>2021</b>	8%	64%	24%	4%

## How would you rate the City of Dayton's trajectory?

■ Moving in the right direction  
 ■ The Same  
■ Moving in the wrong direction  
 ■ I'm not sure



	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Not Sure
<b>2023</b>	60%	13%	12%	15%
<b>2021</b>	63%	15%	8%	14%

Overall, the respondents of the 2023 Resident Survey said that the City of Dayton is moving in the right direction with 60% (-3). Twelve percent of respondents chose "Dayton is moving in the wrong direction" in the survey. This result should give confidence to the current administration that the majority of citizens believe Dayton is improving overall. There was a slight decrease in positive and neutral results in this survey compared to the one conducted in 2021.

Fifteen percent of respondents chose that they were unsure about Dayton's trajectory. The City should continue to emphasize public relations and communication with the community in order to lower this

### Considerations for future surveys

- The City should strive to reach citizens without access to online sources or social media. Including surveys with property tax bills is one option that should be explored.
- Trend lines and long-term comparison data should be monitored yearly and utilized to identify changing attitudes of the community. Wording of questions should be the same or similar on questions that are being tracked over time.
- The City should be vigilant about the transparency of survey results and how they will be utilized in future decision-making by city staff and elected officials.
- Survey results and findings should be posted publicly to increase transparency to the community.

## What is needed to improve City parks?

- I honestly have lived in Dayton for 5 years and have never visited a park. I live towards the front end of Dayton and felt like I haven't had a reason to travel further down 6th or towards the river at all.
- They need cleaned up. Swings are always broken and park is usually overflowed with trash.
- The parks are great since that is one of the city's biggest priorities.
- Probably excellent I've never been to one
- I love our parks! I grew up here. There weren't any great parks then and I am so grateful my Grands have access to these!
- I've never used them much but they seem okay
- People need to clean up after themselves and their dogs.
- More things for kids to do.
- Better use of vacant "grassy" spaces
- Never been to any of the parks
- Gil lyn needs a makeover for sure.
- More attention to replacing damaged items and making parks cheerier and brighter.
- Where's the riverside park? When will the 'park' at 6th and Barry become an official park site?
- Better maintenance of equipment and lawn Care pretty much everything
- Don't go there
- We simply need more of them, and more public green spaces. Dayton should have more river front public spaces as well. Sargeant Park could be better funded and cared for, though the people who have been working on it have done an excellent job with what they have to work with.
- What parks?
- Working water fountains and amber bathrokmS
- Baseball field needs updated, cleaned, and taken care of. Update playground equipment and add stuff for older children.
- Maybe small bike trails for younger children to ride their bikes.
- Fun events, ensure equipment safety
- Most feel neglected as far as the playground portions. High weeds and little mulch. I would love to see fences removed from Gil Lynn Park. Not sure why it's necessary? But gives it a prison yard feel.
- Gill Lyn hasn't had anyone check the bathrooms in years, they're disheveled and disgusting especially for the most used park in town. New mulch at all parks. A good wipe down too.
- solar powered led lighting for night footlights along the flood wall path continued upkeep of the plant growth along ahrens way
- Good cameras and hold some of these kids parents accountable for what there children vandalize at the parks
- Need new swings and put new mulch down around school park. Upgrade swings an slides
- more equipotent for kids and a dog park
- Accessible to all! Make the flood wall more accessible for people, concerts and activities
- More events, more amenities
- Add public exercise equipment. Similar to what you see in Northside, Cincinnati (I think Hoffner Park).

- Not many parks for kids to play at.
- Just add more to do for the kids. Keep working on sargeant park.
- More engagement and planned activities
- Monument Park at 6th and Berry is perfect for events that are held there, yet it looks so sparse. Any plans to make it more eye appealing? Eg., random trees, gazebo, scattered tables, chairs?
- Add structures. Picnic shelters, electricity.
- Updates needed. Add some exercise path features to the Pike park. Update play equipment at the end of the floodwaters.
- Parks need regular maintenance. The river walking/running wall is in bad shape. For as much as it is used, it needs regular maintenance. Cans are always full, so litter and grass is often growing over the path edges. Could also use parking at either end and a way to easily get to the wall.
- We don't have a Central Park on the water like Bellevue. Wish we could utilize the area where the BB Riverboat parks.
- A cleaner park. Always take my 4 YO to the parks in Bellevue.
- Periodic trash pickup, more trash receptacles and fencing around the parks
- We Where Told There Was Going To Be Green Space On River Now They Keep Building Where The New Park Was Suppose To Be
- More public availability , ballfields. Lack of adult leagues, refreshments.
- updated play equipment, more areas for peacefulness
- The smaller parks it would be great to have a public bathroom.
- Keep cleaner
- Repaving of basketball courts. Outdoor gym equipment.
- Again, clear out the tweekers
- Try to patrol more by the parks. Sometimes teens are picking on kids playing.
- Add a dog park!
- Move the dumpster away from the entrance to Sargeant. Please
- Lighting
- A stage with seating so we can have concerts like Bellevue does
- Need updated
- Parks look good as I drive by. I do not use the parks.
- Lighting, litter removal, grassy areas free of mud. How about a community effort to raise funds for a bandstand or gazebo in the 6th and Berry park? That's a tremendous area. Middle of town green space! Do we need a consultant to design a usage model for us ? I understand that is not free . Any contacts who would donate their time to help with utilization? Ask the citizens what design they like best. NOT A PLACE FOR A CITY BUILDING . It's green space.
- Gil Lynn needs to be maintained regularly
- We have quite a few parks with children's equipment but very few for the adult community to enjoy.
- New one for the kids and close at dark so older kids cannot destroy !! How about a public pool. Tacoma was such a great place
- Good restrooms
- The location on Dayton Pike is pitiful.
- Enforcement of leash laws in the park by hansmans market
- Consistent maintenance and security
- like to see more green spaces
- More public art Bring Sargeant Park up to date



- Clean
- There really are no parks. What would be nice is a dog park. There are so many residents that are dog owners in Dayton with no where to take their dogs other than on the sidewalks.
- Bathroom updates
- I enjoying walking/hiking so mainly make use of the sidewalks to explore the city. Also enjoy Sargent Park a lot! More trails through wooded areas please!
- More bathroom access
- Any chance we can get Pickle Ball courts?
- Dog park, tennis/pickleball court
- They need some updates. New softer “mulch” for the ground, pressure washing the concrete, some new swings and play sets..
- Aside from the small kids gyms...what parks?
- Update equipment, cleanliness.
- update the gil lynn park, not just slides and monkey bars. put more things in dayton for teenagers to do to keep them busy and off the streets! (like the ymca, maybe a city pool)
- Somehow keep the kids from tearing them up
- I don't go to the parks.
- Are there any designated dog parks or walking paths?
- Regularly scheduled use of the parks, like baseball, softball, or basketball leagues. A fully functional concession stand. The park should regain it's license to sell beer & wine. Proceeds from beer and wine sales could help fund the parks needs.
- A better park on the river.
- not sure no kids
- Prosecute those who abuse our parks. Many citizens and children feel unsafe at times at parks because children who abuse parks go unpunished, need to hold their parents as responsible.
- More equipment for older kids
- More structures for all ages. Would love to see some different paved walking paths/trails. Unsure of where all the parks are because info it's the most accessible. We like to walk the path along the flood wall but often have to drive to other towns for longer varieties of outdoor time. A community garden space would also be awesome!
- Tennis courts, outdoor pool, more access stairs to flood wall path, dog park.
- The upkeeping. Looks neglected.
- More things to do
- A dog park would be great!
- My garden club meets at the park by the high school sometimes. Members come from Cincinnati and always comment how nice our park is with a nice shelter. I am proud to thank them for the compliments.
- They could use some sprucing up
- One big nice park
- Complete the bicycle path along the river
- Parent supervision to ensure kids behave & pick up after themselves.
- No opinion
- More stuff for challenged kids. A gazebo in monument part for special events Would be awesome.
- What's with the parking lot on Dayton Pike? Isn't that supposed to be a park with walking trails?

- Nothing, except parents controlling or supervising youngsters at the park, teaching their children to respect the environment and others while enjoying the park
- Can't rate as don't use them
- Most parks could use some upgraded playgrounds but are okay for now.
- More equipment and more city sponsored events. We also need better diligence in monitoring the parks for vandalism.
- Actual patks.many of the parks have been taken for other use.and nevwr replaced.. Gil Lynn is not even kept up..wasted space
- Something to draw people there.
- Haven't used them
- More Bike trails would be nice. MAYBE A FENCED IN DOG PARK how about the land on the ave 135 6th ave owned by city just across from the gas station SO PEOPLE CAN LEGALLY LET THE DOGS RUN. My wife was bitten on our porch by our neighbors loose dog and now she is afraid to walk our baby.
- City needs to maintain the parks, especially the ball field. The ballfields are only taken care of by the school. And when there is no school activity, no one takes care of the field and it looks like shit. Grass and weeds everywhere. Cracks and puddles on the field. Grass not cut enough.
- More green spaces, garden spots
- Respectful patrons
- They need to be more kid friendly
- More adult supervision.

### **What is needed to improve City Events?**

- Like to see more "family" activities
- More yoga, preferably goat yoga or hot yoga. I wouldn't mind salsa classes either.
- "Monthly concerts and movies. Think that they are really fun.
- More events in the middle of town.
- Cornhole tournaments, food trucks, taste of Dayton, etc."
- Nothing
- I'm not always aware of the city events. It would be nice to see more events similar to Bellevue .
- I don't know. I'm usually working when they have them. My daughter and my Grands enjoy them..
- I only go to the garden sale though it's very small and not interesting. Other city events don't look interesting to me.
- Really appreciate the increased effort!
- A lot
- I don't know
- Public events should allow people to congregate at tables and bring their own drinks and food.
- Better planning of events for the city maybe the city not trying to be so greedy letting more small businesses participate without trying to line their pockets to benefit themselves
- To old to go can't walk
- More music-based events in the city square would be great.
- Free dance classes
- More publicity.
- More events geared towards children and teens

- More friendly.
- More frequent events. Movie nights at the park, bring back softball leagues to bring money to the community, do a farmers market, . As a community member I feel there is only one "big" event for the whole community, Rivercity MusicFest. If there are other big events they're not promoted very well. As much involvement the community does for the kids have other things spread out for adults as well and promote it outside of only Dayton city limits.
- I really haven't been to an event in a while but would be interested in the movie nights and music when I can.
- Honestly have not attended many.
- Would love a spring city wide yard sale like the one in June.
- There isn't many, not advertised on the streets, more events across ages.
- Some occasional live music
- Ideas are good but having events on the Monument are not a good location.
- more events for people with pets
- "There are so many things that could make it better. Planning and organizing are the beginning and a community calendar with updates on city wide and school activities.
- Same people who are in charge year after year. Other people would join but it's the same tired worn out activity and attitude. " we always did it that way " which continues.
- Does everything have to be on 6th street?"
- Keep going!
- More events that attract young adults. Record fairs, outdoor concerts, LESS old country cover bands.
- More in general. Concerts at the park were a huge thing when I was a kid.
- Clearer marketing and promotion plan to reach residents. Start a newsletter! Facebook and Instagram algorithms means posts and stories sometimes don't show up, even for followers.
- More advertising. Listing events on signs in addition to social media.
- Only went to parade, which is shared with Bellevue and it was nice.
- Repeat events. I like that we did more than one movie night. That way I could join in on one's that fit my schedule.
- More advertising locally not just Facebook and similar.
- More people attending. Better advertising Music, food, beer, local businesses participating
- appeal of food, drink and entertainment vendors
- Don't know
- Find some way to get people to participate. The turnout is lame.
- Maybe more live music outside. Maybe some bluegrass sometimes. Bands that will draw people from other areas to visit.
- Need people to show up.
- Hard to learn about them
- Better advertisement for these events not just Facebook.
- More intersectionality in planning would be nice. Not everyone in Dayton is Christian and it's disheartening to see so many winter events be just Christmas events when efforts could be made to include other cultures and religions at that time of year.
- Don't participate in events. Usually hear about them after they are over.
- More volunteers and people getting involved
- Consistency. ADVERTISING!!!
- What city events?!

- More music to be played outdoors. Bands
- Variety
- sometimes better advertisement
- More events for the adults in the city More events that will help bring people from outside our community to spend time and money here.
- Kitefest
- More Holiday events..Christmas, Fourth of July ect. More summer events especially!
- More events! Hand delivered handbills/invitations to events, or flyers posted around town.
- We enjoyed the First Friday events though they seemed to have a low attendance. I know fall football games were a conflict. (Can't be in two places at the same time). Perhaps more advertising to draw a wider crowd.
- More communication about events, i.e posters around town
- It's been great to see new life and new businesses coming to Dayton. Great job
- For the most part Dayton has done a really good job with the events. They always invite and involve everyone, especially the kids! That is huge!
- NA- not up to date on events so never go.
- What events?
- I don't attend can't comment.
- better advertisement didn't know about light up dayton until it was already over
- We have not been to any events yet but would love more evening/weekend community event options.
- Less cover bands, designated smoking areas, diverse offerings for adults.
- Stop closing the street next to Hometown Hero's so they can have additional seating. I wouldn't even have to go on that street if you didn't take out the street light. Traffic gets backed up there easily and especially during high peak rush hour.
- I have not heard about any events.
- Advanced notice, signs along with social media.
- More vendors
- More live music events.
- Better advertising to help citizens be aware of events.
- More volunteers. It would be nice if the concessions stand at Gill Lynn was fixed up inside.
- No comment. Don't always attend but have heard good things from those who do
- Quit trying to be Bellevue and better coordination with school and church events to eliminate overlap
- Better communication on what's coming. Get an external digital board and post upcoming events.
- I don't know of any events.
- Miss kite fest
- Like events
- Street fairs, music in the town center park, block parties,
- Nothing there has been a lot of events that turned out well these past couple years.
- More communication.
- The location for the city events being at the green space is not feasible for any parking. Also, they e been more on a vendor side of things instead of anything actually fun
- I am not aware of city events

- People don't get involved..loved many single days...educational and fun...seems like everything works Round free stuff or beer now
- Can't comment as I've not been able to attend any
- Stop wasting tax payers money on frivolous events.
- Rt 8 to be fixed so I do not have to wait in ever increasing traffic to come down the ave.
- Need to get the whole town talking about the events, get more people involved.
- You need more events for the community

### **What is needed to improve downtown?**

- It is improving, but maybe a listing somewhere of all business and products? I see a lot of info from the Bellevue page. Maybe I don't have the right page? Social media or items in mailbox is best for me
- Make sure that every house/store front is up and running. It's not good leaving them abandoned!
- storefront colors
- If I could select N/A I would. I did not know Dayton had a downtown. Where is it located?
- More businesses
- Nothing
- Downtown? Don't know what is meant by "downtown". If you're talking about 6th street, then you need to attract and make it better for more bars/businesses to help the city.
- I know it's difficult to draw more business to downtown.
- grocery store Whole Foods would blow up
- Good and getting better. Love the revitalization!
- Downtown has definitely gone downhill. No grocery store, a giant liquor store on the main street, and there are more storefronts that don't seem to be doing anything on a regular basis. All of this says economic downgrade, depressed area, drug area. I have the idea that obvious decay like this encourages crime. I feel like my property is losing value by the minute. I've stopped recommending Dayton to people who are looking to buy a home.
- Good restaurants.
- More businesses
- More food/entertainment would be nice
- There is no "downtown"???
- To be updated and cleaner. I have seen several store fronts being remodeled.
- More business that stay. Maybe that should be an incentive for lower tax rates?
- More businesses.
- Store fronts that aren't covered/painted/curtained over. Stores that are actually operational. What's up with Dayton Vintage?
- If you call Dayton downtown district up and coming there's most of the stores are on open and vacant because City wanting to line their pockets with money from what I hear
- Although we have some very good restaurants, really none of them have adequate, comfortable seats with a good ambience.
- A broader diversity of types of businesses would be nice, but I know that this is a difficult area to keep businesses open.
- Where is downtown?
- Make the sidewalks wider. Have a monthly thing to get people to shop Dayton more often

- Grocery store again
- We have good restaurants and coffee shop but need something more to attract business beyond Bellevue
- A solid “bar” our restaurant scene has grown greatly, but I hear and feel it myself that after a meal, you have to leave town for a good atmosphere for drinks.
- We have a downtown?
- More restaurants.
- It looks grim and bland. Sidewalks are falling apart, residential and commercial building aren't up kept. Bellevue's hanging flowers and light post decor brings so much, we should try something similar.
- More businesses
- more trees better pedestrian friendliness red bike station better lighting (more decorative/inviting)
- 2 or 3 more eating/drinking establishments on par quality-wise with Tuba and UnaTaza a bar that I don't feel like I'm going to get stabbed in
- Eliminate 6th street parking and use lots with accessible parking for businesses. Bust out sidewalks for restaurants and bars. Huge pots of plants, lighting, accessible crosswalks and sidewalks. A “ fresh eyes experience of driving through town “
- Sidewalk repair, beautification projects, better holiday decor, more events
- Better businesses. Una Taza, Galactic Fried Chicken and Taqueria Nogal are fantastic. But whenever I walk through downtown it always feels empty. We need businesses on 6th St to be lively and targeted to young people. The only bars available are Tony’s Saloon, The Rose Room, and Hometown Hero’s which are ALL targeted to old people and are generally known to be very rough and uninviting. We need at least 1 bar that doesn’t feel like you need to be a member of a biker gang to enter.
- Less junkies and tweakers would be great. But then the cops have to get out of their vehicles so I don’t see this happening haha
- More activation of vacant buildings: have you considered a grant program to activate these buildings that aren't being used? (The Haile Foundation's People's Liberty had an interesting concept called the Globe Grant that invited community members to activate a space for 6-8 weeks).
- Reasonable rent and marketing/promotion support for existing and potential vendors so that vendors are able to stay in their spaces and flourish. Working with and for the community to see what they want in these spaces to guarantee that spaces, once filled, will be visited and patronized.
- Building facades upgraded and clean storefronts
- There is no 'downtown'
- Appearance, signage. It would be nice to have larger signage for businesses. Not necessarily on the buildings but perhaps at the block intersections.
- More regular, family friendly events to keep the citizens engaged.
- Getting better but need to keep after the empty/abandoned buildings to improve appearance and draw more small businesses.
- Need more restaurants, bars, stores, as we grow it will give more sense of community.
- Need more buildings to paint with bright & happy colors. Our city color palette is not historical nor is it telling a story of who we want to be portrayed as.
- More dining options. It would be great to be able to walk to dinner someplace close.

- Support our small businesses. We don't need to be the next Bellevue, let's be the family friendly place that attracted me 19 years ago.
- More business to draw in visitors like Bellevue has been getting.
- From when I moved to Dayton to now it has improved dramatically
- We have a downtown?
- More shops and restaurants
- More businesses
- More businesses, shopping, restaurants. Fewer residential rentals in CBD
- more retail and restaurants, better public square
- More Vendors. We also need a bank!
- Better retail
- Banks, grocery stores. Maybe game rooms or something for kids to do. Certainly not another coffee shop or bar.
- Need something besides restaurants and bars.
- Things are moving a great direction. Just keep supporting the addition of great places, like Unataza and Tuba.
- Having better bus stops (heated) would be great.
- Having light poles decorated with hanging or floor planters like Bellevue does would look nice."
- Couple more retail stores and restaurants
- Restaurants, stores, and drinking establishments that are the complete opposite of The Rose Room. The appearance of the entrance to Dayton, on one side we have a huge liquor store and vape shop on the other a dilapidated Family Dollar.
- Tweakers scare my children
- Only more businesses that people will go to or shop..
- 6th Ave needs allocated parking for businesses. I support our wonderful small businesses in Dayton and am so happy to see them thriving but it's get very frustrating when there is no where to park because all the parking spots are taken by people going to the restaurants and salons on the Avenue.
- Variety of businesses, need more diversity of retail/restaurants. Could use a theme to build around. Such as Reading OH, it has a wedding themed focus. Something similar, use surroundings as a guide... fishing & boating are naturals.
- Wait we have a downtown??? lol what is considered downtown Dayton?
- Wider selection of shops. but moving in right direction with restaurants!
- Make entire avenue BAR district so people can walk from Bellevue to Dayton's business and have block parties.
- Do we have a downtown?
- Facade improvements; streetscaping; broader range of retail and dining options
- More businesses
- Nothing it seems like that's all you all care about is the main Avenue
- More shops
- This is a difficult issue to solve. The city is a cul-de-sac and we need something that will draw people from all over. A brewery would likely attract many people to Dayton as the Cincinnati area has made a hobby of trying new breweries.
- New businesses are making the town more appealing.
- Better monitoring of downtown businesses. A bar on the avenue (The Rose Room) has been illegally allowing gambling and illegally paying their employees for years and nothing ever seems

to be done about it, not to mention the drunk clientele who often fight in the parking lots of nearby businesses and on side streets.

- Family Dollar, Liquor King...sad there are few quality stores or restaurants. Large flower pots or hanging floral baskets along the Main Street like Bellevue displays in the summer would be nice.
- More local businesses
- See above
- Needs to be more effort to bring in different businesses
- See the Bellevue format.
- Clean up, To much blight
- Parking
- Some buildings need a facebook.
- Bringing in more businesses that will draw more people to the city for revenue. Parking to assist with bringing those businesses in.
- more businesses
- more parking
- Have the businesses and residents keep the sidewalks free of litter and weeds.
- You can't park to go in to places on the ave
- Less loitering of people hanging outside of businesses. Especially at night. It is threatening to people who want to patronize those businesses. There should not be a crowd of people just hanging at a storefront or restaurants that have no intention of going into the establishment. I myself, have passed up gas stations or stores when I see a crowd hanging around the outside of these places.
- More business
- More local businesses. Home style (not fancy and \$\$\$\$\$) something that can bring the neighborhood together. Chili, coffeehouses (although Unataza is doing excellent..) bookshops that encourage lounging.
- Love that we're getting great restaurants and coffee shops. We need more.
- Need a grocery store
- Dayton is kind of ugly on the main drag. Some exterior renovations would be nice to see
- We need new businesses.. we don't need anymore hair salons or bars.. Dayton really dropped the ball when they let riverside close. Dayton needs a small town grocery store or even a butcher shop would be amazing!
- I'd love to see events like First Friday in Bellevue with events and open container activities.
- Need more diversity of Retail like neighboring Bellevue. How many beauty salons does Dayton need?
- I love that more storefronts are opening.
- Restaurant that is high end
- I would love to see some of the storefronts be put to use. It looks like those improvements are already happening. Hooray!
- Need a grocery store a bank a post office etc etc etc
- I would love to be able to move utilities underground - that would completely transform the appearance of the town. I know it's probably to expensive, but every time I drive through I imagine how much better everything would look without the massive jumble of wires...
- Lift smoking ban
- Wider sidewalks but I don't see how that could happen
- More dining



- Not enough businesses. you should have gotten Eberts meat market.
- What is there to attract outsiders? I know it is difficult but to attract outsiders to the central business district you need a big attraction. A complete revitalization of this area. Family dollar ? The new Liquor store ? The party source has every thing a parson needs and can get it on his way home to Dayton. Historic districts are fine but preserving something that's not there doesn't work. You got to be more energetic, pro active and have creative thinking. Million dollar homes and comdos on the river does nothing for the city. Were are they spending their pre property tax dollars? Not Dayton. Give them a place or two.
- More lights/decorations year round possibly?
- We have some decent food places. We need more reasons for foot traffic. More shops. Nicer drinking locals. Rose Room and Tony's Ole Saloon are scary. Hometown is okay if you want a beer and wings. We need a Three Spirits type place. This might be a wayyyy out there idea, but tear down the old laundry mat building and build a Dunkin Donuts. Dayton and Bellevue would both benefit from a Dunkin. It would be built right across from a gas station. Perfect.
- better signage
- More businesses that residents will do business with.
- Need a grocery store and a few family restaurants
- Attract a greater variety of businesses. Love visiting places like Unataza/Taqueria Nogal/AA Wok but would love to see more business in the area. (Excited for the announcement of Roebling books).
- Storefronts need a facelift
- Blight improvement to the empty storefronts, vacancies, general appearance of residences and spaces. Litter control and clean-up of dumping/trash all over properties, yards, etc. Having a city wide trash system that mandates the use of Rumpke or Republic trash bins with LIDS that residents and business owners must use. Reduce vermin. Address sewer smell issues. Consider over saturated business sectors, such as salons. Work to attract new restaurants, a library annex, bars, post office, a non-gas station/convenience grocery store, public art, murals, fresh market, food hall, farmer's market, popups, movie screenings. Address and improve sights of Family Dollar and the liquor store being the first things you see coming in to the city.
- Continued growth and bringing in a variety of restaurants and shops.
- We need more business downtown. When I was a child here in the fifties we had a vibrant downtown I would love to see that again.
- Re-painting of buildings, signs replaced, add plant pots.
- More businesses, less residential storefronts.
- Downtown is moving in the right direction
- Keep bringing in new business. ..We need a restaurant with healthier food choices. We REALLY need a grocery store. What about the vacant store front next to the Lodge? Perfect place for affordable, healthier restaurant.
- Needs to be similar to Bellevue
- More businesses
- I appreciate the parking lots. Wider sidewalks would be nice, but not possible. I did not like in the past when part of 6th Ave was closed for street festives. Our back streets are noy wide enough for buses. It was horrible watching buses try to make those turns.
- Restaurants need to stay open later. Would be nice to have a bank, post office and grocery store. Not everyone drives and can get to those in other towns Need handicap crossing signal by the monument
- Upgrade/ modernize front of buildings. Very run down looking to visitors.

- More diverse retailers..How many Salons does Dayton actually need?
- Empty storefronts
- Trees! Greenery, live plants, etc.
- More shops, little stores, restaurants,
- Always have nice plants and seasonal decorations
- More attractive shops or popular shops to attract visitors. But it's on the uprising. Looking better and better.
- Young and new business
- cleanliness. Street sweeping. Curb repair. Flowers throughout the city.
- Need to force owners or landlords to give their buildings a major facelift
- Downtown area is improving, definitely good things happening.
- Not up to par with Bellevue
- The best thing about Dayton's downtown is proximity to Fairfield Ave. We need to tag on to First Fridays. Encourage more entertainment, needed shops, live music, and bar/restaurants. Theater.
- Revitalize. Bring in more new businesses. Create a more appealing walking environment
- Keep hearing news of new businesses coming in but never see them actually happen... lost purple poulette...no grocery store.. again back to beer
- More business and less residence.
- Diversity of stores. More attractive store fronts. Places people would want to shop.
- More cohesive design and uniformity Enforcement for dilapidated, vacant buildings to keep up appearances of the buildings"
- Businesses, clean up the area.
- As you enter on 6th, the view is a run down Family Dollar, a liquor store (which is the best looking part of the street with the updates!), and several run down houses. Ideally, it would have a nicer look - you can keep Family Dollar as we know people shop there, but how can we encourage them to fix up the outside? What about the houses along that stretch? How can we encourage better upkeep? Then, as you go along, there are some places that are getting fixed up (YAY) and just need to encourage more. Of course, more businesses that attract shoppers helps!
- That stupid Yellow building is not in Code and you continue to let people do as they want. Laws are black and white.
- More shops & restaurants How about a whippy-dip on The Garage Property across from the VFW hall. I remember when there was one at Berry & 6th. Would be nice not to give money to Bellevue.
- Quit making more rules. LESS GOVERNMENT THE BETTER Example Smoking ban. We are all adults and America
- Better lighting. Better visibility of crosswalks.
- more business. A cleaner look for the city.
- more business that invite walk-in traffic
- Need more business more things for kids to do in the community
- We need businesses that stay longer than the ccap lasts.

### **What is needed to improve City Streets?**

- Yellow curbs repainted, out of state license plates followed up on, people not parking the wrong direction, people NOT PARKING ON THE SIDEWALK!!!
- state money--city taxes are already too high.
- Lots of bumpy roads and potholes.
- I have been in 3rd countries with better roads. I can't tell if I hit a pot hole or a crater from an IED.
- I'm happy with the streets
- The maintenance of streets during inclement weather could be improved as well as maintenance of the streets and sidewalks. .
- Street Sweeper ?
- Better upkeep repairs, less flooding. Raise the level of the street to the disabled ramps at 4th and Kenton and probably elsewhere after the construction.
- I moved out very recently but still have property in Dayton and i'm there often. I haven't had any complaints with the roads.
- Our road is slipping. Many roads have potholes and cracks.
- Complete street design: bike trails green infrastructure traffic calming etc
- Most streets need to be repaved
- More things for the family and kids to do!
- repair all potholes
- Blacktop them in the spring instead of fall. Winter salt kills them.
- More attention yo the lower streets in Dayton.
- I think the "curb outs" the city has planned will be helpful.
- Sight lines at corners is bad, in general. More restrictive parking spaces at corners would help that situation.
- A whole new police force Chief and all ones who actually want to work
- Potholes and surface
- Relieve the congestion on Fairfield.
- The back street by the train tracks on the north side needs repaved.
- The sidewalks/streets in some areas are crooked. It makes it harder to park in some areas like our street.
- Uneven pavement on some streets, lines need repainted, potholes need filled/repared,
- There is always so much trash and debris. Enforcing litter laws.
- Maybe a sign that lights up when people need to cross the avenue, there is one at the intersection in front of highland high school. We could use the same for intersections near the school.
- Start checking on how long a car has been parked in front of your house or someone else's. There should be lots of them told away.
- No trucks going down them.
- Budget to repair and replace potholes
- Pave the potholes
- Would love to have more street sweeping/cleanings.
- Regular maintenance, especially streets towards the edges of town. New paint, streets and curbs.
- Some areas have very damaged sidewalks. I was walking in the dark on the corner between Lincoln elementary and hansmans and took a very serious fall on some broken sidewalk.

- wider sidewalks on the avenue sidewalk bump outs on the crosswalks of Ervin & 6th, Vine & 6th, and Walnut & 6th to calm traffic
  - Crack down on slumlords.
  - fix the potholes
  - Patch holes, straighten Dayton Pike and add some street lights to the side walk. Light the central business district better and crosswalk accessible. More flashing stop signs
  - Dayton Pike could use some patching near Ft Thomas
  - Sidewalk repair, beautification projects, better holiday decor
  - The alleyways need to be improved. One example is the alleyway in between Seventh and Eighth Ave. There is a giant pothole that will damage your car. Residents like me use the alleyways on a daily basis. I would love to see these old stone alleyways get paved or at the very least, maintained.
  - The roads around Grant Park Drive need to be fixed.
  - Less construction traffic through the city. Worst thing to ever happen to Dayton was losing the riverbank. Can't wait to move out of the city. Used to have a nice view now it's just a construction zone that tears my vehicles up.
  - Repavement; accessible sidewalks, especially on curving hills around Dayton Ave (cars are often parked on the sidewalk and pedestrians are forced to walk in the street)
  - Construction paths need better maintenance
  - Work still needed in many areas. Look at Bellevue.
  - "More frequent Street cleaning. The high volume of construction trucks are dumping nails. Lots of flat tires.
  - A bike lane. We have many bike clubs that ride to the marinas in the nice weather."
  - Parking has gotten worse here in Dayton. I see far more people running stop signs than obeying them. Very frequently do I see delivery vehicles like Amazon going the wrong way down a street.
  - Streets are far too narrow
  - I find myself swerving to avoid all the bumps and divots to save my suspension. It would be great if the roads could be replaced like Bellevue did by the Esporta stretch.
  - Some tree roots are pushing cement slabs up creating hazards for walking and especially children riding their bikes in town
  - Traffic Routes We Keep Adding Residents But Same Traffic Route We Need At Least The Bicyclists Take A Different Street Instead Of 6 Street They Run Through Lights And Stop Signs
- 
- Better parking control. Often cars are parked beyond yellow safety mark which makes it hard to see.
  - repair potholes
  - New pavement....NOT patched. Would also like to see more street lights.
  - Repaving
  - Don't let people park so close to the corners on the Ave because people turning onto the Ave from side streets can't see on coming traffic around the cars parked so close to corner.
  - Pot holes, broken sidewalks that make it impossible for people to use strollers, bike, etc and also dangerous. Despite most of our kids that have to walk to school.
  - Fix Berry between 5th and 6th.

- Getting salvaged vehicles removed. One in particular has been on the 200 block of 8th since November. It's leaking engine fluids while it sits.
- Continue with sidewalk expansions and improving walkability.
- Clear out the tweakers
- "Too many people are high walking the streets of Dayton. Especially near the old Tacoma pool side. They enter on foot to the streets from Mary Ingles Highway. There are also some coming from lower streets near old Laundromat. I find lots of needles where they pass my house. Not sure what laws are on that.
- Also there are too many speeders on Mary Ingles Highway. They are always racing up the new hill by marina, or the bend of beginning Mary Ingles. Kids play near there. The little park is close too."
- "Pot holes
- The pipe that sticks up occasionally on the top of Ervin"
- People need to clean up their own trash...it is thrown everywhere. There are ample trash cans around..it's not like there isn't a place to put it in..
- Better repairs and better contractors, sidewalk up Dayton Pike as an example. If you continue up the Pike to Ft. Thomas, one can tell immediately when entering their domain. Better sidewalks, curbs & pads connecting to the street.
- Lots of holes on Fairfield Avenue
- Street parking when it snows is a mess. Snow plows ignore street parking spaces EVEN when an entire block has minimal or no cars parked. My car gets stuck every single time we have significant snow. Clear the street parking areas. Not just one lane down the road. It's a mess!!!!
- Sink hole about to happen at 5th and vine. Right behind that big building. Very scary!
- Patch holes; finish curb improvements
- Parking lines in the street so more people can park on the street.
- Repair all of the streets that the water company and gas company messed up you can see every st where they worked on and re blacktopped but did a shitty job it makes it look like our city don't care.and as long as it's been I don't think you do care.
- Fixing pot holes & repaving
- Roads paved. Potholes filled. Lines repainted on curb and road.
- a better plan for snow removal on the side streets would be amazing. often only the avenue actually gets plowed, which is cool, but puts many residents in dangerous situations until they get to the avenue.
- Dayton Pike is narrow with no curbs or edge lines painted.
- Cite /tow cars that have not moved or are in disrepair- these eyesores make the city look gritty trashy , and worn out. We don't need a junkyard look on our streets. Fines for littering as well. What is up with dropping trash as you walk along or throwing things out the window of your car??? Also , homes that are in disrepair and can be seen from the street need to be repaired, and maintained. We're supposed to be an improving community- let's look like we care. Is this an absentee landlord issue or homeowner issue? There are corporate volunteer initiatives to help owner occupied properties. If it's a landlord issue we need to convince these owners disgraceful practices will no longer be tolerated. Encourage our businesses to spruce up their presentation- signage, organized window decor, plants, etc. ( keep it looking nice). Yes, it takes work.
- Streets in the eastern half of the city need to be repaved. 5th street in particular is horrible.
- Funds allocated for repairs with additional improvements to the city grid.

- Black top
- More lighting along crosswalks. It's hard to see at night if people are crossing the streets. I have almost been hit myself.
- Up here on walnut st. They are building upscale high end houses at the exppense on our houses on this hill water and mud run-off is bad all it takes is if one person in the city admin. Would come here in a rainy day and see this mess and talk to some of us older residents . no one has ever came by or addressed this.
- Pot hole fixes
- Dayton Pike
- Prioritizing financial resources for repairing and repaving streets correctly. As well as, follow up maintenance required for longevity of initial repairs.
- some are in need of repair
- Speed humps
- Code person needs to be make some of these properties clean up.
- Wider streets and less cars parked on the street. Their is always cars being hit that are parked. A lot of congestion.
- Something to prevent speeding traffic at Vine/6th. Stop sign, caution light, etc
- Maintenance would be a good start.
- Potholes and markings
- Most homes are well kept. However there are several that have a lot of overflow of personal property in their front and side yards. All of this clutter degrades the rest of the properties on the street. Also, there are several homes that are undergoing refurbishing that seem to have come to a halt. Is there anyway these property owners can be held accountable?
- The potholes need fixed! We all know that the problem is from the dump trucks.. we all realize that they won't run the trucks through the new Manhattan harbor.. why does the rest of Dayton get to deal with the crap, so the new homeowners get perfect smooth roads.
- Just general paving on most. I would love to see 6th Avenue have more of the charm like in Bellevue.
- Sidewalks in disrepair and not connecting all the neighboring streets.
- The main roads seem to be okay. The side streets could be improved. Grant Park subdivision is just awful.
- The Grant Park streets are atrocious. There are multiple large cracks, potholes, slick sidewalks, and huge amounts of ice build up towards the bottom but the grassy area. This is a huge liability and major safety issue. I know the city is working with SD1 and some individual homeowners to alleviate the problem, but this is not acceptable currently. There neighborhood was built on a natural spring fed lake. Is it coincidence that the homes identified as the 'problem', are there ones that sit directly overtop the old lake? Some of those homeowners have already paid big money to tie in their sump pumps and mitigate the water on their own. Now the city is asking them to help pay for the same problem that SD1, the developer, Fisher created - subsequently the city as well since they approved the plan. Since SD1 was in charge of the waste water management system when this neighborhood was built, and the engineering firm approved the plan, and the developer over saw along with Fisher and the city - those are the parties that should be paying, not the homeowner. Also, the city should be using the bond it's withholding to fix the problem. Also, the city should be using the extra \$400 per home special tax it's collecting from our neighborhood. Fix the street!
- I'm am so happy that many sections were replaced this past Fall. I am especially grateful that Chateau Ridge was redone. Cars would often be driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid

potholes and it made me nervous to see cars coming at me head-on. Thank you for taking care of it! Another area I feel needs attention is Grant Park Dr. and Michigan Ave. They are very broken up at places and have many places where water doesn't drain away properly, leaving slick spots in the spring/summer/fall and icy spots in the winter. If only a small section can be dealt with in the immediate future, I think intersection of these two roads (by the mailboxes) is in the worst shape. The road is broken up here and it causes icy spots and tripping hazards right where people cross to get to the mailboxes. Also, I was hoping to see a section of guard rail put in next to the new sidewalk on Dayton pike where the sidewalk dips below the road line. It feels unsafe for drivers and pedestrians as it is.

- Well, here in Grant Park we have some major issues. The developer didn't put down a good enough base, and it seems like the city isn't really camping at the bit to replace it. I don't blame them, it's not going to be cheap, but it's starting to get pretty darned decrepit...
- more garbage cans, less garbage on the streets
- Pot hole repair. Street cleaning
  
- Fly bengals flag on Manhattan Blvd
- I live in the 300 block of 5th. It is not graded correctly. When the weather is bad like ice and snow my car freezes to the street.
- Cleaning them more often would be the biggest suggestion. The pot holes in Bellevue are atrocious but that is not Dayton's issue.
- A better infrastructure. There are way too many new condos and apartments being built for the existing road system we have. Fairfield Ave is already a nightmare certain times of the day. How will it handle the new condos/ apartments when they're built? Many people are planning on moving because of it, possibly including me too. The future doesn't look great for the area, unless you enjoy sitting in traffic.
- New Leaders. (ALL)
- blacktop
- Repaving and forcing those utilities companies to repair where they have dug up streets.
- New blacktop on side streets
- The pot holes
- repavement of many
- Repaving, pothole repairs, bike lanes, litter clean-up, street lamps, planters, etc.
- Instead of putting a bandaid on the streets, FIX THEM. Do anything besides using a temporary solution to a long term problem.
- Taxes, especially on cars..
- Fixing the drainage issue in Grant Park.
- Maintain the streets fill pot holes.
- Filling in the potholes doesn't work. They need to be re-paved at this point. On the avenue in front of UDF and Starbucks the re-paving was very helpful but it's still awful around the manholes.
- Some repaving to repair pot holes
- Ervin and Fifth need to be two way. It is dangerous to pull into the Avenue from Vine. City employees do a great job with snow removal."
- Widen route 8
- Fix the potholes and severely damaged streets

- The city guys do a great job of removing snow & keeping street clear. Pot holes are never ending. It would be nice if the streets were smoother. There are some big holes & ruts. Corner of 5th & Vine there is an uncapped pipe of some kind visable in the road.
- I feel that the city workers do an excellent job during the winter months clearing the streets. It would be nice to have periodic cleaning of all the streets at other times
- Follow up, better contractors, public works interaction, communication with state transportation
- Speed on the Avenue is really bad. But never see stops by police or even checking for speeders.
- Patch the pot holes
- Make stop signs more visible especially at 7th and Clay cars are always running the stop sign on 7th.
- We have a solid riverfront, how do you make the City a destination point? Small businesses are growing, but without a true retail draw, there's little to keep people from frequently coming back. Secondly, crack down on the run down/blighted homes, it's an eye sore and draws the wrong type of residents.
- Grant Park Drive needs improvement.
- 4th
- Fix pot holes
- Keep up on Route 8, roads in Grant Park are full of cracks, thank you for resurfacing chateau ridge
- More funds for public works to properly maintain the streets.
- Deal with the influx of people. With all the new buildings, I think traffic will be horrible
- We need more street cleaning in general. We need major improvements on curbs and sidewalks as well as several streets.
- They need repaved...I live on the top of the pike and our street along with the pike should be redone
- Some streets are fine, some are ready to be milled and paved.
- "Grant Park Drive stands out as a street in poor condition in relation to most of the city.
- Shout of to the snow removal crew. Best in the tri-state!"
- They pretty much all need to be repaved
- Lots pot holes..no drainage
- Dayton Avenue has needed paved for years and seems to get skipped. As with some of the other streets in Dayton.
- Widen Route 8 through Dayton and Bellevue to alleviate traffic caused by new construction.
- Fill potholes and cracks Add more streetlights to streets and alleys Lower the street lights at the crosswalks at which drivers are meant to yield to pedestrians (the current lights are up too high to illuminate a person stepping into the street) Street sweeping! I work from home, I shop local, and I've replaced/plugged THREE tires with nails in them in 5 months!
- Needed repairs
- More street cleaning including alleys.
- Grant Park needs to be fixed. The streets are slowly caving in.
- I live in the Grant Park neighborhood and our streets are a mess. I understand it's quite complicated on who should pay for the issues given the water isn't draining properly, but I do hope the city can lead the charge to get it fixed.
- To get rid of the City Administration and start over! The City sucks, everyone bitched when past administration tried to do things, but they are doing the same thing. Snow removal was horrid.



- Paving More sidewalks (Dayton Pike)
- Crosswalk safety
- Fix some holes.... plant some tree alongside them
- Potholes
- Manhole covers are too far recessed from the main pavement. Hitting a manhole cover is almost like hitting a pothole.
- not sure
- More lighting on side streets, clearer sidewalks (less resident created obstructions)
- Potholes are inevitable. Seems to be more now that new homes are being built up on the hill behind Walnut Street.
- Fix the potholes. Alley coming onto Ervin Terrace between 6& 8 th street needs repair
- All the streets need paved. To many holes.
- Repaved
- The trucks are ruined our streets.
- Enforce speed limits and parking violations. Can open more parking by investigating and removing abandoned/unlicensed vehicles in every neighborhood.
- One way on 5th between clay and green devil. Road repairs

### **What is needed to improve the City of Dayton?**

- Taxes need lowered!
- A new council and administration would improve the city greatly. A council who truly cares about the safety and progress of its public services.
- More city wide events.
- I'm happy the way it is
- More focus needs to be given to public safety and taking care of the personnel keeping the city safe. Seems that the city puts them on the back burner a lot of times when they are vital to keeping the city functioning.
- Something needs to be done about the sober living facilities in the neighborhoods especially being close to schools and children. As well as the run down homes or homes that are not well kept. I've noticed several homes that have gutters hanging off of roofs and junk in front yards. It makes our city look like crap and turns people away due to the curb appeal and gives the city a bad rap.
- The city is moving in the rich and moving out the poor. Don't tell me you aren't because I am and Im feeling the pinch. I'll have to move soon because rents are so high, utilities are through the roof. We thought of buying in Dayton but because of the wealthy moving in, prices are up more than the market allows or can be explained. And, city tax rates are nearly double than Covington!
- The city needs to decide what it wants to be: Do you want to flourish as a city, or continue to be an aging depressed area? I don't advocate for kicking people out in a big gentrification but if the city doesn't find a better balance between satisfying the established residents and attracting new people - and revenue - to the area, it will continue to downgrade.
- Prepare for realities (traffic, flooding, people, etc) of new development
- I am referring to the condition of many of the houses and yards. I understand that many homeowners cannot afford to paint and do repairs but it doesn't cost to clean up your yard.

Many of the alleys are unkempt. If these properties are rental than the owners should be asked to keep up the appearance of the property.

- I love my city. My opinion ( and it is just my opinion) we need to attract more small businesses like Simply Unique! What a great little store! What about a quilt store? The nearest one is about 10 miles away now. Used book store?
- Just keep working on the rundown houses. Much progress has already been made though.
- Accountability to the public.
- More city council people who actually care about the city and not trying to promote their self for better
- Repairing the broken areas of Route 8 is long overdue, though i know that's not a city responsibility. The disconnect between ""old Dayton"" and the new (and completely unnecessary and short-sighted) riverfront developments is a problem. I'm glad that the new traffic to these developments is routed around town, but also find the separation to be potentially problematic in years to come.
- Get rid of the smoking ban. Have something for teens to do.
- The roads and sidewalks.
- I enjoy living here and knowing my neighbors but I have drug dealers all around my house. The police know but don't do much to deter it. Same problematic people causing police calls and damage to other's property and nothing is done to the owners of the home to deter bad renters
- More enforcement of upkeep on properties. I know it's a little difficult, but any help would bring more desirable people to this area and it will continue to improve overall.
- More community. People are to stuck either in the past and what Dayton used to be or stuck on what Dayton isn't. Community events that encourage cleaning up, arts, or just coming together across all demographics is very needed.
- A car wash would be nice
- generally making it a place to come and stay, not just drive through or to visit one place and leave
- more walkability/bikability all hours of the day more trash cans, or trash pick up
- Dayton is moving slowly forward and definitely better under this administration and Mayor Baker. Just those folks that still long for "old dayton " Tacoma or the drive in. I fail to understand how a city adding luxury condos and hundreds of high end apartments has zero activities or unadvertised activities with out community involvement. The Dayton websites I have seen are nothing but people bashing each other or bashing the city and many of these people are not even owners.
- Dilapidated buildings, imminent domain them and tear them down and sell the property. There must be some kind of building structure enforcement code? Yard or premises code?
- More police presence
- Sidewalk repair, beautification projects, better holiday decor, more events. I didn't know there was a newsletter and volunteer notifications. Just signed up for both.
- More code enforcement. There are many residents in Dayton that totally neglect the upkeep of their property - without any consequence. Their lawns are either full of trash, overgrown with weeds, or are complete mud pits. This makes the city as a whole look trashy.
- More stuff for youth to do instead of drinking, and crime. We had arcades and pizza parlors, Tacoma pool, the YMCA teen center, skatepark. All closed. Nothing for youth in this town but fight and cause trouble.
- I do think we're moving in the right direction. It's expensive to activate a city, and slow and steady is the way.

- There is nothing to do in the city
- Less apartment construction that clogs up the avenue. More focus on small businesses and beautification of our outdoor spaces.
- Been there for 8 years, it is improving but has a ways to go still. This survey is a step to show it is at least being worked on.
- We need public art. Murals, large scale sculptures, brightly colored buildings, neon light installations, decorative flags, interactive art. ART will make us a destination NOT a dead end.
- It would be great to see less bars and more family style restaurants and mom & pop shops.
- Foster the small business. Galactic and the coffee shop can help bring people to the city!
- Just keep on keepin on.
- Need Police Patrolling Back Streets Not Just Flood Wall And Circle K ,Family Dollar That Would Cut Down On Crime
- Fill vacant or useless businesses and storefronts with progressive stores and business. Two many is more than 1 sitting vacant.
- We love living in Dayton. We have found neighbors and business owners to be friendly. The only thing I would say that's negative is the way Dayton is perceived by other neighboring Campbell country neighborhoods. Maybe some campaign to share all the great stuff about the community. Also so much of the available housing is high end and out of prude. But there's so much real estate that needs TLC. Fixing up those properties will change the entire community
- generational poverty is a hard thing to overcome
- Clean up the Dollar store! This is the first business you see as you enter Dayton. Most of the time the garbage can is running over. The store itself is not very clean. Especially the main entrance. All of the other businesses in Dayton keep their areas neat.
- New football field
- Answered above
- Sidewalk repair/ maintenance throughout
- The taxes are a bit high
- Holding property owners accountable for maintaining the property. Not letting vacant house sit for over 20 years. Make them fix it completely, or get rid of it. The house on the 200 block of 8th as been vacant for almost 20 years. It's a nuisance, with rodents and varmints living in it. The property owner has padlocked the gates to were no one can access it. I for one can't even access the left side of my house for proper maintenance.
- Respond to people's emails and phone calls who are trying to volunteer, sit on a board or just assist in the overall well-being and success of Dayton.
- A redbike station.
- Arrest crackheads
- I don't smoke, but you should end the band. Nobody was ever rude with smoking. This is their right as a free American. They know risks. Just as you do when you drink alcohol or eat fatty foods. That was a communist move.
- Focus needs to be spent less on opening more bars, liquor store and vape shops and more focus on our youth and community as a whole. There's nothing for the younger generation to do other than the park. As a parent I find myself venturing to nearby cities to go to parks, pools and events because Dayton doesn't really have anything to offer for family fun. It would be great to see more events and activities to get the kids outside and families together.
- It is drab, need to modernize "look", add planters of flowers and a defined central core to the downtown area.
- Lift smoking ban. Ridiculous.

- Need to get new residents to support our small businesses. Direct marketing to new residents. Need more businesses in Dayton. We need to get creative to draw in successful remote work and businesses. We can't depend on taxes.
- Figure out how to get people in and out safely and expediently. Too much construction and route 8 can only handle so much.
- Stop building so many apartments! The traffic is getting horrible!! Sad situation. Was not like this when I moved here. Some way somehow open route 8
- Get rid of low rent housing.
- Get rid of the slumlords number one get rid of out-of-state tags maybe bring back city parking stickers
- Enforcement of leash laws would be fantastic. There are two dogs on my street who are never on leash and whose owners constantly let them run all over the neighborhood terrorizing anyone they like. These dogs have bitten me and my fiancé, have come in my yard before, and like to hide under my car and make it very hard to drive away for fear of running them over. They live on the corner of 8th and Dayton.
- Capitalize on our uniqueness. Close to tons of Big City stuff without the hassles Bus transportation Some good food spots Affordable roomy homes w/out spending all day mowing grass. BUILD the RAMP from Manhattan Blvd into town!!!!(Are we again getting the run around by the Developer???) Do we need to make signs and start a picket line? I'll be happy to call the TV stations !!!" It seems like all effort is being focused on high dollar housing on the river and ""top of the hill"
- There isn't a bank or grocery store in the city. There are too many folks that don't have access to basic living necessities without relying on others."
- ALOT!
- I want chickens allowed in city limits please!!!! It would be a great addition for our city to be locally sustainable like the community gardens.
- Too much government interference for a blue collar town.
- Improved traffic patterning
- Improve the walk ability Keep cars from blocking/parking on the sidewalks. This forces children, people with disabilities ,elderly and the general public to walk in the streets putting their lives in danger.
- Get rid of open drug buying and police do something besides " keeping an eye on it"
- Stop the smoking ban
- As a new resident (a little over a year) I can see the definitive line between old school residents and the new population growing on the river. How do we invite the new pop to take part in the growth of Dayton without pushing the lifers away? I hope the old folks are encouraged to come forward and are met with empathetic ears.
- Somehow we need to draw the community together more. As I see it there are 4 distinct and separate areas:
  - the people on the hill, those communities south of Fairfield Avenue
  - the Main Street business district
  - the older established neighborhood north of Fairfield Ave
  - the Manhattan Harbor community
- The addition of the sidewalk along Dayton Pike was a great start to this connection. One other thing. With all the new development along the River comes a lot of traffic. What consideration has been given to managing this going forward?
- Dog park, tennis/pickleball court

- Dayton is going in the right direction, it has kept the small town feel, all while still growing. The biggest issue I see with it all is the separation from class. Yes, I said it... you have a lot of money sure come live on the riverfront, have a new road, look how beautiful we keep it all. Oh you live a modest to lower income life.. behind the flood wall for you! Where we don't care half as much about anything.
  - Sidewalks and more enforcement on unkept houses.
  - Run down homes, poor streets conditions
  - The loss of the grocery store was disappointing. I think it would be beneficial to have a grocery nearby.
  - Some new grocery store not a liquor store
  - I think time is the most important part. Just continuous improvement year after year and I think there's a bright future for the city of Dayton.
- 
- Have less rental houses and more owner occupied homes. Educate people on pet ownership and be active on cat trn
  - Merge with neighboring city Close or combine schools Create comprehensive development plan that supports just what Dayton is, a bedroom community.
  - We are not a destination or business hub Spend more on city works less on public safty"
  - Dayton is a lower to lower-middle economic level community. Our problem, like most similar communities, is lack of education, money, and resources.
  - A better way for traffic to enter / exit Bellevue and Dayton. Especially with the ridiculous amount of condos and apartments being built, or that are going to be built in the area.
  - code enforcement needs to be fair across the board and actually follow up on things
  - Renters and absentee owners need to be held accountable for their property. This has been a major problem for years.
  - Blight improvement to the empty storefronts, vacancies, general appearance of residences and spaces. Litter control and clean-up of dumping/trash all over properties, yards, etc. Having a city wide trash system that mandates the use of Rumpke or Republic trash bins with LIDS that residents and business owners must use. Reduce vermin. Address sewer smell issues. Consider over saturated business sectors, such as salons. Work to attract new restaurants, a library annex, bars, post office, a non-gas station/convenience grocery store, public art, murals, fresh market, food hall, farmer's market, popups, movie screenings. Address and improve sights of Family Dollar and the liquor store being the first things you see coming in to the city.
  - Get a new mayor who actually has years of experience
  - Need to find a solution for traffic on Fairfield Ave/6th Ave with all the new development on the flood wall the current situation can't take all the additional people.
  - More positive publicity. The Who Deyton got us a nice story on the local news. There are good things going on here with great people. We need to let people know the good things going on here.
  - General sprucing up around town
  - Money for beautification....
  - Clean up some of the old junk houses
  - I believe most of our city official are trying to do what's best for the city. I do not always agree with them but I do appreciate that they are involved in the city & school events.
  - Keep our fire department in Dayton by making sure that those firemen are paid competitively with other departments in the area We can not afford to loose their services to the city I don't

want to rely on Newport or Ft Thomas for fire or ambulance service I could be dead by then or no longer have my house!!

- Post office, mail boxes, police visibility (not just in parades), bank
- More things for our youth in this town to do...when I was a teen we had a public pool, a skating rink, bakery, Dime Store, Dairy queen, and a Canteen. And a police department that actually helps and not harass.
- Need larger grocery store and bank to start
- Not so much the city itself, but the quality of the school district.
- Police need to enforce basics, speeding, running of stop signs, out of state tags and stop hanging out at Circle K taking to females
- More lights on upper Lincoln. Something near the park on Lincoln.
- Having people understand the importance of taking pride in their community, keeping their own property including sidewalks and gutters free of trash. It's not the city's responsibility to clean every sidewalk or gutters take pride of your own property and not depend on others.
- Better communication.
- I would like to see support for residents that live on the hill of Dayton that have hill water draining into their properties and through their yards. The City of Dayton really needs to use tax dollars and partner with SD1 to address hill drainage. The hill will fall apart and people's homes will deteriorate if this problem is not addressed. It is not fair for residents on the hill to manage hill drainage that comes from Fort Thomas. Please consider establishing better infrastructure to manage hill water.
- No post office ..no grocery store.. lots of neww hoising which the actual people of Dayton can not afford. NO PARKS....
- Stricter code enforcement to control the slum lords and people who don't care about their properties.
- Code enforcement concerning residences falling into disrepair, trash bins left on the sidewalk for days The city should be taking responsibility for weeds growing through the street. If a homeowner can't develop on property or keep others from using it, it isn't a homeowners responsibility Heavier police presence on city streets and neighborhoods (monitoring speeding, traffic violations, dogs that are repeatedly off leash) Parking enforcement: Monitoring out of state tags on cars that remain in one spot (street parking) for days Parking enforcement: Becoming more proactive about cars parked on streets that do not move for weeks or are not running
- More code enforcement. Clean up properties. More visible police presence. More speed control on Avenue. Reduce number of rental properties. Take action against absentee landlords not keeping up on their properties.
- Laughing stock of Northern Kentucky
- I think we're moving in the right direction
- Non-smoking ban sucks
- LESS GOVERNMENT OVERREACH and FIX RT8
- Better leadership. City council and mayor. Taxes are too high. Especially with all of the recent growth in new developments and residents.Council does not protect the citizens.
- More people need to be proud of there city . Young and old need to find away to have something in common and can learn from each other and grow into something special. The history of are city is rich we should use it to grow .
- Residents being a bit more house proud

### Additional Comments?

- I do love social media, but also flyers in mailbox are good. I feel like I never know what's going on? Some bars would be nice to have outside seating and more shopping! Healthy food options in Dayton would be nice. We love living here!
- fire next door. Fire Department is top notch.
- I recently spoke with a member of the fire department at kroger. He was a very nice, professional, and truly cared about the people he serves. However, they are the lowest paid and feel unappreciated by the city. The city of dayton needs to properly fund their fire department and other public services. When I drive through dayton, I see all of this development that is currently being protected by and understaffed and underpaid fire department. Something has to change. Actions speak louder than words. Please take care of the ones who take care of us
- The only thing that bothers me are out of towners living in the city with out-of-state plates.
- Maybe we should start with parking permits maybe \$30 a year for residence and \$100 for out of town vehicles. Other than that I'm happy with everything...
- The police force is a joke. A woman was arrested at Circle K and treated roughly for a bench warrant that was issued for not showing up to court when she had shown up. This same officer has had 1 other encounter with this same woman and treated her and her husband poorly. Both are terrified to report him because they are certain he will retaliate. My husband and I have encountered the police as well. First, we live on a corner with a stop sign and they all, each and every one, coast, roll, or drive right through. Second, we're friendly. We say hi, wave and/or talk to everyone. A man walked by one evening and my husband began a conversation. After a few minutes, my husband invited the man into the yard to sit, we offered him a brownie and some sweet tea. After he finished his brownie and I'd returned inside, he hit my husband, knocking him out. He then tried to get into our home by kicking in our front door. I called 911. I was treated HORRIBLY by the operator. I was scared he was going to hurt me and begging her to send someone (I'm disabled) and she acted like I was lying and no one was kicking the door and I was only bothering her. When the cops got there, they treated us as the perpetrators of the issue. Then when they finally started to believe the man had done something, they cuffed him took him away. They charged him with trespassing and simple possession and left his marijuana joint on our outdoor table. They did not charge the man with assault. They did not take a statement from my husband. When we were driving a POS car we bought for less than \$300, because we could afford nothing else, the police force pulled us over several times a week for a blown headlight. During this time there were numerous other vehicles in Dayton yet they were ignored because they had nicer (not by much!) vehicles. Other residents can and have parked broken down vehicles (one I know of for TWO YEARS) and nothing happened. We parked our POS car in the same place for 3 days and we got a ticket. Later, we parked a pop up camper on a street, moving it several times a week but it was towed. One around the corner from us, on 3rd, sat on the street for several years without comment or towing.
- We no longer have any faith whatsoever in our police force. We behave as though we're on our own because no one is here in the city to help, just to punish, especially if one is working class and lower.
- I've had very good experiences with several city services employees. They've got the balance I referred to: They seem to get along great and work great with established residents and also new.
- Rick Lucas always responds to various problems around Dayton.

- Any way we could fix car taxes? crazy how the same exact model, and year car in cold springs Ky is \$403 and my car tags are \$706.
- Thank you all!
- The City employees are the best. They are polite, knowledgeable and willing to help where ever needed.
- I have only had good experiences with city employees including the police.
- Sincerity would be nice.
- Very rude people who don't really want to be bothered
- Haven't seen any
- A garbage truck knocked over a tree near the corner of Sixth and Vine, many months ago, and it hasn't been replaced.
- I wish that the new liquor store was a grocery store again. Any kind of grocery store in Dayton would be a huge improvement, but the profit margin for such businesses is such that I don't have high hopes.
- Tuba and Galactic Chicken are the best restaurants we have, and I hope the city is nice/supportive to the folks running those businesses.
- I have heard rumors of Roebeling Books opening a location at the corner of 6th and Vine for years. The city should do everything it can to encourage and facilitate such new businesses moving in."
- Paying property tax.
- Lift the smoking ban. Also maybe let the kids wear tank tops to school also
- When I have had to go to the city building, staff are courteous and helpful. City workers are always friendly and helpful.
- City building employees are very friendly.
- Need competitive wages for fire and police so we get high quality officers and fire staff. As more homes and condos are built we are not making progress to improve traffic flow out and into the city. Route 8 opening would be wonderful. We have citizens and businesses on that road that seem to have been forgotten.
- I haven't per say but I know my neighbor had a very hard time getting things approved to improve his property.
- As a kid who grew up in Dayton and is now an adult living in Dayton it's very underwhelming for younger people. If you want people to stay in Dayton, come back to Dayton, raise families in Dayton, you have to start with the youth. Encourage working with the schools to show students the awesome businesses rooted here, the rich history, and just get younger people involved. They can't see the greatness of the city unless you involve them.
- Rick Lucas is do heloful
- I walk the neighborhood frequently and run into the police and maintenance crews. All are friendly. I really appreciate the prompt snow removal of my street in Grant Park.
- Police, Code Enforcement. I own my own home and the encounter of the police officer came to my residence was uncalled for. I wasn't hiding anyone and was threatened to go to jail because they swore I was hiding said individual. Then my house isn't as bad as some I have seen and they called the code enforcement lady and she was very rude and unprofessional. I am debating selling my home due to how the situation was handled.
- "I am very concerned about traffic at the intersection of Clay and 5th, beside Lincoln Elementary.
- I have a neighbor that was using the sidewalk and was hit by a car and broke his leg.
- Cars and trucks barely stop, and roll through the stop signs all day long.



- So many children use that crosswalk on a daily basis. I am very concerned that a child is going to end up being hit.
- Those big trucks that work on the river development are some of the worst culprits.
- Maybe some of those rolling stop warnings or something similar would help?"
- find a way to use the new road connector at Berry to really get the people living in the new developments to feel like they live in Dayton
- The mayor and council should be applauded for their efforts!
- Love my city! Love seeing all the improvements and growth year over year.
- Dayton has tons of potential. If the points I mentioned were addressed, this city could really be a top tier place to live in the greater Cincinnati area. Let's repair the roads, fill the shop fronts with relevant businesses, and get residents to CARE for their properties!!
- Can't wait to move out, losing the riverbank and having to stare at expensive apartments ruined a great old city for me.
- I've never had a problem with a City employee. We should continue to work toward representing all of our resident demographics within our political representatives.
- The mayor and city council are so worried about the developments and building the city up, but they don't think they need to pay firefighters a livable wage. Instead of trying to close the gap, the city complains whenever someone speaks out against it and tries to shut them up.
- Road workers are always considerate in my contacts. The police do a great job, always courteous and seem diligent. Chief Halfhill does a great job and is very professional. Considering his budget and turnover of officers, the chief keeps the department running effectively, addressing every issue as it arises. Would love to see the Family Dollar go away. When entering town from Bellevue, that is the first thing you see. Looks like you are driving into a bad part of town. Would love to see a Walgreens or CVS go in there. With all the new residents on the river, it would be busy. Guarantee they don't go to the Family Dollar
- We have some great police officers here, and a mayor that is friendly and approachable.
- Very helpful and friendly!
- Dayton housing board chair is doing a great job.
- Fire Department is amazing as always! The paramedics are always so good with my father! Thank you guys! The city workers do a great job keeping up with snow removal, and summer maintenance! Front office is always kind and helpful! We have some great restaurants with top notch home cooking! And love they changed the name to Who Deyton!
- I came to the police station to report an item stolen from my yard. I had the name of the individual and reported this to the officer. Male officer, salt and pepper hair. He first response was just replace the item and move on (metal wheel barrel). His second issue was concern that if he took the time to fill out a report would I actually pick it up or waste his time having him fill it out and then never pick it up. He then suggested that I approach the individual ( the officer was familiar with this person) and tell him I spoke with the police and he needed to return my property. However, I have had several opportunities to interact with zoning and ordinance and it was a very good experience. All of my concerns and or questions were addressed quickly with concern for my situation.
- Fire Dept was awesome. I had a question, and they helped me. They need a raise, and more funding.
- Spoke with code enforcement and she was very kind and helpful!
- I love living here!
- No encounters.

- Code enforcement- got 'final warning' for partially parking in our OWN grass. In an area where parking is limited . We didn't receive a First warning. Once my husband explained this to her she was understanding and didn't make us pay fine. It was appreciated that she handled it well
- Separate incident- weren't aware of the new sidewalks going in on dayton pike/ Ervin etc. until we woke up to workers in our yard digging. We enjoy the side walk but a heads up letter would have been appreciated as we dont always look online and could have prepared a little.
- Had a positive interaction with police officer who responded quickly to non emergency event involving a child. Seemed to handle the situation thoroughly
- We live on top of a hill and love that plow/salt trucks always seem to treat out road first."
- Stop the non smoking ban. Just because the city received money from the state does not mean you have to hurt three business in the city who still pays taxes
- Cops are not friendly but everyone else is. Get rid of police and hire social workers and more fire department. Cops literally do nothing but respond to domestic disputes, which should not be responded to by force. We need fire more than police. It's a crisis the city ignores.
- Keep up the good work.
- Never had a problem with any Siri worker Police officer or fireman all very nice People and generally care about the city
- Police officers say hello when they're patrolling our neighborhood which is nice.
- I really appreciate the smoking ban and all of the other work the City does for its residents. Thank you for your service.
- Thank you for the website. Easy to navigate and find timely information. Thank you for taking care of homes that are abandoned and need to be taken down.
- All our city officials are doing a fantastic job making Dayton the best place to live. Thank you for your vision and hard work.
- Our city employees are hard workers- really makes a difference when they live here as well.
- Maybe the " complainers" should participate in a day on the job activity- answer some of the ridiculous phone calls, pick up dead animals, drive all night in a snow plow.
- Publics works is very approachable and really listens to citizens concerns.
- Hate it
- The employees at the City Biilding are always helpful and professional.
- I haven't interacted with any personnel
- keep working on blight. Thanks
- no contact
- Code Enforcement let, always on top of things
- Bellevue gets all of the attention. They have trendy shops, restaurants, etc. Dayton has the disadvantage of being just ""over the line"" where trendy stops. Years ago it seemed new owners of grocery store were not able to bond with customers in the neighborhood and the new liquor store is not the draw everyone hoped it would be. Not sure what the answer is. Dayton businesses are a destination. You frequent, then go home or somewhere else. Nothing to keep you there.
- The Fire Department is Excellent!
- Have not encountered a city employee!
- Code enforcement is very rude
- Very friendly and welcoming. I feel very confident in our leadership and staff.
- A lot code violations go unaddressed. Many calls, little action. The violators seem to have more rights than the law abiding citizens.

- Code enforcement needs to be a top priority. So many properties in disrepair or blighted. I know the city is working on this but it is important to keep the effort up and up the game.
- I love the city employees! From the city work crew, to the cops and firefighters. There has not been a single person that hasn't been wonderful to my family and neighbors. For this I have to say THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!
- NA, have not met a city employee
- Thank you for all that you do for our community!
- I Love this river city!
- The sober living moving in to the residential areas are concerning but unavoidable.
- Overall, I think the Dayton city administration is doing a good job. The main street to becoming more active with business. More community activities. It's good. Definitely better than they were 20 years ago.
- City officials are very professional 🙌👍 Police chief and his staff is fantastic 🙌👍
- I grew up in Bellevue, moved out of town for almost a decade for school and recently moved back to Dayton. I am excited to live here and see the direction it is going.
- City going in positive direction. Keep up the good work.
- I live on Dayton Pike and we had a fire across the street a few months ago and the firemen were great. I come in contact with police officers at wrecks up here often and they are so helpful and caring. The ambulance workers were wonderful to me when I need their assistance.
- Everyone I had contact with was friendly and courteous
- I think Dayton is going in the right direction.
- Any interactions with the police have always been awful. My house got robbed and I called the police twice and they never showed up. One time had a violent encounter with a neighbor who was very scary, I called the police and it took them over 2 hours to show up, he could have killed me by then!
- "The ladies in the city office are helpful & friendly when I call to ask a question & also pay my property taxes.
- When I have called the non-emergency police number regarding kids breaking into a vacante house, they responded quickly & were profesional. I do not see them cruising the streets as much any more. I use to see an officer most mornings & evenings when I was out walking my dogs.
- Public works guys are always friendly & do a good job setting up for city events.
- Code enforcement seems to be working with the top 10 houses."
- I've not met any city employee in the last year.
- Code Enforcement, city Administrator, Jay and Officer Linengugle? All 3 excellent
- Haven't needed to
- "Just saw one maintenance person pull some trash from a can, dropped some on street and just hopped back in vehicle leaving the trash on the street after looking down at it. Not sure why.
- Other maintenance workers have been great every time I have encountered them or seen them doing their work."
- The city public works department works their butts off , with a small staff they do an extraordinary amount of work. Code enforcement has really been doing an incredible job cleaning up properties that were for eye sores to a relatively nice neighborhood. I have seen the changes over the past year or so, that shows someone is actually doing their job. We have an excellent fire department with a hard working staff. The police department also does an amazing job, I get so tired of people knocking them, but most couldn't do their job, I would not

want to be in a large city that has to wait 20 minutes for a police officer to show up when seconds count!!

- City employees include public works. Public works deserve a raise every single one of them do an amazing job around the city from what I can see so far. It's looking hard to keep people here working for the city so that could be a step in the right direction.
- Everyone I've dealt with from the city have been nothing but professional, great staff in my eyes.
- I don't know why city residents are being charged when you call 911 - this is sending the wrong message to residents to call when needed. I accidentally called 911 and was charged \$70 on my taxes for a house call that was 1 minute away from the station. This creates a total distrust between the police force and residents and makes me hesitant to use city police in the future.
- Our code enforcement officer is always out and I appreciate the work done so far.
- Please take further steps to penalize irresponsible dog owners. We have dogs running loose in our neighborhood every day, tearing up yards and trash. It's not the fault of the animal if the owner is negligent and lazy. It is the owner's responsibility to prevent their pets from becoming aggressive, being attacked, or being hit by a car and the owner needs to be held accountable if they are not doing enough to keep their pets and neighborhood safe.
  
- Zoning. It's terrible that the first thing people see when entering Dayton is a liquor store with tacky, obnoxious signage, gas station, and a trashy Family Dollar.
- The police are always kind to the kids as they drive by.
- Word on the streets is that the Fire Department keeps losing Fireman. Fireman are going to be essential for all the new housing. What happened to Covid money and how much was given to the old Dimestore building? We should have a new City Building right now, instead of trying to make the YMCA the city building.
- I moved to Dayton from Cincinnati a little over 11 years ago. Never thought I'd live in NKY but have grown to love our little town. Country feel but close to a big city. I'm very glad we made the move!
- Gilbert Marksberry Ben Baker I wish Tammy Cornett was back
- POLICE & FIRE are the most important people to me. PAY THEM MORE \$\$\$\$ TO HIRE MORE \$\$\$ STAY HAPPIER EMPLOYEES
- Thank you for caring enough to give the people a voice in the matter. I will live in this city the rest of my life.
- BDFD are the greatest
- Appreciate the increased enforcement of Codes, making neighborhoods safer and nicer. Need same efforts from police on unregistered vehicles, would also increase revenue (tag tax, insurance).