



RESIDENT SURVEY

2025

DEMOGRAPHICS

WHO TOOK OUR SURVEY?

180 PARTICIPANTS

98% DAYTON
RESIDENTS

AGE RANGE

<18	18-29	30-49	50-69	70+
0%	8%	42%	37%	13%

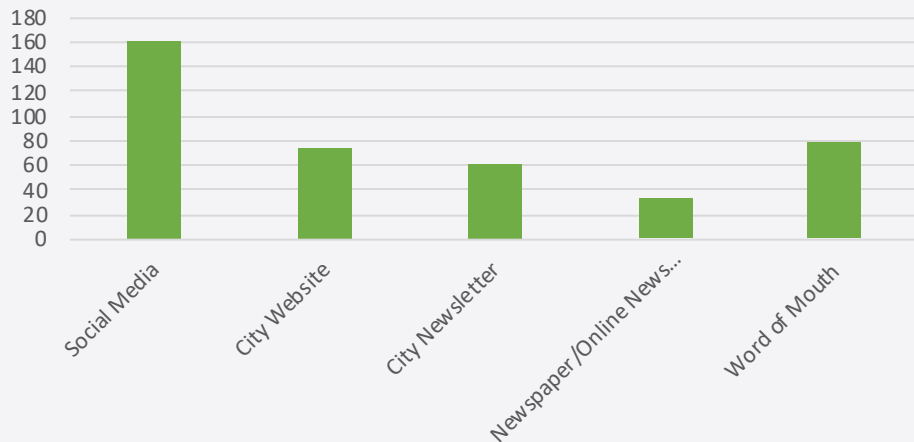
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN DAYTON?

LESS THAN A YEAR: 8%	10 TO 20 YEARS: 14%
1 TO 5 YEARS: 28%	MORE THAN 20 YEARS: 37%
6 TO 10 YEARS: 13%	

90% HOMEOWNERS
10% RENTERS

Where do you get your City news and information?

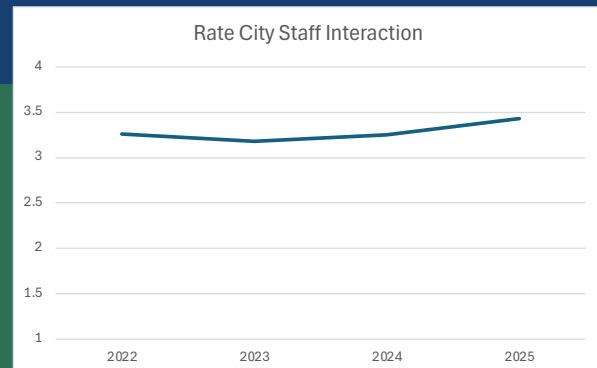
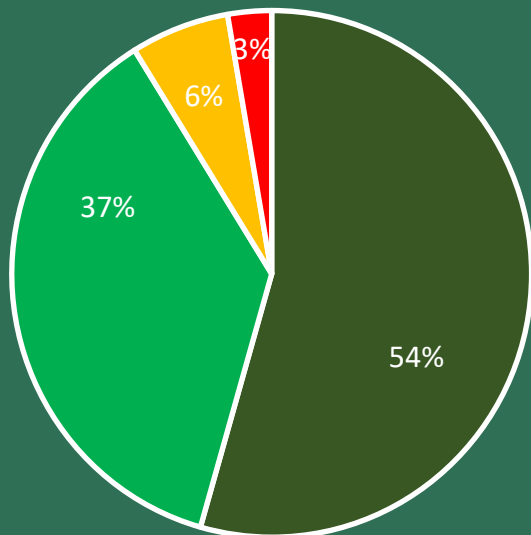
Where do you get your City news and information



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 previous year. 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.

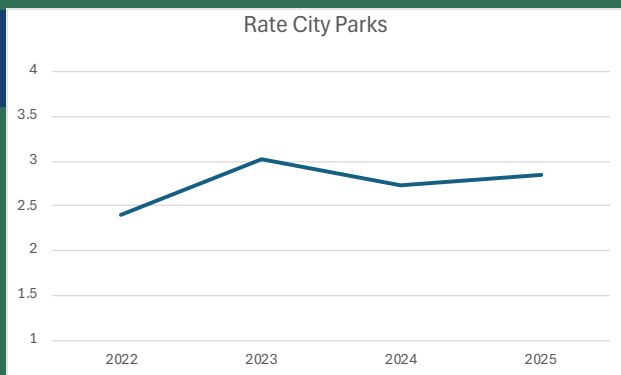
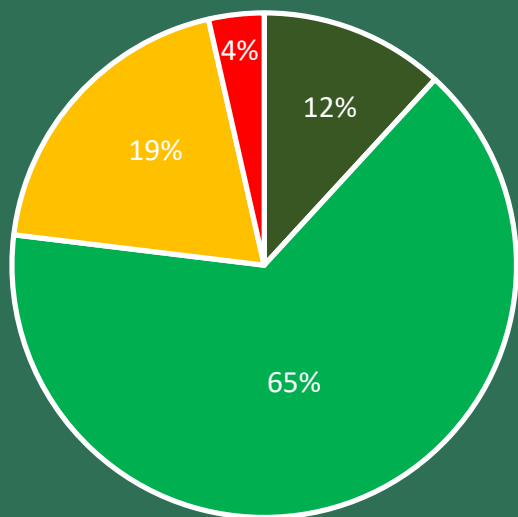
This survey was conducted via the City's social media pages; therefore, the results of this survey could be biased toward social media as a news source. In future surveys, options should be given outside social media channels for residents to participate. Adding paper copies with the mailing of property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

Rate your experience with a city employee.



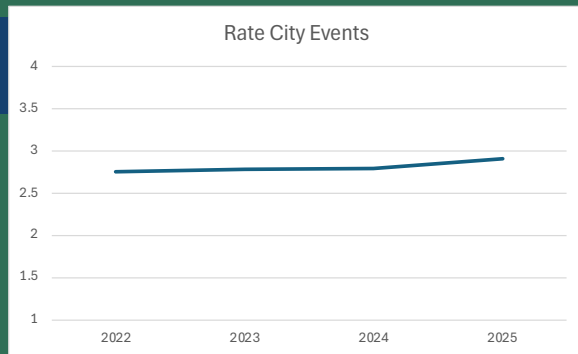
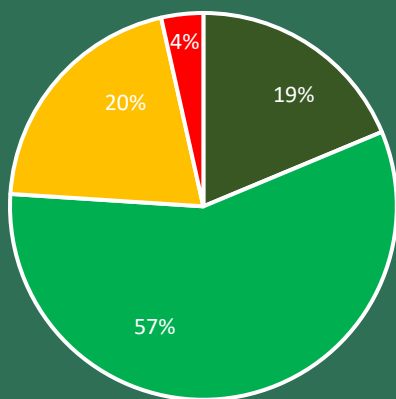
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
2025	54%	37%	6%	3%
2024	46%	39%	10%	5%
2023	44%	38%	10%	8%
2022	44%	42%	10%	4%

Rate City of Dayton parks.



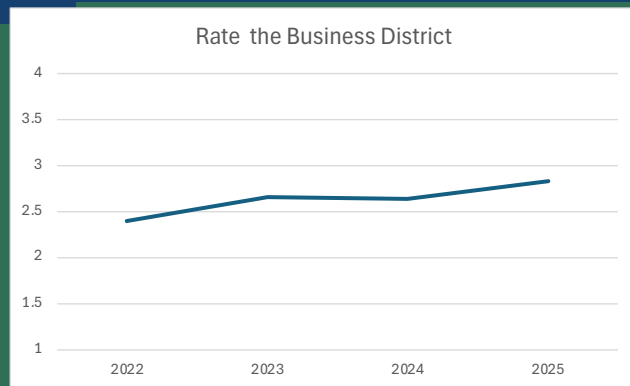
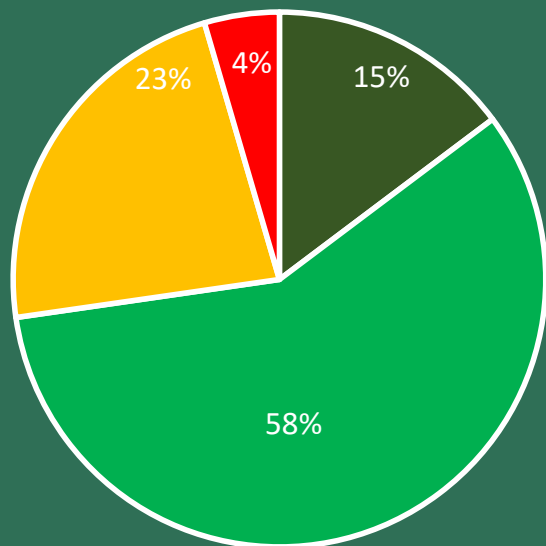
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
2025	12%	65%	19%	4%
2024	13%	54%	26%	7%
2023	12%	52%	29%	7%
2022	11%	62%	23%	4%

Rate City of Dayton events.



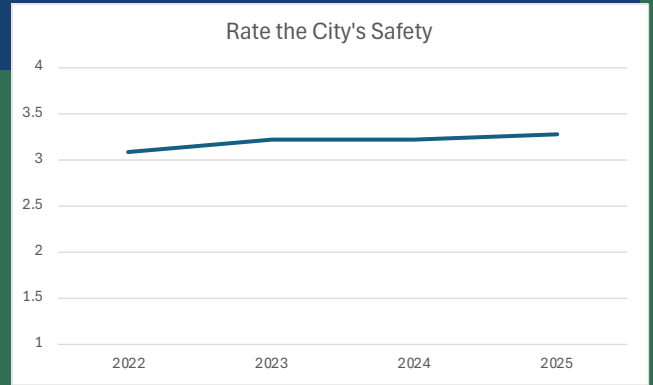
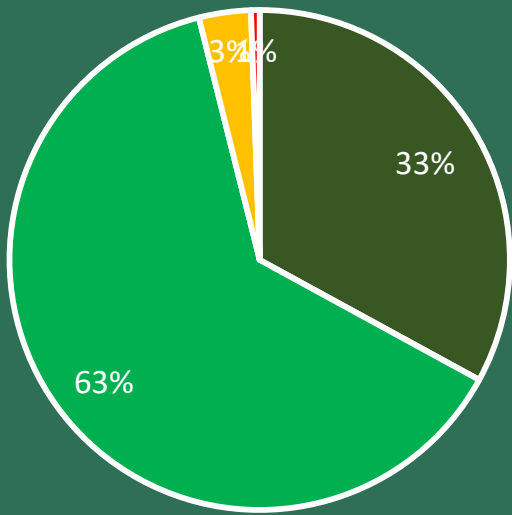
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
2025	19%	57%	20%	4%
2024	13%	59%	23%	5%
2023	14%	53%	27%	6%
2022	12%	57%	25%	6%

Rate the City of Dayton's downtown.



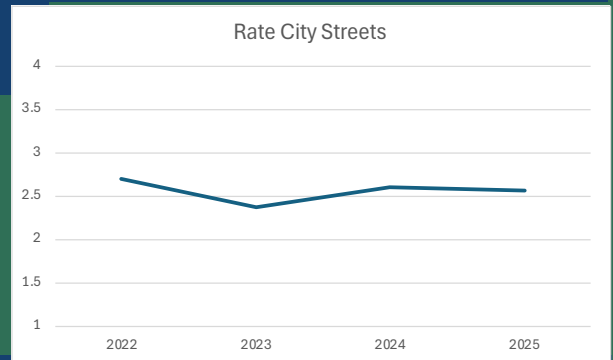
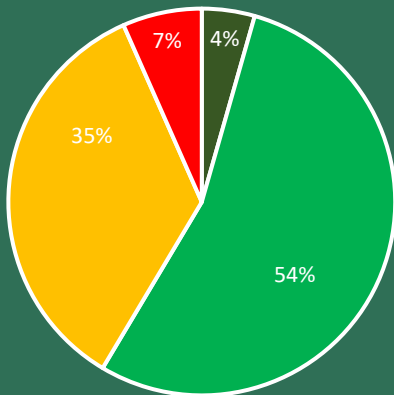
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
2025	15%	58%	23%	4%
2024	10%	51%	33%	6%
2023	7%	42%	37%	14%
2022	6%	39%	43%	12%

How would you rate safety in Dayton?



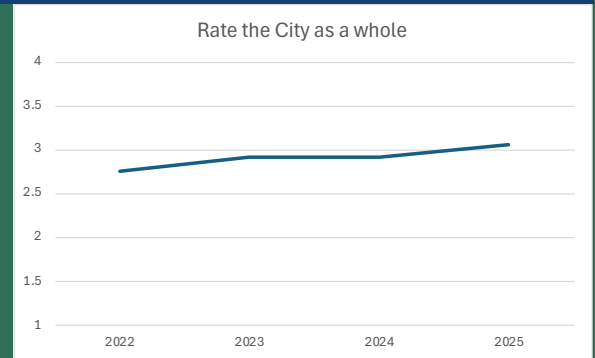
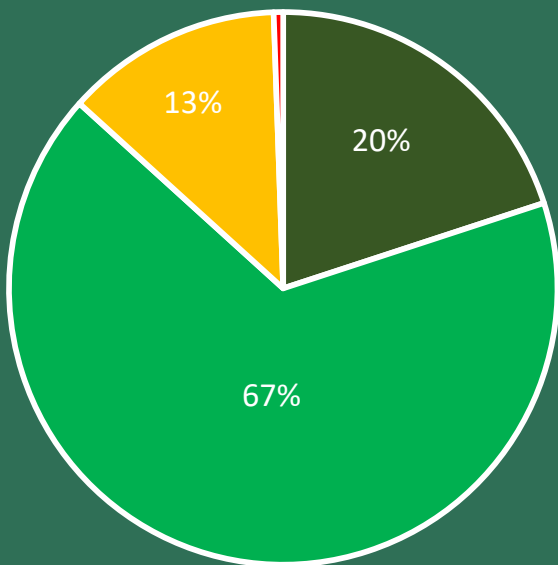
	Always	Most	Sometimes	Not Safe
2025	33%	63%	3%	1%
2024	34%	57%	6%	3%
2023	35%	50%	12%	3%
2022	25%	61%	11%	3%

Rate City of Dayton streets.



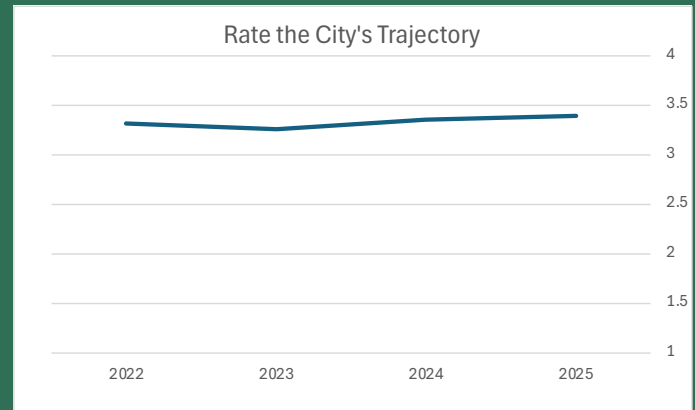
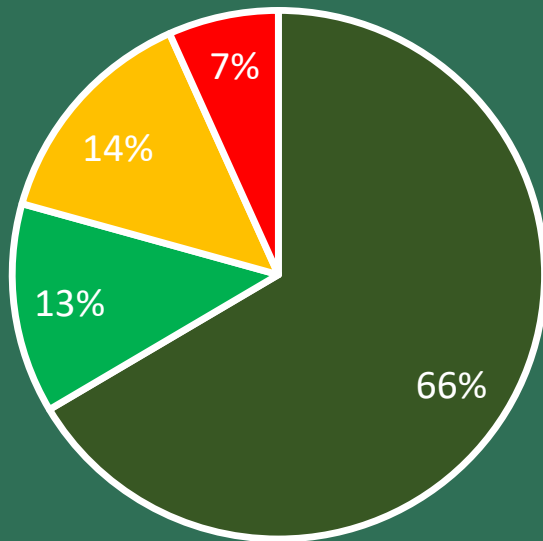
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
2025	4%	54%	35%	7%
2024	9%	52%	31%	8%
2023	5%	42%	39%	14%
2022	3%	36%	48%	13%

Rate the City of Dayton as a whole.



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not Good
2025	20%	67%	13%	0%
2024	13%	69%	15%	3%
2023	13%	57%	24%	6%
2022	8%	64%	24%	4%

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



	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Not Sure
2025	66%	13%	14%	7%
2024	67%	9%	15%	9%
2023	60%	13%	15%	12%
2022	63%	15%	14%	8%

Overall, the respondents of the 2025 Resident Survey said that the City of Dayton is moving in the right direction with 66%. 7% (-2) of respondents chose "Dayton is moving in the wrong direction" in the survey, this category has seen a downward trendline over the past four years. This result should give confidence to the current administration that the majority of citizens believe Dayton is improving overall.

Fourteen percent (-1) 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 number in future surveys.



What is needed to improve City streets?

- Less development!!!
- Repaving and better snow removal
- Enforcing no u turns on Sixth Ave
- Repaved surfaces Sidewalk/guardrail repair Litter removal
- Address potholes, have no parking zones directly next to cross streets as it creates a blind spot and/ easy to clip a parked car when turning right.
- Actually have city workers examine and address every street for re[airs. then start scheduling roads for repaves. the city never repaves roads. they just let the state repave the Avenue.
- Better drainage run off either gravel or french drains. Streets in neighborhoods designated parking or no parking signs. in congested areas just designate lanes and a road stripe. Safety can be unruly neighbors
- Cleanliness. Lots of trash along the roads and sidewalks in areas.
- Pot holes, other than that the streets are kept cleaned
- We are fortunate enough to have off street parking, but it is off an alleyway. It would be nice to have some improvement to the alley, including fully paving it and plowing it during the snow (understanding it's low priority).
- Pot hole repair
- Some of the streets have the same issues like sinking concrete. They do fix it but have to fix them multiple times because it keeps recurring.
- Repair to potholes and places that utility workers have dug into to make safer, have had sinkholes in these locations
- JUST REGULAR UPKEEP OF THE POTHOLES.
- Fix the pot holes on all streets
- A little more cleaning up of garbage
- I feel like many of the sidewalks have crackks/potholes. I would love to feel like my son has a safe place to ride his little bike
- Better lighting is needed
- Lots of curbs throughout the street are in need of repair.
- There are several streets that need fixed due to the potholes or from years of use.
- Speed bumps
- When it snows they need to salt the hill
- Seem ok compared to other cities. Confusing parking on streets, spaces and no-parking need to be better marked.
- Pot holes filled, gutters repaired and weeds growing in the street.
- I love the bumper outs and the charm it had added to the avenue. There are some rough sidewalks. I took a nighttime fall on the southwest corner of Clay and 5th. The roads themselves seem to be in good shape. Except where the trucks drive on 4th to route 8. That's gets pretty torn up. Being an entrance to the city it should definitely get some care.
- Maintenance and regulation. Many side streets and alleys (which are considered streets) are in need of repair. More importantly, the traffic and parking is uncontrolled. Traffic laws are regularly ignored (e.g., excessive speeding and running red lights and stop signs are a routine

occurrence). Cars are regularly parked illegally (in no-park zones, blocking streets, alleys, etc). The abuse of traffic regulations causes an unsafe environment.

- A continued effort to install sidewalks and trash cans in areas without (ex. Dayton Pike, Lincoln Road, Dayton Road) to increase walkability. Maintaining curb cuts for wheelchair access along 6th Ave have been very welcome.
- Routine maintenance and follow up on utility companies when they make repairs and do shoddy work when repairing their cuts.
- Fill in pot holes in a more timely manner.
- Consistent maintenance and upkeep. Perhaps if all the residents that are able to get their vehicles registered in OH but live, drive, and park in Dayton would pay their fair share, we'd have the funds for that maintenance.
- Business district Connections between city and the other side of flood wall Communicate visions of city leaders Transparency of city business (secrecy doings, eith mo explanation)
- Fix roads when they need it.
- repaving some streets, sidewalk maintenance
- Sidewalk repair
- Dayton Pike needs pot holes fixed. The sidewalk should extend to connect with Ft Thomas, as it currently cuts off Dayton from those neighborhoods. Connecting would allow more connection between the cities.
- More sidewalks to connect Dayton to Fort Thomas
- There are many large drops in the roads. In front of my home there was a hole that could and did trap a tire. It's been filled, but there are more.
- Pot holes repaired. Yellow lines painted. More slow down signs. Residents need to stop at stop signs
- Stricter rules for street parking, junk car removal, cleaning curbs. I would like to see rules against having basketball hoops on streets enforced.
- Repavement in some streets. Yellow curbs and no parking lanes on Dayton Ave on top of Ervin. 2 lanes turn into a quick one lane when cars are parked. Crosswalks. Not sure why this is such a confusing point for the city. Make the crosswalks pull focus, be gawdy attention seekers.
- pot hole repair
- Fix potholes Fix people parking on the sidewalk or curves in roads
- Curbs need fixed in certain areas. Pot holes filled. Better lighting.
- More bars and restaurants. Maybe develop some more trails
- There are a lot of metal plates on the streets & a lot of patches from previous repairs.
- Repaint street lines and arrows in public parking lots
- Would be good to touch up on the paint for no parking zones. I've noticed some areas have not been painted in a while and are fading.
- Fill in the pot holes and do something to smooth out the man hole covers.
- They're just worn down like most streets in the midwest... no real need to do anything.
- Pave

- Side walk completion on Dayton Pike Speed bumps in certain locations Add more things to do for kids. There is absolutely nothing for my kid to do in Dayton. They keep building houses and new developments which is wonderful, build something for our kids!
- Maintenance
- Alley ways seem to be the worst, so tackling those should be a priority. Some alleys I turn on to I feel like the bottom is going to fall out of my vehicle. If residents are going to pay taxes, the basics like well maintained streets and trash service should be top priorities, since that is what people seem to be most passionate about.
- Slow down traffic
- Some two way streets should be one way streets. If two cars can't drive past each other then it needs to be reconsidered as a one way.
- Some areas need another or repaved
- speed humps of some kind to slow down speeders for the safety of the residents, especially the children paint out white strips to show where to stop with the word stop painted because some stop signs are not visible due to large vehicles parking up to the stop sign
- Some parts of town r very ruff
- Traffic is horrible! I used to like walking on the flood wall. It felt safe but now part of the street is right next to the walking path.
- Flashing light pedestrian signs at street crossings at multiple locations down sixth avenue.
- Road repair, lighting, street sweeper, parking only one side of the street, off street parking. Street beautification program
- Parking.
- Dayton Pike needs help. Some edges of the road are falling apart. No yellow center line on bend in road past Chateau Ridge going towards Ft. Thomas.
- congested Ave
- A sidewalk that fully connects Dayton Pike
- Speed humps on Berry
- Pot hole fixing, sidewalk maintenance/improvement!
- I would say for the most part our streets are in great shape, especially when compared to surrounding cities of Bellevue, Newport and Ft Thomas... Dayton Pike is soon going to need resurfacing as a main thoroughfare and an entry point to our city...
- Proper drainage and curbs
- attention to all streets off the avenue
- You're always going to have issues with pot holes and things like that that pop up. Overall, I think our streets are some of the best around.
- Let people park on the sidewalk again on 10th st
- Maintenance
- New sidewalks
- More public garbage cans. I walk my dog through Dayton frequently and I always pick up my dog's waste. It would be nice to have more garbage cans to dispose of it instead of having to walk with it.
- 5th Avenue needs to be replaced at the east end of town as well as others.

- More time devoted to all of these: filling pot holes, holding utility companies responsible for properly fill around their sewer lids, street shut offs etc. in the road(many are "man made" pot holes simply due to lack of properly re-paving after repairing the street), and more attention/enforcement of busted and crumbling curbs. In addition, adequately painting/repainting curbs where yellow lines should be. This is especially the case on secondary streets-above/below the avenue. The Avenue gets far more attention than the others, which shouldn't be the case.
- Repave
- Closer attention to handicap ramps.
- The Grant Park Drive road has seen some improvements but more needs to be done.
- Fill pot holes.
- Pot holes and enforce speed limit
- Some repairs are needed
- Replacing and possible widening
- Maintaining the over growth along the sidewalks and curbs. Put the people are walking signs back up.
- Substantial repairs vs patching. Assisting residents with curb/bump repairs and maintenance. Larger incentives for off street parking.
- Systematic fully funded street resurfacing program
- The alleys need the biggest improvement to be kept clean. Maybe regular once a month ask everyone to volunteer to pick up trash in the alley closest to them? Also during snow emergencies (which admittedly do not happen often) make 6th a no park zone so that the plow and get through easier. Or when the snow is over make one side a no park zone one day and the other side no parking the next in order to get parking back in order for the businesses more quickly.
- Blight
- Being able to cross the street without worrying about getting hit by a car. Army Combat Medic Veteran/ Veteran Disabled.
- Streets are overall good. Sidewalks in some areas could use some repairs, but I have seen a lot of progress over the last couple of years.
- Street cleaning. Removing derelict vehicles. Fixing cracked pavement. Fixing curbs.
- When weather permits fix potholes. Trash removal from curb area Clean out storm grates Remove dead cars that haven't moved in months
- Need new lights at the Memorial. Were taken away by state was a very BAD decision. Please change their decision!
- Curb appeal.
- Fix potholes, curbs and sidewalks on streets other than 6th street
- Curbs
- Blacktop would be nice
- That's a tough one....maybe securing a grant for more improvements like the ones made on 6th
- Street sweeping, filling pot holes, litter pick up, making sure any potted plants are watered when necessary. Self watering pots only work if they have the water in their well to draw the water

from. Saw many of the new plants/trees die this summer as they were not watered thoroughly or frequently when needed.

- Some roads need to be repaved. More enforcement of parking in yellow marked area.
- Trees. Better sidewalks. Overall there is zero curb appeal.
- Need to pave the alley ways Clean the streets regularly Have broken down vehicles towed
- Slow people down, speed bumps or islands.
- Lower streets need paved.
- Lighting on 2nd is a disaster, trucks constantly throwing debris everywhere on Fairfield
- Fix potholes, use a street sweeper occasionally
- Yellow curbs in no parking areas, corners Remove abandoned cars to free up parking spots Radar occasionally on 6th to slow speeders (not just on riverfront) Open up alleys for off street parking Flashing crosswalk signage Flashing stop signs on 6th (and enforcement!)
- New asphalt and trees/gardens as part of the sidewalks. Fifth Ave from the elementary school east looks like a sad concrete third world country. There is no green. Trees would make everything prettier.
- Fixed

What is needed to improve City parks?

- More clean
- Clean up in the summer on a regular basis and cut grass. Have shaded areas at all the parks.
- Dog park, water splash zone
- The parks are already great
- Upgrades and better accessibility to flood wall path. Park city facilities need changes. Tennis courts, walking path, benches, picnic tables and trees.
- they need updated to more modern equipment.
- Start over; Sorry There is no draw. No pickle ball? Dog Park? Community concert, congregate area. Sidewalk repair
- New play equipment. A lot of it is broken and unsafe
- Needs new play equipment
- A lot of the playground equipment is broken and unsafe for young kids. It would be nice to have a second playground that is more toddler friendly. Currently, the only toddler friendly one (to my knowledge is at Gil Lynn Park. The one at Vine St. is designed for older kids, except the swings.
- Concession stand, organized activities, monitoring to run off unattended teens that prevent little kids from safely playing at the park
- KEEP THEM CLEAN. REALLY DON'T SEE MUCH OF A PROBLEM WITH THE PARKS.
- Needs cleaned up better
- Too many bad kids
- Some seem a bit rundown, need refreshing. Where are they?
- More equipment

- I wish we had a pretty riverfront park like Bellevue's beach park. I'm certain all that land on Manhattan is owned. But a something up there with a view of the river, and a circular walking path would be nice.
- Amenities.
- Trail completion at Sargent park, as well as continued progress on the Riverfront trail system. One possible improvement is installing water fountain with low spigot for pets for parks along floodwall as that is a frequent walking path for many.
- More Adult supervision. Maybe an age restriction where an adult must be present with child or children.
- Gil Lynn Park has some equipment that needs updated. Metal has sharp edges etc.
- Make them more like the parks in Ft. Thomas. I pay a higher property tax rate than the people in that city. Even if they were as nice as Ludlows. Who would have ever thought that we'd be striving to catch up to Ludlow.
- Only one real park, I don't count the little things they have plopped down in small areas. Need another larger park, not necessarily related to the school. Possibly with ball fields ???
- You do a great job! Just don't forget to pick up the trash.
- Update playground equipment Add dog park
- Update
- More amenities in the park space.
- Better maintenance throughout the summer. Remove the fences around Gil Lynn.
- Parking and paths leading to park.
- I didn't realize Dayton had parks
- The best park is the school park. I would focus on the smaller area parks to make them just as nice. A dog park would be great!
- It would be nice if Sargent's park had available trash cans to through trash away. The dumpster is typically locked. I bring my own trash home with me. I am not willing to bring other people's trash home with me.
- Connect the levee path to the street by Main and 2nd, please? A small even gravel path would be really helpful to get to the stairs. Especially for those with mobility challenges. Also stairs down the slope by 4th St. would be nice!
- Having a better way to access Sargent park through sidewalks
- Maintenance
- I know there are some improvements underway, those should move Dayton Parks from 'Fair' to at least 'Good' once complete.
- Some improvements needed to shelters, safety fences in the neighborhood parks, and more art!
- Public restrooms would be a good improvement
- I think the parks are great. I'd love to see a public dog park!
- more walking paths. camera to allow behavior of groups of children and young adults that hang out and bully and destroy property
- They are dirty. I miss the park north of the flood wall. It was a nice little park to walk.
- Dog park. Pickle ball, Or splash pad for families similar to what's behind Wilder FD.
- Lighting and landscape

- Just keep taking good care of the existing ones and add new when possible!
- continue walkways along the river connecting Dayton, Bellevue, Newport, Covington
- They are not always very clean
- Dusk Enforcement
- We need bathroom facilities...
- Volunteers
- I wish we had a dock or a path to the river to fish or enjoy the river. I think our park jungle gyms are looking pretty worn. I love Sergeants Park. Thank you for putting in the work.
- basketball courts could use a resurface at Gil Lynn park
- I honestly do not regularly go to all of the parks, but the ones I do go to are great. I can't really give an overall opinion because I don't know.
- We don't use them
- More awareness of their availability? We can always use more flowers.
- More sidewalks
- Better signage and information about where all the parks are.
- More and better upkeep and servicing.
- Handicap swings might be nice.
- Run off the punk kids
- Refresh of the turfs, most are good.
- Maintenance the weed when overgrown. The park by the school didn't get de weeded once last year. And the kids play out there for recess. Also maybe update a few new play area toys. There is a lot of room in the park.
- Better coordination with school districts to market events. Marketing targeting residents who live furthest from city center.
- Use
- More lights. Enforcement of cleaning up after your pets.
- Water parks
- Leave them as natural as can
- I don't use the parks enough to rate them.. It would be nice to have pickleball courts since there seems to be a lot of interest in that by all ages.
- Regular inspection of playground equipment. Screws are missing, causing gaps. Regular weed control
- I don't even know about any parks, so that's probably the first thing that needs to be improved is awareness.
- I would love to see an expansion of the parks, incorporating more native-planted green spaces.
- Better upkeep like mulch, trash pickup, cutting grass, fixing shelters and concrete. More shade and murals. Updated equipment at the kids playgrounds.
- Need more equipment that is accessible for all.
- Smaller ones need more attention.
- Need lights and better fences, possibly a dog park for the off leash dog walkers constantly across from hometown heroes

- Gil Lynn needs major refresh (roof, playground equipment, buildings, basketball courts) Clark Street needs updated, fenced Sargeant Park needs cleanup roof trail signage Jamestown Pike Park needs to look like a park, what is planned? Enforce dog crap laws!
- Flowers and trees. Benches. Walking paths. Pollinator plants.
- We need a water park, not a lot for the kids to do. a sprinkler park, would be perfect.
- Need to remove snow on side walks
- Update

What is needed to improve City events?

- More online visibility to the public of events taking place
- Get more people involved. Collaborate with the school district.
- Seems geared towards old people or families
- A more- consistantly updated social media. (Facebook)
- Consider less cover/bar bands. More events for adults to get involved in cityscape and civic minded activities.
- Stop letting biased people have all they say in what is and isn't done for or during events. they have suffered greatly because of this. decades ago we had an awesome Riverfest event with many bands and activities in the Baseball fields. that should be done again!
- Joe Neary, Ben Baker and Scott Bessler are giving 200% but die hard tenants, renters drag everything down. You can't force people to participate. So if the residents won't have attraction to draw people. Movie night every Saturday night. Mothersday Weekend do the yard sale tie this in with restaurants and businesses. Start it but tie it . [Too damn hot in June & its competeing with Ft Thomas. Have another one after Riverfest September 8-9[Covington has Octoberfest, but people hate the crowds, bad parking and food not fom this area
- Nothing
- Need to get more people involved and take other people's opinions into count.
- OFFER A LITTLE DIVERSITY IN THE PROGRAMS. MAYBE EVENTS THAT INVOLVE THE CHURCHS OR THE SCHOOLS OR THE CAMPBELL COUNTY LIBRARY OR ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE. I KNOW TEENS AND THE HOMETOWN BAR CROWD WOULD NOT APPRECIATE ANYTHING LIKE THAT. BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO MIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN OFFER THE SENIORS. I KNOW THE VFW POST WORKS VERY HARD FOR SENIORS AND THE VETERANS. MAYBE THEY COULD USE A HAND IN OFFEERING SOME TYPE OF EVENT. EACH EVENT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE FOR EVERYONE.
- More events to cater to young families in Dayton.
- Think the city is trying to garner interest however the turnouts have been flat. Wish they wouldn't compete with the local high school Friday night sporting events. Would love to see more people attending the city events but also would love to see more people out supporting our youth. Ultimately, I think the only thing that can be done is to step up the advertising. Social media is great but maybe expand put some signage up entering the city with upcoming events have to target those coming in going straight down the avenue, those turning towards the river, those turning up the hill.

- Trashy people
- Awareness, need to know what's happening in advance
- Communicating. Advertising.
- Love the small town feel of all of the events!
- Better communication of City Events. The large postcard with all events listed for the year was a great resource! Would love to see same for 2025 events. Also cross-posting to social media with times/dates.
- Gentrification.
- More events that will bring in outsiders
- More advertising for Final Friday events!
- No alcohol beverages should be allowed on streets or parks. Most events have families with children. Alcohol is not appropriate.
- I think we are much improved in letting residents know what is happening in the city. I'd love to see some more outdoor events at the parks, something with vendors, similar to what Bellevue does with Art in the Park.
- Community walks, "adopt a street", or other cleaning events would do wonders. Any kind of volunteering.
- Artistic quality vendors, more food options
- Not aware of many
- City staff are great setting up & cleaning up after. I find the pushy/rude adults annoying.
- Have events that are not always geared around alcohol.
- I don't know
- Always room for improvement at events like this. Publishing them places other than just Facebook and some bulletin boards would be a good start. Most people hear about these things from local news channels, social media channels outside of just Facebook, and word-of-mouth. Advertising well in advance of the event, 2 weeks out, 1 week out, and the few days leading up to it has worked well for me at other organizations. Consider getting an intern from a local college to assist with social media presence to help boost attendance and overall success of these events.
- You're doing a great job creating new events in Memorial Park. Would love to see a regular community walk.
- food trucks like a few years back (brings their followers to the city to see what we have to offer)
- I have not been interested in attending any events recently.
- Events in the park during summer and fall have been awesome. Keep up the great work.
- Citizen participation and volunteers.
- Not enough events or promotion of events
- Final Fridays are fantastic! I think you are doing a great job
- More events with food and beer. An event that showcases our local restaurants would be so awesome.
- Increased bathroom facilities
- Not needed. Until we fix our other problems. Not enough people participate to justify time money and effort

- I feel like the final Fridays are picking up steam - which is great. Even with the bad luck they had with the weather this past year. The only thing that can improve city events in my opinion is people participating and there is only so much you can do about that.
- Haven't been to any
- Getting the information to all residents.
- City could do way more in this category if they chose to and worked at it a little better. Quit trying to be Bellevue and come up with some ideas on your own....think outside the box
- More variety in the type of events.
- Pickleball courts
- Better advertising
- More advertising of events.
- A large and permanent stage with lighting. More benches around the perimeter.
- I liked the music in the main park by the bar that was cool.
- Improved marketing, increasing unique events, bringing in regional events (smaller competitions, featured vendors, themed events)
- Participants
- The City is doing a great job of providing all ages events for the residents! I love the movies and hope y'all keep doing them regularly both at The Monument and inside the meeting center.
- Keep up the great work
- Blasting the events on social media. More signs. Utilize the electronic sign near Manhattan Blvd. Prepare and mail postcard to ALL homes, apartments, businesses with the monthly planned events. 2024 version was good. Remind folks 1-2 days prior with another media blast . CONSISTENT newsletter- monthly or weekly, but it needs to be CONSISTENT . The bands were good last year. Maybe monthly themes- big hair night, sunglasses night- group pics on stage.
- Earlier notice on Facebook. Some don't show up until day of event.
- More vendors
- Start them so that everyone can attend example weekend events start around 2 or 3
- Maybe build a permanent stage for performance events
- You should have first Friday like Bellevue . Then have a way to go to Dayton . Like golf cart rides or a hay wagon that travels to Bellevue and Dayton and back until it's over
- Keep doing. Find a way to advertise besides the internet. Many people don't see the events posted until after the fact or they may drive by. Not everyone is on the internet frequently.
- I believe there needs to be more information sent out to all citizens about events. Not to just rely on electronic communication but actual mailings to all homes due to some people who don't use social media.
- I personally have never attended any city events so I can't speak to whether or not they are good or bad but they are not attracting people like me in their 20s. Need more trendy things to do. I like farmers markets and working with local businesses. I would love to see something done in conjunction with the new coffee shop, Elliott Café, or even with the catering business Kate's Catering. The events should incorporate more of the businesses.
- More awareness. Fliers and signs

- Very low budget. Doesn't get people out. Very awkward events that seem messy and thrown together last minute
- Have something that brings people to Dayton. Use Gil Lynn Park for events. Music fest used to be a huge event now that it's moved, no one shows up.
- Have a farmers' market
- Better communication to attract more attendees. Bands that bring a following. More food and drink choices on site. Lighting seating and shade in Monument Park. Inside events during cold weather. Engage local influencers
- Better events

What is needed to improve the Business District?

- More parking
- Citizens to shop local
- Great for food. Retail not supported as well as it could have been... not city fault, but Promote parking lots availability on the regular
- No more coffee shops. Hours need to be extended working residents get off at 5 pm most businesses close by then
- Not much they can do we don't have store fronts like the Ave. The business here are good.
- Better marked crosswalks for safety of pedestrians and motorists (ex; flashing sign)
- Dispensary
- So many vacant buildings or businesses that don't have regular open hours. We need better attraction for encouraging other small businesses to set up shop.
- Probably shouldn't have listened to the owner of Zazu's in Covington because he wanted to make the bars in Dayton non smoking. It ruined those businesses, and was a targeted attack on the citizens that kept those businesses open. There are already smoking laws in the books. This new ordinance is horrible, and needs to be revoked!
- Hope these bussiness could figure out their hours. Everyone has vacillating hours. I live here and leave because, what day & time is Galactic Chicken, Tuba, Hometown Heroes open. I have no idea. Take all the crap out of their storefronts, looks like garbage
- Get rid of the bump outs to provide more parking near restaurants
- Parking is a problem but manage
- I like the way it's heading! Just need a few more businesses. Also, is the massage place legit?
- Nothing here to draw people in. Also need to get rid of the 3 year lease agreements. They all seem to leave when that runs out.
- More variety
- NO POST OFFICE.NO BARBER SHOP NO GROCERY STORE NO BANK WE HAVE TO GO TO BELLEVUE OR NEWPORT FOR EVERYTHING . A FEW BARS AND SOME RESTAURANTS DOES NOT MAKE A BUSINESS DISTRICT.
- It's lacking. Coffee shops and tattoo parlors. Maybe target some young professionals - dr, dentist, architect, lawyer, i.t. tech, art studio, barber, get some sustainable business in that can help support the restaurants and coffee shops and keep them in business. The 500 & 600 block

store fronts that are vacant and or not used daily need to be a priority feel like someone is being paid to concentrate on this business district are they earning their money? I can only assume it's a part time role. Lastly, the antique/lighting store at the beginning of 5th is a complete eyesore.

- Clean it up no parking
- More variety, more promotion of existing businesses. Clean up sidewalks and parking lots.
- More shopable businesses of course. The improvements on the buildings has been very nice. Would love to see more of that.
- Small businesses are struggling; increased retention efforts to help businesses survive are needed. Regular commercial turnover and vacant buildings are not conducive to a thriving business district.
- More parking
- Promoting the businesses more, and send out presses when a new business opens up (example - introducing the new massage business)
- More parking
- Parking. Most of these businesses aren't surviving on foot traffic. If people can't find easy parking, even for a destination business, they're going to go elsewhere.
- Not enough there. Small junky stuff comes and goes when money runs out. Need something real yo support
- A place to get a burger , just small and lunch type sandwiches.
- A locally owned butcher shop would be a great addition
- I think the city is doing what they can to address the empty/lived in store fronts and seeking new tenants, keep it up. I look forward to more restaurants and stores on the avenue.
- Appeal to get a brewery or shops to come to the area.
- Not enough variety of shops and traffic is horrendous.
- If you love it, you love it. It's ok though. Advertise those businesses who make rank in City Beat and LinkNKY every year.
- Easier parking
- I don't have a need for the many gift shops. Some of the prices are high.
- It's getting better. Healthier choices. Filling empty businesses. Access to healthcare. Maintaining the buildings.
- Nothing you can fix. I would like wider sidewalks, however I do not think we should take a portion of residents front yards to widen the sidewalks.
- Too many business come and go, not sure why unless it's because they get \$'s from the city for opening, they stay the required amount of time to fulfill the \$ commitment then close or relocate.
- Ice cream shop Butcher Bakery more business less residential.
- More unique businesses Maybe a fabric/quilt store?
- Most businesses are not open enough hours to attract people from outside of Dayton to attend. None of the restaurants or bars really open until lunch time, so there is no real good brunch spots. I never know when the little shops are open and there is very limited outdoor seating when the weather is nice (outside of Tuba).
- I'm so proud of Dayton business owners. They are top-notch food and service professionals.

- Would it be possible to have blocked off side street events once a quarter similar to Bellevue? This would be a good way to get the businesses talking to one another and more exposure.
- The city is moving in the right direction, and a few more bars and restaurants will help. Right now I feel like people outside of the city go to Tuba, or go to Galactic, or go to Hometown. But they don't "go to Dayton." It's the difference between going to a specific location for dinner, or viewing Dayton as the destination because it contains all these great places. People go to OTR, and there are a ton of spots they might visit while there. People don't go to Dayton... Yet. A few more businesses tightly concentrated between Ervin and Berry will help.
- continue to attract unique businesses that people want to travel to come to as well as locals can enjoy
- And ever improving! I love to support them.
- I can't afford most of the business so I don't use them. The Liquor King and vape shop are embarrassing. We need a grocery store to buy fresh food. Some elderly can't get to Bellevue Kroger.
- More shops
- More bars and restaurants. Small business incentives.
- More business involvement in the community. Businesses water flowers and improve store front. More businesses to bring in visitors.
- Love the standing pots for greenery and flowers. Some bushes that were installed last summer are dead.
- more parking options, bike racks
- More businesses and less store fronts being used as apartments.
More hip restaurants
- Wider sidewalk would be nice on the unataza block
- Need additional Parking
- Continues small business incentives
- sidewalk repairs, more trash cans
- The businesses that are there are good. However some of them are never open. And there are too many empty spots still. We need a business that draws repeat customers. Something that people can rely on for current needs.
- The business district is really moving in the right direction. Keep up the good work.
- Quit giving the CCAP money to start with. All too often, businesses see that, come in, and leave after a year. Re-structure the way CCAP is distributed and maybe only offer that money in intervals....maybe half after you have been in business for 6 months with the final amount after you stay 2+ years. More incentive to remain in the City longer. Also, how about partnering with and being engaged with a Real Estate Company or two to assist with bringing in new businesses. Maybe the Real Estate companies could get an incentive such as CCAP if a company brings in a new business that signs at least a two year lease. Lastly, investigate new options for business parking. If that means seek a grant to buy and raze a house or two to create parking, do it! The two public lots are not enough, especially when one (across from firehouse) is typically already full with City vehicles and residents with limited space for customers.
- More diverse restaurant choices

- Parking
- More stores and restaurants.
- Definitely getting better. Just need more businesses other than restaurants.
- Better traffic flow on and out of the business district and parking.
- More visible parking area
- Needs to identify what its identity
- More connections between key areas. Feels like everything is pockets of good between bad. Needs more foot traffic.
- Bank, Grocery Store, Laundromat, Post Office,
- Looking forward to the addition of Wayfarer, but more involved or open-to-the-public businesses on the main thoroughfare would be appreciated. Tattoo shops, massage parlors - I'd like more professional or family friendly businesses to represent the City.
- Is there a Business Development person? Tooting our own horn to the Movers and Shakers in the region. We have vacant storefronts and entire buildings sitting empty or misused or under used. Is there a focused campaign to promote the City? Are we the restaurant area? I'd buy a T shirt with a catchy slogan promoting Dayton. (DayTON- tons of Opportunity) (Dayton- Tons of Eats. Dayton - TONS of Fun But what is the City? ***Encourage patronizing our current Businesses. I'm surprised some of them have made it through the winter months.
- Curb Appeal
- Something other than tattoo parlors and coffee shops. A bakery would be awesome.
- More retail businesses. Give people a reason to drive thru Bellevue and shop in Dayton.
- More bars and restaurants, have the houses cleaned up that are near the bars and restaurants that we do have
- More family friendly restaurants. A grocery store. Hansman's is good but they don't have everything
- More variety of shops...it's hard to tell what is open with some of the businesses. Only see salons, bars, food and coffee. Other businesses look dead
- It's needs a good breakfast and lunch place with reasonable prices . A butcher shop would be amazing . I'm thinking of old Hyde park square shops that drew all socio - ethnic groups in . Old German bakery with donuts . A Aldis or Trader Joe's
- Consider what businesses are allowed and what paint colors are approved after the fact of breaking the historic district color scheme rules. Approving them after the fact is saying the city only allows those they like to frequent to do what they want. Everyone else has to follow the rules to the T or else.
- I guess I can't rate it because I don't use it to often. There are not enough things in the business district that I'm interested in.
- Good ideas, unfortunately a lot of businesses haven't been able to succeed.
- less hair salons and businesses that people can't use on a daily basis. I think coffee shops and restaurants and stores are much better because anyone can just walk in and out and it provides third spaces for people.
- A brewery would be awesome!

- Parking needs to be discussed. I agree the business district is important but residential parking is very limited
- Needs cleaned up, some businesses are neat and clean, others not so much.
- Something other than coffee shops.
- Parking is ABYSSMAL
- Keep attracting great vendors. We have some great ones already, and I look forward to the future
- Sidewalks dangerous, many need replacing Clean up streetscape and building fronts, some look shabby Too many empty dark storefronts, at least get them lit up and “for rent” signs Flashing pedestrian crossing signage Street Parking spaces marked Meters in city lots to create turn over availability Constant promotion within and outside Dayton of existing businesses (not just new ones)
- Produce store. And a brewery inside the old mexican restaurant/bank. Or a gastropub situation.
- Keep good business

What is needed to improve the City of Dayton?

- Leadership with the people in mind not big development
- More community engagement with everyone including the school
- More police presence in areas we have asked for it
- Encourage the embracing of change as it is the only constant
- More activities that don't overlap with local events. Activities that are not dependent on alcohol. Advertising better.
- Im unsure
- Stop the focus on building condos and bringing people into town for business needs. We need to focus on things for kids as well. I.e. movie theaters, fishing, or swimming, kayaking etc. anything to keep the kids busy, and off of phones.
- Better diversification of business type. Looking for more food shopping, dining and drinking options. Library annex, tool rental library, bike repair shop, more postal boxes, better street lighting and street beautification efforts.
- We need more conservative city officials. The new council members are horrible! Jesse Lovins, and Mr. Volter were the best. Now we have left wing extremists trying to turn our town into California, and are already trying to act like racism is a problem in this town when its not. they just have no valid arguments for the things they are saying and try to use the race card when they are called out. its pathetic!
- Activities to do. Tie in Cincy Semisequential/ Bicentennial with Dayton, Riverboat cruises, concerts, food, rope walk, antique shows in central business district More attractions renegotiate the business city startup as after that run is up Purple Poulet, El Domingo, Lost Potros, trotta, pull up stakes and gone
- Doing something about all the congestion on the avenue. Stop building apartments until some type of better traffic system is in place. Also need new trash service company.
- Need to build up and take care of lifelong residents. New curbs, painted curbs, roads, etc.

- Create a way to have community members helping each other, a list of what people can do so we can help each other to help with costs almost like trade for skills between the community. A way to bring the community closer. A way to help address the number of people needing help with feeding themselves. Community has done a great job helping but the need has become increasingly greater.
- CLEAN UP[THE CITY . i AM ASHAMED TO INVITE PEOPLE TO MY HOUSE BECAUSE OF ALL THE TRASHY HOUSES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN THINK FRONT YARDS AND PORCHES MAKE A GOOD STORAGE AREA. DAYTON HAS A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN HERE MANY YEARS. THEY REMEMBER DAYTON AS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE. WE HAD GOOD SOLID LEADERSHIP AT CITY HALL. WE HAD -PEOPLE WHO HAD SOME PRIDE. SURE, WE HAD RUN DOWN HOUSES ON THE LOWER STREETS DUE TO YEARS OF TERRIBLE FLOODS. BUT THE PEOPLE STILL HAD PRIDE. DAYTON'S BIGGEST PROBLEM IS RENTAL PROPERTY. LAZY LANLORDS AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T CARE !
- Fill the industrial park, fill the empty storefronts. Weed out the bad seed landlords. Off topic I was highly impressed with the Cities Memorial Day homage to our past/present veterans.
- Trash
- Hard to find info about what's going on. Would like to be informed, email or Communicating
- I'm concerned about parking when the new stadium opens. I already lose my spot for hours because of the new coffee shop. I'm happy that their business is so successful, but it's definitely inconvenient when I can't park my car on my street. I also lose parking at school pick up and school events. I know when the stadium opens and there are games Im either not going to be able to leave, or not come home. I'm hoping maybe there will be a consideration for residents near the stadium. Parking passes, residents only signs? I'm older and I have many older neighbors that this will definitely affect.
- Standards that are consistently applied and enforced. Residents should have to maintain their properties. Commercial activity should be limited to properties that are zoned commercial. Out of town or corporate landlords should be prohibited. Airbnbs need to be regulated and restricted. Owners of the above properties have no actual interest in the wellbeing of the community and often de-value neighborhoods financially and otherwise. Traffic laws should be enforced and/or safeguards enacted to protect safety (i.e. speed bumps).
- Stop building. Traffic is terrible.
- Clean up the streets (especially on Sixth Street business district)
- More organized youth sports and activities.
- Pick an identity and strive to be the best version of it. We're not like any of the surrounding river towns. We don't have the business district that Bellevue does. We don't have the financial wealth of Ft. Thomas. Although the city is flanking our borders with high end housing. When is the tax revenue from these areas going to show benefits for the city as a whole? If you want to make Dayton a fancy boutique river town and drive up the property values, do it, but do it all the way. You can't allow the slum lords to litter the city with their value erosion properties and inhospitable tenants. We got all the displaced people from newport when they tore down the projects. The city has been poorer for it ever since. Promote home ownership, not a tenement city.

- Need to build the new city building in the center of town. Needs to be built as an event center for the city .
- People could be Kinder! It free and easy!
- Less section 8 housing = less drugs and less riff raff
- As a somewhat recent transplant but lifelong Campbell County resident, I love this city. I am happy with the move and look forward to see what changes are in store. A few more destination spots to draw people to town would be great. Schools are great!
- property taxes to encourage people to move here. The city taxes rates are ridiculously high and gave us a lot of regret when we discovered them.
- My biggest concern is that I live in a 120 year old crappy house (which I love) and the new development on the flood and at the start of Route 8 bring me concerns about increasing property taxes. I'd ask city council to consider the older neighborhoods when city planning and more importantly the medium income of the residents in those areas. Many people in this city are lower income without relief in our futures (for example an increase in KY's minimum wage). This combined with an aging community should be considered in ensuring the city includes variety of demographics.
- Grants or volunteers to improve homes that have poor street appeal. Our city taxes are so high but I don't see much of that being put into the actual homes or streets.
- Limit the number of condos on the Riverfront, we need scenic views of the river from our town, not massive condo buildings.
- Less rentals, less HUD, available resources for residents to make home improvements. Focus on 4th and up and not so much on river development. The pride of the city is in the avenues.
- I appreciate city staff. The things I would like to see changed, must be changed by residents individually.
- A butcher!
- The mayor and city council members need better communication and be more visible, accessible to the citizens of Dayton.
- Parking for the new businesses on 6th street
- The thing that would improve Dayton would also destroy it. MONEY
- I believe a bigger portion of the city staff's attention should be focusing on doing the basic things extremely well... near perfect streets, great trash service, and excellent communication with the residents should be top priorities. We have lots of ordinances on the books, and most residents do not even know what they are. Additionally, most residents vent their concerns via Facebook... formalizing a good way to obtain resident input outside of social media post should be encouraged.
- Manhattan Harbor or Riverside Marina should start a ferry service to the boat ramp near Delta avenue
- Keep doing what you've been doing. Another 5 years of this trajectory will take us from good to great.
- we need to get the new residents that are in the new development into the city to see what is there and to spend their dollars and time look at different leadership in the police department to motivate the officers to maintain a level of safety, enforcement of speeding, running stop signs

and the parking anywhere and anyway that is currently going on in the city in the past 5-10 years get a hand on the amount of short term rentals popping up all over town that have impacted neighborhoods negatively as they don't follow ordinances, renters don't follow basic city ordinances, and rent to very large parties for the size of the units. garbage cans are left out repeatedly by the same residences for days, some store the cans on the sidewalks that block the residents ability to walk or push a stroller safely. police need to be more aware of what is going on while patrolling such as the same broken down vehicles or excessively long term parking of cars. If they cite a vehicle or give a warning then be aware when the same exact offense is taking place in less than a month. Either take notes or work on citing things to memory that are part of the job. work on the cars that do not stop for pedestrians crossing the Avenue, they stop in Bellevue so they can stop in Dayton. utilize volunteers to sign up to clean, repair or assist neighbors that are struggling and maybe have reached out to the city or maybe make a link where people can access the need a community garden space on the west side of town like the east side has, there are many vacant lots have the police chief accessible to residents and not act bothered when they interact with him, dismissing them by folding arms, staring off and refusing to allow them to show pictures of their concerns or explain their concerns, TIME for CHANGE

- The addition of hundreds of apartments has created mass traffic problems and creates unsafe environment.
- The City is making great progress. Stronger enforcement of leash law. City cleanup and beautification day.
- Continue to take care of houses that are falling apart or abandoned. Tear them down, clear the lots and maintain the lots. Please finish the sidewalk on Dayton Pike that connects Dayton and Ft. Thomas.
- continued housing rehab
- Residential parking would be great for those of us living close to the business district and overnight enforcement of the free lots so they can stay open to folks frequenting businesses.
- More trash cans. Less trash on the streets
- Love seeing the politicians out supporting local businesses... I only wish local residents would do the same... I have been here most of my life and this is the first time I've been asked to take a survey... Outstanding idea... I know you can't fill every request but at least you know what the citizen's are thinking.
- Lower taxes
- I enjoy watching the river development. However there is a stretch that just looks like a dumping ground. It also seems like they started to build another complex but then just stopped. It looks very unkempt and bad. The benches on the floodwall look very worn too. I like the new trash cans and the dog poop stations.
- I think more needs to be done to enforce parking rules. I think the 48 hours is a little excessive, but I can point out on my block alone 3 cars that haven't moved in close to a year if not longer.
- A grocery store. Lots of people walked to the old IGA. A water park? A bakery with bagels included? Local affordable handyman shop?
- Re-evaluate the amount of employees. We appear to be quite "top heavy" with employees when some jobs are not needed, or could be combined saving \$ for more needed amenities.

- More attention to people who need help, more ties to nonprofit organizations who want to help.
- Since Dayton has so many added houses and apartments on the river, more needs to be done to help the traffic flow on Fairfield during high traffic times.
- **Complete the trail on riverfront **Add parking near the business district To add home value, zone the type of dog fencing required, most are rusty and look terrible.
- I think overall is decent we just need more clean up and maybe public river access.
- Continue on the same path but accelerate conversion of vacant or under utilized buildings/spaces. Needs to connect better to Bellevue and Newport. Better Bike path access to downtown. Traffic management.
- Crack down on stray cats and dogs. People feed them and even leave out cat towers to care of them. They destroy and poop in my yard, give him fleas. Having to worry about loose dogs/stray cats when I walk the dog is a huge impediment. Further, I believe the City has plenty of affordable housing and rentals. We should roll with the Manhattan Harbour investments and ensure the same investments are made up Sixth Street and Berry/Clay. The only way to prevent crime and ensure we aren't pushed down as Bellevue moves up.
- Could you make this a broader question???Keep working on an identity phrase. Stick with the choice whatever it is. Print it on Everything. Work with employees and businesses and residents to say the phrase whenever they talk with the media, or visitors, etc. Maybe a sticker on the Front door of every business that states the phrase. Something creative that is catchy. See above phrases. We have a museum that has been closed for over a year!!! How many other small cities have a Museum. Utilize this very important asset.
- Low income housing
- More emphasis on the whole city instead of just manhattan harbor
- Better control of loose dogs.
- Continue moving forward with development and clean up Family Dollar.
- I'm not sure what would bring more people out to the activities . Flyers in the mailboxes ? Oh dear lord getting across to people to pick up their dog poop after walking their dog . It's gross
- Lot more greenery, more walkable, friendly streets. Not relying on social media to communicate with the citizens.
- I believe Dayton was always a blue collar town and we have gotten away from that. The city needs to spend more time making it a clean and safe community to live in and not just pandering to the area behind the floodwall. The town has abandoned the people who made this town what it was.
- Less multifamily buildings on Manhattan harbor
- most of it is aesthetic, honestly. If things looked and felt nicer here people would come here and want to spend more time here, but there needs to be a combination of homeowners, putting in an effort to make the areas look nice and the city, putting more plants and sidewalks and just nicer amenities.
- Focus needs to be on affordable living. Homes being purchased for \$25000, remodeled and sold for \$200,000 makes it impossible for low income families to find affordable places to rent
- Litter, it's every where. People need to show more respect for the city and pick stuff up.
- More communication with residents

- Consistent and timely communication to citizens, weekly newsletter was great but why was it abandoned? Get info out quicker to preempt complaints Grow City pride like school district does Marketing to outside to improve image Promote current businesses to attract more investment Promote real estate for sale Encourage empower and Welcome volunteerism, Boards especially.
- Trees. Also beautification grant to the four beige houses on fifth ave before the kenton intersection. With better vinyl siding that isnt falling off the whole street would be prettier. Trees also.
- There should be a mandate to remove snow from sidewalks. It's been very dangerous the last few weeks with the ice and snow.

Any additional comments?

- Thank you all for everything that you do for Dayton. You are appreciated
- Cassis is great and always willing to help out and answer questions.
- No contact
- Address litter on city streets and around train tracks to keep our community clean. Suggestions for addressing the litter situation:1. Enforcing residential trash guidelines established in the city code 2. Program to provide trash cans with lids (free or reduced charge) to eligible residents
- In general, city employees have been friendly, courteous and helpful. The city building itself is very unwelcoming. I would like to see improvements to the entrance of Dayton when crossing O'Fallon. The retail stores are run down with so much loitering and there's not much of a welcome to the city besides a small sign. More activities or incentives which encourage people to fix up their properties and helping to take pride in the city. Garden/glower show/home improvement awards. Code enforcement looking to put pressure on property owners cleaning up the trash and hoarding that spills out of people's homes into yards, sidewalks and streets. More trashcans and recycling cans. A better contract with a garbage collection company. Standard trash cans for all city residents and not the mishmash of garbage cans that have no lids and attract rats and raccoons. Better connection opportunities between the two Daytons on either side of the floodwall. Improvements to riverfront. City signage for upcoming events, important messages, etc.
- Stop hiring lazy officers that just sit behind the floodwall all day and dont police the avenue or the rest of town.
- Ben, Joe, Scott are great. I had a hacking issue with computers and the police dept was awesome. Don't let these die hard renters and transients ruin the city for residents. Negativity runs rampant from unemploed, hand out folks. They want ""the old Dayton back-Tacoma etc"" Maybe a pool, a carwash, better parking. Dayton Pike park, benches, dog park, Gazebo, concerts, wildflowers
- City Fire and city council
- WITH ALL OF DAYTON'S PROBLEMS WE CAN BE VERY PROUD OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT , FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS. THEY ARE THE BEST! THEY ARE THE ONLY REASON TO STAY IN DAYTON. CODE ENFORCEMENT IS ANOTHER STORY. THERE IS A HOUSE LOCATED

AT THE CORNER OF TENTH ST. AND DAYTON AVE. THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND CITY WANTED TO SHUT DOWN. I KNOW A LOT OF HARD WORK WENT INTO GETTING THE PEOPLE OUT OF THERE. I BELIEVE THE HOUSE WAS SOLD. IT WAS NICE TO SEE THE CITY DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE BLIGHT. HOWEVER THE HOUSE STILL LOOKS AWFUL AFTER ALL THIS TIME. WHAT HAPPENED ? THIS IS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE OF THE CONDITION OF SOME OF THE HOUSES AND YARDS IN DAYTON. LIVING IN A DECENT AREA SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO GRANT PARK AND THE RIVERFRONT. WE SHOULD EXPECT ALL CITIZENS AND LANDLORDS ESPECIALLY , TO KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN AND RESPECTABLE.. ALONG WITH STREET FAIRS AND OUTDOOR CONCERTS AND ALL THE OTHER FUN THINGS WE DO IN DAYTON MAYBE WE SHOULD OFFER COURSES IN CITIZENSHIP.

- Public works men do a fine job to keep the city streets clean always wave or nod head when I drive by. Code Enforcement lady always seems to have a smile on her face even though she has a thankless job.
- City staff are always friendly and helpful. Police Chief and officers are very visible throughout the city and are very helpful and friendly.
- City does whatever they want doesn't care who it hurts
- Seems like a nice town, quiet. Could be cleaner trash piles look bad. Need to be more welcoming to people moving in or visiting businesses.
- I haven't encountered an employee recently. But I was impressed with our roads during the past snow storms. There was definitely a difference between Bellevue's and our roads. Republic services is a terrible company and I think their contract needs to be looked at. Sometimes they miss weeks of pick up, sometimes they only do one side of the street. Many many times they spill trash in the streets and leave it there. Like piles of it. Today they reached in and took one bag out of my bin and didn't dump the whole can for some reason. I've lived in big cities and moved around for a lot of my life. I've been here almost 25 years, the longest I've ever stayed in one place. I love the small town feel. I love knowing my neighbors, although I've been through some rough ones. I love that my daughter (who will be a senior this year) has spent her entire life in the same school with good friends and some great teachers. I love seeing the improvements, and watching the city grow. I do wish that more people cared for their properties. At the Dayton street meet I heard some pretty derogatory comments from some of the out of town kids. We are a cute river community, with great access downtown and lots of other areas. I hope we continue to beautify it and make it a great place for families to live and love.
- The Code Enforcement Officer is responsive and engaged.
- I have loved seeing all of the accessibility and green space improvements over the past few years and hope to see more in the future. I think Dayton is a great place to live and want to see more people choose Dayton for its great location, wonderful public spaces, and amazing businesses.
- Thank you to all responsible for the years spent to make Dayton what it is now. I didn't always enjoy living here or feel safe or protected. It's now a place that I'm proud to live in and raise my children.
- Some city workers are guarded and hard to work with. My encounter was as if I was trying to cheat the system. I'm one of the good guys, follows rules, pays taxes, good neighbor!!!
- I love this town. We are Dayton Strong!

- Stop harassing the property owners and residents with unfair ordinances.
- The city is really easy to work with and every city employee has been friendly and helpful!
- I want to own chickens
- I asked a police officer a question. He was approachable and kind.
- I would like to add to my previous comment about traffic. Since Route 8 reopened, at the Streets East of Berry, on 4th and 5th Streets, is where no one stops at the stop signs headed North from the side streets. Thank you
- I checked I feel safe in Dayton most of the time. I feel safe in my home all the time. I never feel safe driving. On Belmont at the curves, cars are always left of center. We need slow down signs and lines painted. People do not stop at stop signs.
- Social media updates aren't always in a timely matter. Mostly the town wants to know about their trash pick. We all know that's the hot topic all the time . Get a better communication system with Republic and post everything on our socials right away. Pay for our recycling and make it city wide. Also, the past couple times, there has been little to no info on candidates running for city council. That's not cool.
- I have found the city Police very kind and reasonable. I have not encountered any City Hall Staff.
- Code enforcement. They have always been nice.
- Ladies at the city building are always friendly & helpful.
- No face to face or communication of any kind
- The main issue I experience is with stray or loose dogs. I have two small children and two dogs that I walk and several times in the last year I've had to chase off a stray dog that has approached my family while barking or generally looking aggressive. I don't really have a suggestion on how to fix this but it is a thing I have to worry about anytime I walk around the neighborhood.
- I love my little river town. I am a lifer. Born in Speers hospital, never lived in any other city. I'm not blind, I see the faults, stay to myself at my age, keep my house and yard clean, pick up litter when I see it, shop local. Your town and your experience in it is what you make it. If you put love and work into your town, that is what you will get back out.
- Helpful, inspiring, hard-working people who care about the well-being of residents. They're helping create a welcoming community. I can't thank them enough!
- When I have had any questions or concerns and called the city, police or Code Enforcement they always answer the phone and listen and appear to understand and are going to work on the next step. Rental inspections are a great addition and need to continue, everyone deserves a safe place to live. Public works has done an excellent job with the streets during the storms of January and keeping up with the alleys and common grass spaces.
- The city improvements have not benefited long term residents. My commute to and from work has increased. My property taxes have doubled. I feel like city council has done existing citizens a disservice.
- This city is great
- I interact with all city employees and we have the best. The city does a great job implementing new programs and events. The improvements are making a difference in the community. We

have a great public works team taking care of the city. Police and fire are very helpful hosting events supporting the community.

- continue speed patrols on Manhattan Blvd. Add sidewalks or more ramps to floodwalk walkway on Manhattan Ave
- I am so proud to live in Dayton, KY. I have lived here off and in for 15 years and to be a part of its growth has been an incredible experience.
- I think it was a great idea to open the road over the floodwall and connect to Berry Street... Don't think as many of the people now living behind the floodwall are taking advantage of it as was hoped but time will tell.... As much as I hate paying taxes, mostly school taxes, the ladies in the office always greet you with a smile which helps lessen the pain...Dayton Police are always visible and they too often support local businesses... To my knowledge, I have not heard of bar patrons being hassled by local police which only helps people feel comfortable supporting local restaurants and bars... Rick Lucas and his city workers have been very responsive to our neighborhood requests...
- Cops aren't very friendly or present Love the fire department. They need better wages It's an emergency being let off for too long. City manager needs to move on. Job wasn't supposed to be this long at this wage. Money grab. Promote the assistant
- I think our city officials/employees in all areas are great representatives of the city. They all seem to have the city's best interests in mind and they are a well rounded, unique group of individuals.
- Things have been looking up for quite a while now. Keep going, just keep going. Also, it might be helpful to explain to citizens that getting a grant is not so easy. That you can't just request what you want money for. Explain to the public how the grant process works.
- All of the staff that I have come in contact with are always professional and nice to deal with.
- Most interactions are good with City employees, as I have had interactions with at least one in most all departments. Typically, however, the interactions within the City building are less than expected/unprofessional. Interactions with police, fire, public works, and Code enforcement have been very good with professional interactions.
- Police and police clerk are wonderful!
- For the most part every interaction has been great. Sometimes they forget that although we are neighbors their position make them a tad intimidating.
- Ambulance employees were very nice to me when I needed their help. They were professional in every way and calmed me as we rode to the hospital. I really appreciated their expert help.
- With all the properties being added in the city, the facilities crew is going to need to double in size. With all the new construction on the river, you should have the tax dollars to buy equipment and add personnel.
- Rick is amazing and goes beyond his job to do things around the city. Great man he needs a raise for sure
- All encounters have been very good!
- I think all the city employees are extremely nice and care.
- Keep up the great work

- Extremely positive. Public works and especially Code Enforcement. Thank you for the incredible work and please continue to push to ensure our city's housing standards are kept safe and healthy.
- I've heard from other residents that calls do not get returned and it looks like a lot of casualness in the office. But I'm from an era where you were supposed to be at your desk getting stuff done.
- Our city representatives are awesome. You can tell they work hard to better our city. If they could just come up with lower priced housing. Appreciate them trying to bring in high income folks, good for taxes, but please don't forget the low income, seniors on retirement. Please, please they need help!
- Rick Lucas and his crew are amazing!
- People esp the elderly over 65 are nervous about property and city taxes . Could there be a cap ? Even with the discounts it's expensive , With how expensive the flipped houses are going for . There needs to be affordable rent .
- I sent an email out to all council and mayor about an issue and I only got a response from one member of council. I feel this is a good indication of how I feel this council and administration view the citizens. When I listen to your meetings it is apparent you already have your mind make up on issues before you even listen to the citizens feedback.
- Every one I've encountered are friendly.
- Keep going on the same track that we're on. Dayton is going places.
- Welcome" packet for people moving in (including apartments on riverfront) Most people want to be informed and proud of their city, promote the positive regularly (rehab, property sales monthly?, highlight a business a month?, milestones). Digital and frequent "community news
- Currently we have a talented & smart City Council, keep them involved and informed more than once a month for 90 minutes. Don't waste that valuable asset, this too will someday pass.
- Take better care of what and who we already have in Dayton instead of prioritizing on "new".
- Republic trash is actually trash.
- Programs, that help Long term residence, stay in there homes, or loans for people to keep up with house projects.
- Angie at city building.