



SUMMER2024

DOWNTOWN DAYTON
Events & Activities



BECAUSE THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON... **BE DOWNTOWN.**

Summer fun starts here, and this event guide is your gateway to exploring everything your city has to offer! The listings here highlight some of the biggest and best downtown events, but there's so much more going on all the time.

The Downtown Dayton Partnership also publishes new activities every day on the DowntownDayton.org website. Be sure to check out the online calendar for events, and use the maps, business directories, and parking guides to plan your next downtown Dayton adventure!

AES OHIO SUMMER IN THE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS



DOWNTOWN HOUSING TOUR • MAY 11

Find out why downtown is the hottest, most in-demand real estate market in the region! Tour a variety of downtown living options at your own pace, get sneak peeks at projects in development, sign up for themed walking tours, and hear from downtown residents about what it's like to live here. *Sponsored by:* AES Ohio, CenterPoint Energy, altafiber, Dayton.com, Key Ads, and RTA.



DOWNTOWN ADVENTURE • JUNE 29

Team up for the Downtown Adventure and explore downtown Dayton businesses and sites in a fun scavenger hunt. Find hidden clues, solve riddles, and complete challenges for the chance to win prizes! *Sponsored by:* AES Ohio, Key-Ads, and Dayton.com



ART IN THE CITY • AUGUST 3

Celebrate the arts with live demos and performances, hands-on activities, a juried art show, art bazaar, and much more from hundreds of area visual and performing artists. *Sponsored by:* AES Ohio, Dayton.com, Montgomery County, the Ohio Arts Council, and PNC



CURIO • MAY 14-SEPTEMBER 26

New this year!

Curio at Courthouse Square is poised to become the city's ultimate lunchtime hotspot, social hour haven, and community connection central, all rolled into one compact yet captivating container! Enjoy free lunchtime fun every Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Curio Lunch Box. Wednesday pop-ups from 4 to 6 p.m. will bring rotating events paired with DORA beverages. Find the current schedule at DowntownDayton.org. *Presented by:* Downtown Dayton Partnership, Montgomery County, and AES Ohio



FIRST FRIDAY • THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The beginning of every month starts with a bang in downtown Dayton. First Friday is a free art hop featuring exhibit openings at the galleries, along with a variety of entertainment options, arts demonstrations, live music and more. Find each month's event details at facebook.com/FirstFridayDayton. *Presented by:* Downtown Dayton Partnership

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www.aes-ohio.com/community



SUMMER FUN EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

BECAUSE THE OPTIONS ARE ENDLESS... **BE DOWNTOWN.**

In addition to special events, there are museums, sporting venues, galleries, markets, and other attractions offering fun all summer (or all year) long! Use our website at DowntownDayton.org to locate these and other attractions; look up their scheduled events; and find parking, shopping, and dining options nearby:

2ND STREET MARKET 600 E. Second St., (937) 228-2088, metroparks.org/localfood

AMERICA'S PACKARD MUSEUM 420 S. Ludlow St., (937) 226-1710, americaspackardmuseum.org

CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK 1000 Carillon Blvd., (937) 293-2841, daytonhistory.org

THE CONTEMPORARY DAYTON 25 W. Fourth St., (937) 224-3822, thecontemporarydayton.org

THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE 456 Belmonte Park North, (937) 223-4278, daytonartinstitute.org

DAYTON DRAGONS BASEBALL Day Air Ballpark, 220 N. Patterson Blvd., (937) 228-2287, daytondragons.com

DAYTON LIVE (937) 228-3630, daytonlive.org
 One-stop shop for tickets to Dayton Ballet, Opera, Philharmonic, Human Race Theatre Company, Muse Machine, and performances at the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center, Victoria Theatre, The Loft Theatre, and the PNC Arts Annex

DAYTON METRO LIBRARY 215 E. Third St., (937) 463-BOOK, daytonmetrolibrary.org
 Dozens of programs, reading clubs, and more all summer long

THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE MUSEUM 10 N. Ludlow St., (937) 227-3223, peace.museum

K12 GALLERY & TEJAS 341 S. Jefferson St., (937) 461-5149, k12gallery.org

LEVITT PAVILION DAYTON 134 S. Main St., levittdayton.org Levitt Pavilion's season brings dozens of free concerts downtown, May 30-September 14

LINK: DAYTON BIKE SHARE linkdayton.org, Dozens of bike hubs throughout downtown

THE NEON MOVIE THEATER 130 E. Fifth St., neonmovies.com

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK 111 E. Monument Ave., (937) 278-2607, metroparks.org/riverscape
 Enjoy Community Fitness workouts (Bootcamp with The Unit, Tai Chi & Qigong, BootyMix, and Stay Fit with DCDC) most Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays thru September, and Fitness in the Park (Yoga or Zumba) most Saturdays. For information on paddling rentals, concessions, bike hub, fountains, and more, visit metroparks.org/places-to-go/riverscape

RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN (937) 275-7275, metroparks.org/river-run
 Take advantage of on-river floats, kayaking, and other fun river programming

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS various locations, downtowndayton.org/things-to-do/summERCamps
 Check out our 2024 list of summer camps offered in or near downtown Dayton

BE IN THE KNOW



More downtown events are added to our online calendar every day. Sign up for our weekly "e-vents" newsletter and never miss a moment of fun.

Visit DowntownDayton.org/subscribe to sign up.

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Fifth Street will close to vehicular traffic between Patterson Boulevard and Wayne Avenue on weekends, to create a pedestrian mall in the Oregon District with more space to shop, dine, and relax in the open air.

Spring & summer months
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
theoregondistrict.org/outon5th



Take your to-go beverage around the DORA district, either while relaxing outdoors, or while you're shopping. Look for the DORA stickers on the entrances of participating retailers, and sip while you shop throughout most of downtown.

Noon-midnight, 7 days a week
 Boundary & rules: DowntownDayton.org/DORA

2024 AES OHIO SUMMER IN THE CITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

BE WHERE ALL THE FUN IS THIS SUMMER... BE DOWNTOWN.

Downtown's your destination for festivals, food, art, music, shows, shops, and everything that makes summer fun! Here is just a slice of what's happening in your city. Visit DowntownDayton.org for details and even more events and activities, and to subscribe to the weekly "e-vents" email newsletter.

THROUGHOUT SUMMER

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FIRST FRIDAYS

Throughout downtown Dayton, downtown events & entertainment, downtowndayton.org

MAY 14-SEPTEMBER 26, TUESDAYS-THURSDAYS 12-2 PM & WEDNESDAYS 4-6 PM CURIO ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Courthouse Square, lunchtime entertainment, Wednesday social hours, and more, downtowndayton.org

MULTIPLE DATES DAYTON DRAGONS BASEBALL HOME GAMES

Day Air Ballpark, see schedule at daytondragons.com

ONGOING WATER STREET DISTRICT PINT PATH

various breweries in Water Street District, waterstreetdayton.com

MONDAYS SUMMER READING CLUB

Rabbit Hole Books, rabbitholedayton.com

MONDAYS & SOME FRIDAYS MAYHEM & MYSTERY DINNER SHOW

The Spaghetti Warehouse, meatballs.com

MONDAYS-WEDNESDAYS COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

TUESDAYS TUESDAY NIGHTS IN THE PARK

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, & SOME FRIDAYS KAYAK RENTALS

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

THURSDAYS JAZZ AT GATHER

Gather by Ghostlight, gatherdyt.com

THURSDAYS-SATURDAYS, MAY 30-SEPT 14 LEVITT DAYTON FREE MUSIC CONCERTS

Levitt Pavilion Dayton, levittdayton.org

FIRST FRIDAY AND FOLLOWING SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH ART HOP AND SECOND LOOK SATURDAY AT FRONT STREET

Front Street Galleries, frontstreet.art

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH SECOND SATURDAY POETRY SALON

Rabbit Hole Books, rabbitholedayton.com

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH ARTVENTURES

The Dayton Art Institute, daytonartinstitute.org

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH THE SEGUE: POETRY OPEN MIC

Gather by Ghostlight, gatherdyt.com

MOST SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS MUSIC AT THE MARKET

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH SKINNER PIPE ORGAN CONCERTS

The Dayton Art Institute, daytonartinstitute.org

3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH ART HOP & MARKET AT FRONT STREET

Front Street Galleries, frontstreet.art

FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH MUSEUMS ON US

The Dayton Art Institute, daytonartinstitute.org

MAY 4, JULY 11, & SEPTEMBER 14 MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNITY ID DRIVE

Dayton Metro Library, daytonmetrolibrary.org

MAY 11 & 18, JUNE 1, 8, & 29, JULY 6, 13, & 20, AUGUST 3, 10, 24, & 31 FITNESS IN THE PARK - FREE YOGA OR ZUMBA WORKOUTS

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

MAY 15 & 18, JUNE 26 & 29, JULY 10 & 13, AUGUST 7 & 10 STORY HOUR

Rabbit Hole Books, rabbitholedayton.com

MAY 19, JULY 21, AUGUST 18, & SEPTEMBER 15 CARS & COFFEE WITH DRIVE ELECTRIC DAYTON

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

JUNE 21, JULY 19, AUG. 9 & 26, & SEPT. 20 SUMMER ICE POP SERIES

2nd Street Market & Culture, sweetpicepops.com

MAY

ONGOING THRU MAY 12 EXHIBIT: THE ARTISTIC LIFE OF AKA PEREYMA

The Dayton Art Institute, daytonartinstitute.org

ONGOING THRU MAY 12 PEERLESS

The Loft Theatre, humanracetheatre.org

ONGOING THRU MAY 18 EXHIBIT: PERSON PLACE THING

Dayton Society of Artists, daytondsa.org

MAY 1-12 DISNEY'S THE LION KING

Schuster Center, daytonlive.org

MAY 2 2024 LEVITT DAYTON SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT PREVIEW CONCERT, FEATURING LUV LOEZ

Levitt Pavilion Dayton, levittdayton.org

MAY 2 MISTER C LIVE VOL. 3 - WHEN SCIENCE GOES VIRAL

Victoria Theatre, daytonlive.org

MAY 3 MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

MAY 3 WATER STREET DISTRICT PARTY ON THE PLAZA

Day Air Ballpark, waterstreetdayton.com

MAY 3 MARILYNN PAGE ARTIST RECEPTION

Edward A. Dixon Gallery, eadgallery.com

MAY 3 WYSO FUNDRAISER CONCERT

The Brightside, thebrightsidedayton.com

MAY 3-5 MAYFAIR PLANT SALE

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 3-5 TATTOO BASH CONVENTION

Dayton Convention Center, daytonconventioncenter.com

MAY 4 ALL-CITY ARTS FESTIVAL

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

MAY 4 DERBY DAY IN THE DISTRICT & WIENER DOG RACE

Oregon District, theoregondistrict.org

MAY 4 FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Dayton Metro Library, daytonmetrolibrary.org

MAY 4 DAYTON BALLET SCHOOL CONCERT

Victoria Theatre, daytonperformingarts.org

MAY 4 DAYTON TACO FEST & CAB CRASS CONCERT SERIES

Yellow Cab Tavern, yellowcabtavern.com

MAY 4 GEM CITY ROLLER DERBY

Dayton Convention Center, daytonconventioncenter.com

MAY 4 & 5 OUTDOOR FARMER'S MARKET OPENING WEEKEND

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 5 AN EVENING WITH PHIL ROSENTHAL OF SOMEBODY FEED PHIL

Victoria Theatre, daytonlive.org

MAY 6-JUNE 14 SATURDAY ART MEMBER SHOW

K12 Gallery & TEJAS, k12tejasgallery.org

MAY 7, 8, 10, & 11 DRAGONS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SHOWCASE

Day Air Ballpark, daytondragons.com

MAY 9 CULTURE KITCHEN: FRENCH CREPES

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 9 MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH JOB FAIR

Day Air Ballpark, mcohoio.org

MAY 9 BOB ROSS AUTO GROUP JAZZ & BEYOND: FATHER, SON & FRIENDS 35TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

The Dayton Art Institute, daytonartinstitute.org

MAY 10 HEIRLOOM TOMATOES & HOW TO GROW THEM

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 10 THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN

Victoria Theatre, daytonlive.org

MAY 10 & 11 MOTHER'S DAY FESTIVITIES

Rabbit Hole Books, rabbitholedayton.com

MAY 10-AUGUST 11 EXHIBITS AT THE CO.

The Contemporary Dayton, Exhibits by Katherine Kadish & David Leach (artist talk 6/22), Andy Snow (talk 7/13), and Tess Cortés (talk 6/7), codayton.org

MAY 11 YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

MAY 11 12 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Dayton Beer Company, thedaytonbeerco.com

MAY 11 MOTHER'S DAY HYPERTUFA (PLANT) SALE

K12 Gallery & TEJAS, k12tejasgallery.org

MAY 11 AES OHIO SUMMER IN THE CITY: DOWNTOWN HOUSING TOUR

Multiple downtown locations, downtowndayton.org



MAY 12 NATIVE PLANT SALE

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 12 MUSHROOMS 101 - EDIBILITY & ECOLOGY

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 16 DAYTON BLACK WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

The Neon, daytonbwff.org

MAY 17 NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

MAY 17 CERTIFIED HUMAN NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Loft Theatre, humanracetheatre.org

MAY 17 & 18 DAYTON SIDESHOW

Yellow Cab Tavern, facebook.com/daytonsideshow

MAY 18 TAB-A-PULL-OOZA

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

MAY 18 SCIENCE SATURDAYS: MEDIEVAL SCIENCE

The Engineers Club, facebook.com/ScienceSat

MAY 18 ZOMBIE PROM NAT'L BRAIN TUMOR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

Oregon District, theoregondistrict.org

MAY 18 PRIDE ROCKS!

Levitt Pavilion Dayton, nccjgreaterdayton.org

MAY 18 WINDBORNE'S THE MUSIC OF WHITNEY HOUSTON

Schuster Center, daytonperformingarts.org

MAY 18 DAYTON PHILHARMONIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

Schuster Center, daytonperformingarts.org

MAY 19 PHOTOGRAPHER CHRISTINA MITTERMEIR

Victoria Theatre, daytonlive.org

MAY 22 TEEN SUMMER KICK-OFF

Dayton Metro Library, daytonmetrolibrary.org

MAY 24 PASSPORT TO METROPARKS

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

MAY 25 DAYTON PIZZA FEST

Yellow Cab Tavern, yellowcabtavern.com

MAY 26 THE SNEAKER TRAVELERS CONVENTION

Dayton Convention Center, sneakertravelers.com

MAY 28-JUNE 2 THE KITE RUNNER

Victoria Theatre, humanracetheatre.org, daytonlive.org

MAY 30 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dayton Metro Library, daytonmetrolibrary.org

MAY 30-JUNE 30 (VARIOUS DATES) DAYTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The Neon, neonmovies.com

MAY 31 HALFWAY TO HALLOWEEN

Oregon District, theoregondistrict.org

MAY 31 DAYTON PRIDE SILENT DISCO

Yellow Cab Tavern, yellowcabtavern.com

MAY 31 & JUNE 1 FRIDAY NIGHT AFFAIR & 2024 DAYTON PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

St. Clair Street & other areas, daytonlgbtcenter.org/pride

JUNE

JUNE 1 PRIDE ON 5TH

Oregon District, theoregondistrict.org

JUNE 1 THE MUSIC OF GREEN DAY

Schuster Center, daytonperformingarts.org

JUNE 1 DAYTON BEER 5K

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

JUNE 1 LOGAN WILSON CELEBRITY SOFTBALL GAME

Day Air Ballpark, loganwilsonsoftball.com

JUNE 1 HEARTSIQ'S MIXTAPE - DAYTON PRIDE AFTERPARTY

Yellow Cab Tavern, yellowcabtavern.com

JUNE 2 DAYTON CITY MARKET

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

JUNE 2 AN AFTERNOON WITH WILL LIVERMAN: OPERA STAR RECITAL

Schuster Center, daytonperformingarts.org

JUNE 6 GIRLS NIGHT! THE MUSICAL

Victoria Theatre, daytonlive.org

JUNE 7 CREATE YOUR OWN HERB BASKET DEMONSTRATION

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

JUNE 7 JUKO ARTIST RECEPTION

Edward A. Dixon Gallery, eadgallery.com

JUNE 7 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES: '90S NIGHT FT. THE WET BANDITS

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

JUNE 7 SCOUT OVERNIGHTER

Day Air Ballpark, daytondragons.com

JUNE 7 & 8 NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

Schuster Center, daytonperformingarts.org

JUNE 7-23 SUPERIOR DONUTS

Dayton Theatre Guild, daytontheatreguild.org

JUNE 8 ART BALL

The Dayton Art Institute, daytonartinstitute.org

JUNE 8 FOR DAYTON BY DAYTON FESTIVAL

RiverScape MetroPark, 4dbdayton.com

JUNE 8-JULY 13 (SATURDAYS) FAMILY SUMMER FILM FEST

The Neon, neonmovies.com

JUNE 9 JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Temple Israel, tidayton.org/festival

JUNE 9 ANCIENT ALIENS LIVE: PROJECT EARTH

Schuster Center, daytonlive.org

JUNE 11-16 MAMMA MIA!

Schuster Center, daytonlive.org

JUNE 13 SUNSET AT THE MARKET: COMMUNITY & INCLUSION

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

JUNE 13 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES: TOM DAUGHERTY ORCHESTRA

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

JUNE 14 WATER STREET DISTRICT PARTY ON THE PLAZA

Day Air Ballpark, waterstreetdayton.com

JUNE 15 TOXIC ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY

Oregon District, theoregondistrict.org

JUNE 15 DAYTON SEAFOOD FEST

Yellow Cab Tavern, yellowcabtavern.com

JUNE 16 BEERS WITH DAD

Front Street Galleries, frontstreet.art

JUNE 21 TEA TIME: HOW TO BREW ICED TEA FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS

2nd Street Market, metroparks.org/localfood

JUNE 21 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES: AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

RiverScape MetroPark, metroparks.org

JUNE 22 WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION

Dayton Metro