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Homestead Credit

To help homeowners deal with large assessment increases state law established the Homestead Property Tax Credit program many years ago. The Homestead Credit limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Every county and municipality in Maryland is required to limit taxable assessment increases to 10% or less each year.

The Homestead Credit applies only to the principal residence of the property owner and is based on the total market value for the dwelling and land associated with the dwelling.

Technically, the Homestead Credit does not limit the market value of the property as determined by the Department of Assessments and Taxation. It is actually a credit calculated on any assessment increase exceeding 10% (or the lower cap enacted by the local governments) from one year to the next. The credit is calculated based on the 10% limit for purposes of the State property tax, and 10% or less (as

determined by local governments) for purposes of local taxation. In other words, the homeowner pays no property tax on the market value increase which is above the limit.

The tax credit will be granted if the following conditions are met during the previous tax year:

- The property was not transferred to new ownership.
- There was no change in the zoning classification requested by the homeowner resulting in an increase value of the property.
- A substantial change did not occur in the use of the property.
- The previous assessment was not clearly erroneous.

A further condition is that the dwelling must be the owner's principal residence and the owner must have lived in it for at least six months of the year, including

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2006 Year in Review

There's something about the start of the New Year that naturally inspires people to reflect on the past and to look forward to the future. Although we are always working on new projects to better serve the citizens of Denton, we too take a breath every once in a while and make a checklist of the accomplishments we have made and the things we still need to address.

Here are some of the issues tackled during the past year:

- **Road improvements** – The Department of Public Works has been busy addressing problem areas as well as developing better methods to anticipate future needs and maintain our roads in a more efficient manner.

This year major improvements to **Market Street** was a key focal point. Phase I was completed in the spring and Phase II will be completed in spring 2007. Phase II will include water line replacement,

sewer work, curb, gutter and sidewalk work in segments as needed as well as construction to improve drainage. Also included will be road surfacing, intersection improvements at Second and Market streets and tree replacements downtown.

The design phase for the **Fifth Street** project from Market to Legion Road began in the fall. The project will include water line repairs, curb, gutter and sidewalk work as well as construction to resolve drainage issues. Street trees will also be included in the project. The completed project will feature curbs with uniform width to help alleviate traffic and safety issues.

Also completed was a **GIS (geographic information systems) project** that will enable Public Works to better evaluate, plan and maintain the roads throughout

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Downtown Denton Main Street Needs You

The Main Street Program is currently developing their working committees to revitalize the downtown area. We are now looking for volunteers for the Design, Promotions, and Economic Restructuring Committees. The requirements for volunteers include energy, motivation, and the interest to create improvements in the Denton downtown area. The committees will meet monthly in Denton beginning sometime January/February of 2007.

The Design Committee of 5 to 8 volunteers will work to improve the downtown's physical appearance, which includes buildings, sidewalks, streetlights, signage, window displays, parking, and more. Examples of ideal volunteers for this committee would be architects, artists, realtors, marketing major students and anyone who would be a strong motivator for planning these types of projects. The committee members will have an opportunity to work and meet with

local merchants

The Promotion Committee of 9 to 13 volunteers will work on image development through business & community events, drawing the community to the downtown area. The volunteers will work to make the community feel good about the downtown area, which will also attract new retailers. Special events both retail and community based will encourage shopping and create a meeting place for the community. Community members who are involved in civic organizations, marketing professionals, teachers, tourism professionals, musicians, artists, event and/or party planners, reporters, writers, internet gurus, and people who just want to have fun creating something new, would be ideal candidates for this committee.

The Economic Restructuring Committee of 5 to 10 volunteers will work to find out what consumers want and like in downtown Denton through market studies and surveys.

Volunteers will meet with business and property owners in Denton. Another goal of the ERC will be to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the downtown area and to bring businesses back. The committee will ensure that every building and lot is utilized in the best way possible. Ideal candidates for the ERC will be developers, marketing professionals, realtors, teachers, mathematicians, and writers.

There are many reasons to be part of the Main Street program. The downtown area should be community designed. We prefer to use our own community than to bring in outside professionals. Your efforts in revitalizing the downtown district will build value in your residential properties, encourage higher standards in schools, and create great businesses, equaling a better quality of life. Anyone interested in becoming part of this exciting program by serving on a committee should contact us

immediately. We are always looking for fresh and innovative ideas.

Call Linda Red fern Socks, Main Street Manager for any additional information and to become part of the Main Street Program. 410-479-4315 or email: linda@downtowndenton.

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Town Calendar

All meetings are held in the Denton Town Office Conference Room at 13 North Third Street, unless otherwise noted.

Town Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

Monday, March 5
Monday, April 2

Planning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27
Tuesday, April 24

Historic Review Meeting at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21
Wednesday, April 18

Utility Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Legion Road

Thursday, March 8
Thursday, April 12

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

Friday, April 6

Trash Pickup
Collection day will be on every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted in the Times Record. Trash must be outside for pickup by 6 a.m.

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com

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Denton. The 12-week project included modifying and updating the town's GIS file to make it more compatible with updated software that will enable Public Works to create maps and reports to efficiently and effectively fix and maintain the town's roadways. Public Works also now has comprehensive data on current road conditions and other factors that impact the highway system including utility locations, sidewalks and curbs, gutters and drainage issues.

• **Police Department fights crime head on** – Over the past year the Denton Police Department has developed new tactics and created programs to make Denton a safe, enjoyable place to live and work. The Department has noticed a significant reduction in “quality of life” incidents and crimes between 2005 and 2006. These types of incidents include, but are not limited to, noise complaints, loitering or trespass complaints, open-air drug violations, etc.

Statistically, the Department has recorded less than a 1% increase in total calls for service over the past two years with 2,278 calls for service (CFS) between January and November 2005 compared to 3,557 during the same time period in 2006. Officers initiated 167 of those CFSs in 2005 and 1,117 in 2006. Officer initiated CFSs include, but are not limited to, foot and bike patrols.

Criminal Investigation Reports (CIRs) are completed when a criminal act occurs. Officers completed CIRs for 418 of those calls for service during the 2005 reporting period and 526 CIR's in 2006. Again, a less than 1% increase between the two years was recorded.

As you may know Denton participates in the Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement (CSAFE) Program which is a program that identifies areas with the most significant crime levels and develops a customized crime reduction and prevention strategy to address those problems. During the reporting period for 2005 officers responded to 495 CFSs and 671 in 2006. Officers initiated 83 of those CFSs in 2005 and 120 in 2006. These again only equal a less than 1% increase in total calls for service.

Officers completed 36 CIRs in 2005 in the CSAFE neighborhood

and 138 in 2006. The Department attributes this increase to officers initiated investigations while conducting foot and bike patrols on the CSAFE area. It should also be noted that these statistics are for all crime within the Town and CSAFE neighborhood.

Additional proactive programs to effectively address crime and crime prevention include:

• **Hiring a criminal investigator**

– Although patrol officers still investigate less serious crimes or cases that can be easily closed with little interruption to patrol needs, Denton now has its own criminal investigator. This service was previously provided by allied agencies outside the department. The advantage of this new position is that one dedicated person can concentrate on serious and complex crimes while keeping the patrol force freed up to continue with patrol needs and calls for service. In addition, a criminal investigator can be trained in special fields and techniques that can be very beneficial to the Department.

• **New K-9 Patrol** – Over the past year the Department has implemented various strategies to drive drug dealers from Denton streets. Since the Department put so much pressure to drive the drug dealers out of the neighborhoods it learned that many are using vehicles and traveling on the back roads to conduct drug transactions so a new strategy was needed: a Police K-9 patrol. The Department welcomed “Hero” and trained Officer Daniel Franklin to be the dog's handler. Hero does patrol work such as officer protection, crowd control, building searches and tracking as well as drug detection. Hero has tracked suspects from several crime scenes and has detected drugs in several cars and apprehended one suspect from a building that was broken

into. The Department is planning fundraising activities in 2007 to raise money to support the K-9 Program.

• **Responsible Growth Planning** – Growth doesn't happen overnight. This year Denton has taken additional steps to plan for responsible, smart growth. Did you know that the average new development project takes at least 1-½ years from proposal to actual construction? We know growth is an important issue throughout the Eastern Shore and Maryland for that matter. In Denton we are committed to creating diverse housing options that will enable us to grow responsibly and stay true to our heritage.

We know that realistically most young residents leave to learn a trade or gain a college education. When it comes time to raise a family many of them want to come back where they grew up. There is something special here – you know it and we know it. With that in mind we need to anticipate those *coming back home* as well as those *finding a new home*.

In 2006 Housing and Community Development issued nine new commercial building permits and 137 new residential permits. In addition, in 2006 we researched, drafted and introduced an ordinance to establish an **Impact Assessment (Ordinance #533)** for all new residential developments. The ordinance will be considered for adoption in 2007.

This development impact fee will be required as a condition for a building permit or zoning certificate and will help us secure the infrastructure like roads, bridges and recreational facilities for our residents now and in the future. This program demonstrates that we want those who want to build here to truly invest in our community just like we do, not

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**High Water Bills!
Check your
Faucets and Toilets
For leaks!**

*Denton Public
Works*
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March

Free Evening Computer Classes available at your local library, for a limited time:

5th-Internet for Beginners, Denton Central Library. 6pm-8pm call 410-479-1343 to sign up.

6th- Internet for Beginners, Greensboro Branch Library. 6pm-8pm call 410-482-2173 to sign up or for more info.

7th- Annual C-Safe Dinner. Lockerman Middle School Cafeteria. 6pm-8pm call Trish for tickets and info. 410-479-1414

29th- Internet for Beginners, Federalsburg Branch Library. 6pm-8pm call 410-754-8397 for more info or to sign up.

Harriet Tubman Art Exhibit. Museum of Rural Life. Fri. & Sat. 10am-3pm Sundays 11am-4pm. Run's through April 16th.

April

1st- Easton Egg Hunt 4pm-7pm. St. Luke's United methodist Church.

14th- Denton Little League Parade. 10am. followed by Opening Ceremony at the Deonton Lions Club Park.

April 2, Monday. Free computer class, Basic Introduction to Word Processing, Caroline County Library, Denton, 6-8 p.m. Sign up: 410 479-1343

April 2, Monday. Books,Plus discusses Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism & Build Nations ...One School at a Time in Afghanistan by Mortenson & Relin. "Would be a good fiction story; it's even better since it is true", "a real page turner". Lead by Pat Reinhardt

April 3, Tuesday Free computer class, Basic Introduction to Word Processing, NCB, Greensboro, 6-8 p.m. Sign up 410-481-2173

Harriet Tubman Art Exhibit. Museum of Rural Life. Fri. & Sat. 10am-3pm & Sundays 11am-4pm. Run's through April 16th.

April 19, Monday. "Be HealthWise" sponsored by Choptank Community Health. Lyme's Disease Latest information & a chance to ask questions. Dr. Karen Moffett. Free 7-8 p.m.

April 24, Tuesday, "Be HealthWise", sponsored by Choptank Community Health. Hypertension, Federalsburg, Dr. Eric Hermansen. Latest information & Q & A.7-8 p.m Free.

April, 26 Thursday. Free Computer Class, Basic Introduction to Word Processing, 6-8 p.m. Federalsburg Branch Library. (Sign up) 410 754-8397

SUMMERFEST
AUG. 17-18, 2007

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE LIBRARY WINTER 2007 7 PM

March2, Bay Country Chorus, Tri-county Barbershop Harmony at its best*. Denton

March 9, The Thespians of North Carolina High School present excerpts from "Fearful Symmetry & Slasrever Neves" Denton

March 16, Family Night: Other People, Other Lands: An evening of Caribbean music with ATIBA from Trinidad. Steel drums, Sing-a-long, limbo*. Denton

If you need special accommodations to use the Library, please let us know.

CCCA Performing Arts Series WINTER 2007

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**Programs supported by the Caroline County council of Arts.*

ART EXHIBITION FEBRUARY 17TH THRU APRIL 16TH

Mark Priest's paintings on the life of HARRIET TUBMAN
Including scenes from events that occurred in Caroline County.

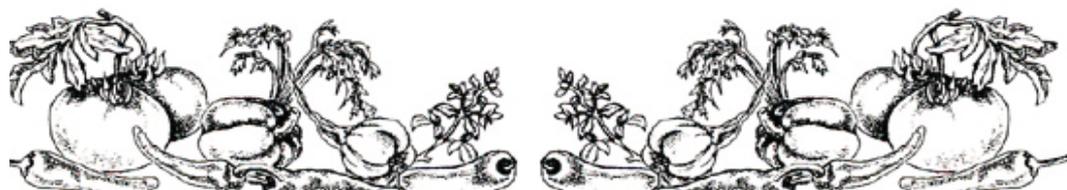
Admission is free at the Museum of Rural Life.

Open: Friday's & Saturday's 10am-3pm
and
Sunday's 11am-4pm

FARMERS WANTED

The Main Street Office is preparing for a new Farmer's Market beginning in the Spring/Summer. We are looking for Farmers, especially Organic Farmers to join us in our Downtown Denton Farmer's Market for Saturday or Sunday Morning.

For More Information call
410-479-4315



Denton Police Department...

Impaired Driving

Despite the tireless efforts of law enforcement agencies and other advocates, impaired drivers continue to kill someone every 30 minutes across the nation.

Impaired driving is defined as a reduction in the performance of critical driving tasks due to the effects of alcohol or other drugs.

Checkpoint Strikeforce, Maryland's campaign against impaired driving, will be in full effect during the December holiday season. During this campaign, Maryland police officers from all jurisdictions will be conducting sobriety checkpoints and cracking down on impaired driving.

Before you get behind the wheel, remember that there are

plenty of people counting on you not to be a danger on the roads- your employer, your family, and most of all, children, for whom the holidays are a very special time.

- Don't risk it- If you plan to drink, don't drive.
- Choose a sober designated driver before partying.
- Take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is being held.
- Immediately report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always wear your seatbelt- it's the best defense against an impaired driver.

Technology Dangers

Electronic technology has become an everyday fact of life. We use it to communicate, to bank, to shop, to learn, to be entertained and to be treated medically, among countless applications.

In the right hands, technology has the power to transform our lives in ways that only a generation ago we could never have imagined. But in the wrong hands, technology can lead to identity theft, online auction fraud, child abduction, and many other crimes.

Children, who are at most risk, learn about computers and the Internet at an early age. But just as you wouldn't let children cross a busy road without some safety rules, you shouldn't send them on to the information superhighway without teaching them the rules of the road. Too many dangerous people can reach children - and adults - through the Internet. Today's technology is a wonderful tool, but you must know how to use it safely.

Here are some tips:

1. To guard against identity theft, never give out your Social Security Number. Treat it as confidential information.
2. commit all passwords to memory. Never write them down or carry them with you.
3. When using an ATM machine, make sure no one is hovering over you and can see you enter your password.
4. Choose a commercial online service that offers parental control features.
5. Tell your children never to give out their address, telephone number, password, school name or any other personal info.
6. Tell children never to respond to messages that have bad words, are scary or just seem weird.
7. Tell children never to send pictures of themselves to anyone without your permission.
8. make sure that access to the Internet at your child's school is monitored by adults.

Bullying

Bullying has become a tidal wave of epic proportions. Although bullying was once considered a rite of passage, parents, educators, and community leaders now see bullying as a devastating form of abuse that can have long-term effects on youthful victims, robbing them of self-esteem, isolating them from their peers, causing them to drop out of school, and even prompting health problems and suicide.

A recent study by the Family and Work Institute reported that one-third of youth are bullied at least once a month, while others say six out of 10 American teens witness bullying at least once a day. Witnessing bullying can be harmful too, as it may make the witness feel helpless - or that she or he is the next target.

Children who are bullied are often singled out because of a perceived difference between them and others, whether because of appearance (size, weight, or clothes), intellect, or increasingly, ethnic or religious affiliation and sexual orientation.

Here are a few tips to help discourage bullies:

- Take complaints of bullying seriously. Do not dismiss your child or expect your child to

Emergencies

Kids need to know how to keep themselves safe and knowing this will build the self-confidence they need to handle emergencies effectively. You can make sure your children are prepared by teaching them how to act in an emergency and by planning ahead.

Make sure kids know their full name, parent's full names, address (including city and state) and phone number (including area code).

Explain to kids that an emergency is a situation where they need the help of a police officer,

work through the situation alone.

- Praise your child for reporting bullying situations to you and assure your child you will take action.
- Talk to your child's teacher, counselor or other caregiver about reports of bullying. Work together to address the bullying situation. Don't confront parents to the bully directly.
- Provide opportunities for your child to make friends. Identify some of your child's interests and encourage your child to pursue them through sports, clubs or other group activities.
- Teach your child to identify bullying behaviors. These include hitting, damaged possessions, threatening, name calling, excluding someone from the group, spreading rumors, and embarrassing others.
- Tell your child you do not tolerate bullying behavior. If you learn that your child has been bullying others work with your child's teacher, counselor, or other caregiver to end the bullying.
- Be a positive role model. Avoid using threats or aggression when disciplining your child or when interacting with other adults.

firefighter, or doctor. Discuss or role-play different situations and ask children to identify the emergencies.

- Teach children to call 911



Police Department Press Releases

Date: 09/28/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: Riverview Gardens

On 09-28-06, Benjamin Short contacted the Denton Police Department and reported a theft from his vehicle while it was parked at Riverview Gardens. Short reported that a jar containing \$30.00 worth of quarters was taken from his brown and white Dodge pick-up truck. The theft occurred between the dates of 09-19-06 and 09-20-06. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 09/29/2006

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: 600 block N Sixth St

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP to a vehicle. Patricia Hickman, 21 year old female of Felton DE, reported that sometime between 3 and 9pm person(s) unknown cut the tires on her 1991 Buick. This incident occurred at the Pizza Hut on N. Sixth Street where Hickman was working. A damage estimate is unavailable at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 09/30/2006

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

On Saturday 30 September 2006 Denton Police Department were called to Rent A Center 860 S. Fifth Street Denton for a theft complaint. Upon arrival police spoke with complainant Antonio Woolbright of Easton. Woolbright advised that his Maryland registration plate, 9BRE10, was taken from his vehicle, a 1993 Accura. Anyone with any knowledge of this incident is asked to call Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/04/2006

Classification: Burglary 4th Degree

Location: 200 block N Fifth St.

On 04 October 2006 the Denton Police Department were called in regards to a breaking and entering at the residence of 208 N. Fifth St Denton Maryland, an unoccupied residence. Officers arrived on scene and confirmed that there were two juveniles, both 13 year old males

of Denton, that had broken into the residence. The juveniles were found in the residence and were charged with Burglary in the 4th Degree, Trespass and Truancy. Nothing was reported stolen. Both juveniles were released to guardians.

Date: 10/04/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: N Fifth St.

Denton Police stopped a 2001 Dodge passenger car, operated by Elliott Medina, 21 year old male of Denton, for having the radio too loud (could be heard over 50 feet away). A check of the Medina's driving record revealed his privilege had been suspended for point system violation. Medina was issued the appropriate citations and released at the scene.

Date: 10/07/2006

Classification: DUI

Location: Legion Rd.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Sheree L. Workman, 51, Greensboro, for driving under the influence of alcohol on October 7, 2006. The vehicle Workman was operating, a 2004

Chevrolet Cavalier, was stopped by Police for not having tag lights. During the stop, Workman was discovered to have been drinking. Workman failed to complete field sobriety tests, and was placed under arrest. Workman submitted to a breath test with a result of 0.11. Following the test, Workman was released on her signature of the citations issued.

Date: 10/07/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 300 block Academy Ave.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Dawn Michelle McCafferty, 37, of Denton, for an assault on October 7, 2006. Police responded to Academy Ave. Denton and spoke with Robert Edgar Mullikin, 39, of that address who stated that McCafferty had punched him during an argument. McCafferty stated she had struck Mullikin, and was placed under arrest. McCafferty was charged with one count of Assault: 2nd Degree, and released on personal recognizance following an initial appearance in front of the District Court Commissioner.

Date: 10/09/2006

Classification: Driving on revoked license

Location: 700 block N. Sixth St.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Phillip J. Creasy, 34, of 502 Teal Circle, Greensboro, on October 9, 2006 for driving on a revoked license. The truck Creasy was operating was stopped for failing to obey a traffic device, and a subsequent check of Creasy's license revealed that his privilege to drive had been revoked by Maryland's MVA since 1998. Creasy was issued citations for driving revoked and failing to obey a traffic control device, and released on his signature of the citations.

Date: 10/09/2006

Classification: Theft under \$500

Location: 1200 block Double Hill Rd.

The Denton Police is investigating the theft of three tags from Preston Ford Denton. Two Maryland tags, M602035 and 9CBK14, and a Delaware tag, 188005, were taken from vehicles parked at that location sometime between October 5, and 9, 2006. Total value lost is \$115.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter or seeing these tags being displayed on any vehicle is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/10/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: Caroline St.

On 10-10-06 at 8:45 pm. Officers of the Denton Police Department responded to Caroline St in reference to a fight. Samuel Stewart Singleton, 19 year old male of Denton, and Marion Joseph Schuyler, 21 year old male of Denton were arrested and charged with second degree assault and disorderly conduct. It was indicated that the fight was because of a mutual acquaintance of both subjects. Both parties were released from the commissioner on personal recognizance.

Date: 10/10/2006

Classification: Burglary 4th Degree

Location: 700 block Gay St.

On October 10, 2006 at 2045 hours Ms. Gleason reported a burglary to the residence of 722 Gay Street. Between August 9, 2006 and October 10, 2006 unknown person(s) broke

the rear porch window out of the house and entered the house. Nothing appeared to be missing at the time. A neighborhood check was conducted with negative results. Anyone with information regarding this burglary is asked to call the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/11/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 500 block Market St.

Denton Police charged Joshua Rittenhouse for driving on a suspended license. The vehicle Rittenhouse was operating, a 1987 Ford, was stopped due to Rittenhouse being wanted on unrelated charges. Rittenhouse was charged on a citation and released.

Date: 10/12/2006

Classification: Leave the scene of PD accident

Location: 600 block Legion Rd.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a hit and run accident which occurred on October 12, 2006 in the parking lot of Subway, 601 Legion Rd. Denton at approximately 9:00 p.m. The vehicle that Rakesh K. Patel, 38, of Denton, was operating was struck by a vehicle operated by Douglas J. Callahan, 41, of Curtis Bay, Maryland. Patel obtained a drivers' license from Callahan before Callahan fled the scene traveling North on Legion Rd. Patel's vehicle sustained minor damage as a result of the collision. Callahan was involved in a single vehicle accident a short time later approximately 2 miles away on Legion Rd. Charges are pending on Callahan. Anyone with any information regarding this accident is asked to contact PFC D. J. Franklin of the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/14/2006

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 1100 block Industrial Park WY.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of tires and rims from a truck at Hertrich Chevrolet Dodge Denton. A pair of Dodge 20 inch aluminum rims with Goodyear Wrangler P275/60R tires was taken sometime on October 13. total value of the rims and tires is \$600. Anyone

Housing and Community Development...

Building Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October 2nd and February 13th.

VDB II, Inc., 201 Briarwood Circle, MFD

VDB II, Inc., 203 Briarwood Circle, MFD

VDB II, Inc., 205 Briarwood Circle, MFD

VDB II, Inc., 207 Briarwood Circle, MFD

Messina, 113 S. 2nd St., Shed
Real Estate General, 502 Kathryn Ct., SFD

Mallard Homes, 1101 Canvasback Lane, SFD

Mallard Homes, 1142 Canvasback Lane, SFD

Mallard Homes, 1140 Canvasback Lane, SFD

Bigelow, 217 Siesta Drive, Fence
Jones, 413 Lockerman St., Addition

Singer, 308 N. 6th St., Fence

Breeding, 826 Crystal Ave., Fence

Todd, 409 S. 2nd St., Windows

Colosseum, 42 Denton Plaza, Banner

Sunshine Senior & Family Services, 8A N. 2nd St., Sign

Arthur, 204 N. 6th St., Fence

Jones, 214 S. 5th Ave., Windows
Towers, 10036 Pearson Rd., Roof
Town of Denton, 13 N. Third St., Banner

Merrick Properties, 9532 Legion Rd., Grading

Matthews, 1102 Cattail Commons, Fence & Shed

Perfect Touch Hair Design, 1143 Industrial Parkway, Sign

Buyer, 1146 Osprey Lane, Shed
Rich, 513 Lincoln St., Roof

Garland & Hobbs, 1612 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1518 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1514 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1611 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1521 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1107 Daylily Lane, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1524 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1113 Daylily Lane, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1516 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1520 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1613 Cattail Commons, SFD

Todd, 319 S. Third St., Mechanical

Garland & Hobbs, 1603 Cattail Commons, SFD

Hayman, 911 Market St., Roof
Berran, 1402 Cattail Commons, Fence

Stolle, 1511 Cattail Commons, Fence

VDB II, 111 Briarwood Circle, SFD

Kline, 608 S. 5th Ave., Mechanical

Williams, 1109 Coursey Lane, Fence

Unisite Design, 1105 Park Lane, New Building

Chandler, 303 S. 2nd St., Mechanical

Garland & Hobbs, 1106 Daylily Lane, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1110 Daylily Lane, SFD

Caroline County Commissioners, 520 Wilmuth St., Addition

Darling, 404 Market St., Roof

Black Anchor Gallery, 211 Market St., Sign

Sutton, 205 S. 5th Ave., Windows
McVicker, 500 S. 2nd St., Addition

Long & Foster, 601 N. 6th St., Banner

Lightner, 1104 Osprey Lane, Fence
Garland & Hobbs, 1111 Daylily Lane, SFD

Gorton Merrick Properties, 9532 Legion Rd., New Building

Blondell, 134 Sunset Drive, Porch
Town of Denton, 8 N. 4th St., Building Relocation

Town of Denton, 10 N. 4th St., Building Relocation

Nordhoff, 108 Riverton Ave., Chimney

Nuttle, 310 S. 2nd St., Mechanical

St. Lukes Church, 100 S. 5th St., Handicap Ramp

Garland & Hobbs, 1108 Daylily Lane, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1702 Cattail Commons, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1605 Cattail Commons, SFD

Meyers, 1206 Cattail Commons, Fence

Miner, 1145 Osprey Lane, Fence
Garland & Hobbs, 1237 Painted Fern Rd., Deck

Garland & Hobbs, 1219 Painted Fern Rd., Deck

Parkview LLC, 305 Sydney Lane, SFD

Garland & Hobbs, 1700 Cattail

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Christmas Decorating Contest Winners Named

The results are in! And Denton has some winners in the annual Christmas Greens and Lights Decorating contest. Seventeen people registered to have their home or business judged. Two, out-of-town visitors were used as judges this year.

First Place in the Residential Lighting Category was a **tie**.

Bill & Vicki Hudson of 1110 Market Street, and

Matthew Rzegocki of 217 S. 5th Avenue.

Honorable mention goes to Tim Cahill of 1113 Canvasback Lane. The judges had a hard time deciding. It literally was a 3-way tie, but they had to narrow it down.

First Place in the Residential Greens Category was

Cathy & Fred Spence of 304 S. 5th Avenue

Honorable mention goes to Sylvia & Jeff Davis of 801 Market St. and to Bridget Gorman of 112 Riverton Ave.

First Place in Commercial Holiday product display was:

Cindy Draper of 311 Franklin St.

First Place in Commercial Greens category was:

Denton Bank and Trust of 300 Market St.

All first place winners received a \$20 gift certificate for use at any downtown Denton business.



Economic Development and Denton Main Street...

Black Anchor Gallery Opens

The Main Street program is proud to announce the opening of The Black Anchor Gallery, the first week in January 2007. The Gallery is located at 211 Market Street in Denton.

According to Ken, one of the Black Anchor Gallery owners, "the gallery will feature high end body art catered to an upscale clientele. The gallery will also include a museum exhibiting designs and memorabilia associated with late 1800's folk art. The museum area will rotate their designs twice a year. The displays will rotate with other tattoo museums from Baltimore, Ohio and other areas.

In addition, three artists have been contracted to display their designs in the Gallery section. The first artist, Jerry Swallow from Nova Scotia, an artist for 46 years, will display traditional and American folk art. The artwork displays will rotate quarterly. A Delaware artist will display his "lowbrow" artwork.

He has designed record and compact disc covers, skateboards, and other lowbrow art.

The owners Ken & Mike, have been in the body art profession for approximately twenty years, where they previously subcontracted their services to other businesses.

The Black Anchor Gallery hours of operation will be 12noon to 8pm Tuesdays through Saturday.

The Main Street program supports this new business and other businesses looking to grace the Market Street area. With the addition of a variety of new businesses, the downtown Denton area will not only survive but "thrive" to become a place our community can shop and enjoy after 5pm.



Second Business Opening Soon Downtown

A new and impressive unique coffee cafe has been approved by the Planning Commission to open sometime in April. With the Black Anchor Gallery opening in January 2007, this makes Downtown Denton's second new business opening in just a few months.

Firehouse Coffee, a unique coffee cafe" owned and operated by a Captain and Lieutenant of the Montgomery County Fire Department, will offer a diverse menu of items for your pleasure. The atmosphere will mimic the comforts and coziness of a fire department with both new and old fire department related memorabilia. The décor will be a surprise, so stop on by, but we must say it will be inviting. During pleasant weather, there will be some outside seating providing internet access for anyone interested in working, holding meetings,

or just relaxing out doors.

On occasion, you may hear jazz, country, contemporary, classical, or another genre of music from this café, when they host an evening of music at their location. They plan to have a grand opening celebration sometime in May or June 2007.

Both Gregory Junghans, and Greg Socks, a local resident of Denton, hope that their business will not only strengthen Denton's downtown, but also Denton's residential base. "When you have a thriving downtown, the entire area is affected. It becomes a popular place to live, and with that, residential properties increase too."

Visit their website at: www.firehousecoffeecafe.com to find out more about their unique coffee café and their opening. *

Spend Your Dollars in Downtown Denton

•Interact with people and a community, instead of looking for bargain prices.

•Find merchandise that you cannot find in a retail chain department store.

•Keep the entrepreneurial spirit alive

•Let the downtown businesses know you appreciate them

Support your Main Street Program

•Local businesses maintain diversity creating an authentic sense of place

•Finding new uses for empty buildings keeps buildings from being demolished, preventing unnecessary land fills

•Commercial districts employ people

•Small businesses create social mobility and ensure innovation

•Parades, special events, and celebrations held in town reinforce a sense of community.

•Historic shopping districts

help boost the community's heritage tourism potential which is a great revenue generator for the town.

•Online shopping through local businesses positively affects the bottom line for independent businesses, which can make a difference in the shops ability to remain competitive and stay open.

•Community-based businesses give more time and money to local activities.

•Buying from local businesses means that a larger share of each dollar spent in a local business stays in the community as compared to chain stores, according to recent studies.

Bottom line: The goal of our Main Street Program is to retain the businesses we have and to continue to grow the downtown with new businesses. Do you have an idea for a new business, or know someone who does; the Main Street Manager can lead you in the right direction to living the dream of entrepreneurship.

Information obtained from Main Street News No. 235, page 9, December 2006



**Downtown Denton
Spring Gala**

Saturday May 5th

6pm-9pm

**An Art Show featuring local artists and
samplings of Fine Foods from
various restaurants.
Wine and Cheese will also be included.**

Denton Town Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2006

Executive Session

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to hold an executive session to seek legal advice, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed 4-0.

Present: Councilman Horsey, Councilwoman Stockley, Councilman Gregory and Mayor Branson. Town Attorney - Brynja Booth, Town Administrator - Terry Fearins and Clerk-Treasurer - Karen Monteith. Councilman Foster was absent.

Discussion was held regarding an employee issue, County-Camp Road Issue Quit Claim Deed and Wal-Mart - Legion Rd.

With no further discussion Councilman Horsey made a motion to close the executive session at 6:59 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Branson called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM advising that the Council had held an executive session prior to this meeting to seek legal advice.

The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Branson asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present except for Councilman Foster.

Councilman Branson made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #523 – Loitering Ordinance Repeal- Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:03PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #523 – an ordinance repealing chapter 78 of the Denton Town Code relating to loitering.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council

– there were none

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public – Mr. Robert Clendaniel asked that the Council consider another ordinance that proves some protection. Mayor Branson advised that the Chief will research to see what is legal and would not violate amendments.

With no further discussion Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Resolution #681 – Fortner, et al Annexation Petition

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:06 PM to receive public comments on the proposed annexation resolution for 60.845 acres on Market Street and Pearson Road.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County –written notice was received in opposition from the Commissioners of Caroline County

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public – Mr. Robert Clendaniel asked the Council to consider a moratorium on further annexations at this time.

With no further discussion Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:08 PM.

Resolution #682 – Wells Annexation Petition

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:08 PM to receive public comments on the proposed annexation resolution for 17.882 acres on Camp Road.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County –written notice was received in opposition from the Commissioners of Caroline County

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council – Councilman Horsey expressed that

the annexations all fit within the Town's growth plan and comprehensive plan that was adopted 9 years ago.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public – Mr. George Nier, Attorney representing the petitioners, advised that the application has been signed by all of the property owners involved, all fees have been paid to the Town. The Town's Planning Commission gave a unanimous approval. Mr. Nier spoke with neighboring property owners and they have no objections.

With no further discussion Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:11 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication

Ordinances and Resolutions Resolution #681 – Fortner, et al Annexation

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to adopt Resolution #681, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously 4-0

Resolution #682 – Wells Annexation

Councilman Horsey made a motion to adopt Resolution #682 Wells annexation, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0

Ordinance #523 – Loitering Ordinance Repeal

The Town Attorney and Chief of Police requested the repeal of the loitering ordinance from the Denton Town Code as it presents constitutional concerns. This ordinance was introduced on August 7, 2006 and was brought before the Council for consideration of adoption.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance #523, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Ordinance #524 PN Zoning District Designation –Village at Watts Creek

Following the positive recommendation of the Planning Commission, and the presentation by the applicant at the Sept 11th Council meeting, the town attorney has prepared an ordinance that would apply the floating zone designation

of Planned Neighborhood (PN) to the project known as the Village at Watts Creek.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to introduce Ordinance #524, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The Town Attorney recommended that the Council schedule a workshop to discuss the PN and DRRR for Watts Creek.

Ordinance #525 DRRR-Village at Watts Creek

A developer's rights and responsibilities agreement (DRRA) was presented by Jeff Thompson on behalf of the Village at Watts Creek at the Sept 11th Council meeting. The DRRR is a tool which legally obligates both the town and the developer to agree upon tasks, fees and terms for a specific project, and property. The Town Attorney was directed by the Council to prepare an ordinance for introduction of the DRRR. A public hearing will be scheduled simultaneously with the PN floating zone designation.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to introduce Ordinance #525, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Ordinance #526 Zoning Amendment - Places of Worship Lot size:

An ordinance has been prepared at the request of staff, Jennifer Shull, to remove the requirement that religious organizations conform to minimum lot size requirements of 30,000 sq ft. Places of worship would still have to meet other site plan approval requirements such as adequate parking, stormwater management, zoning district setbacks, etc regardless of lot size. This ordinance removes the burden from small in fill churches that historically have been located in neighborhoods on lots less than 30,000 sq ft. This ordinance received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to introduce Ordinance #526, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Ordinance #527 – Noise

Ordinance

An Ordinance of the Town of Denton revising section 85-2 of the Denton Town Code (noise ordinance) to make the noise provisions of the Town Code consistent with the section 64-6 relating to trash collection. This ordinance has been prepared by the town attorney and was brought before the council for consideration of introduction.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to introduce Ordinance #527, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Resolution #688 – DDC – USDA RBEG Grant Application

A resolution supporting the Denton Development Corp. application to USDA for Rural Business Enterprise Grant funds to assist with the development and construction of an incubator kitchen at the Caroline High School.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution #688, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Reports of officers, boards and committees

None

Unfinished Business**Agenda #1 - 4th Street Stormwater Report**

As directed by the Council, Scott Getchell has conducted a 6-month flow pattern study of the ditch on North 4th Street next to the Keating property. A copy of the report was presented to the Council and there was no recommended action at this time.

The Council thanked Mr. Getchell for his efforts and asked that he follow up with Mrs. Keating.

Agenda #2 - Mayor's Voting Rights

The Town Attorney provided an update on the Mayor's voting rights as a follow up from the last meeting, advising that the Mayor has the same voting rights as the rest of the Council. The Attorney advised that the Council could change from Mayor to President but recommended to keep in mind the cost for codification to make the change. No action was requested at this time.

Agenda #3 - Municipal Building**Design**

The Town of Denton New Municipal Building is under design by Torchio Architects. At the recent Pattern Book update meeting, there was discussion and questions raised as to the Town utilizing the Pattern Book in the development of their Municipal Building. There are two areas that Peter Johnston is recommending that the Town look to potentially comply with – the construction of a building that meets the objectives in the Civic building portion of the Pattern Book and the use of Green building and/or LEED Certified Standards. An excerpt from the Pattern Book which discusses these two components was provided to the Council. Terry Fearins has been in touch with Greg Torchio and relayed this potential interest. The architect is incorporating components of Green Building standards, but not at a level of LEED Certification. The Municipal Building Committee is recommending that they be permitted to discuss this further with Mr. Torchio and have him prepare an amendment to his proposal to incorporate these components. This will then be brought back to the Council for consideration.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to ask the Architect to give a cost estimate to design a civic building and to use the green building standards, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Agenda #4 – Camp Road Annexation

When the Maloney Property (subdivision Savannah Overlook) was annexed into Town, the County had requested that the Town take in the remaining portion of Camp Road when the utilities were to be extended. This would be the roadway portion beyond the Wells property (if annexed into town.) Town Staff requested the Town Council consider authorizing the Town Attorney to draft a quit claim deed for submission to the County Commissioners for their consideration. This would then immediately transfer ownership to the Town. Staff also requested authorization to move forward with the annexation of this area, along

with the roadway, the Benchhoff property would also need to be part of the annexation.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to have the Town Attorney and Town Administrator move forward with annexation of this portion of Camp Road and the Benchhoff property and prepare the quit claim deed for signature, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business**Agenda #1 – Denton Industrial Park Storm Water Access Road Request**

Mr. Ray Briscuso came before the Town Council as the owner of 404 Station and requested consideration to allow him to improve the Town's right of way in the industrial park at his expense and to maintain it so that he can use it for a property he is prosing to acquire. Mayor Branson inquired about having the Town Attorney draft an agreement in which the Town would maintain ownership, but allow Mr. Briscuso to upgrade and use.

Mayor Branson made a motion to allow this request pending approval of the Town Attorney, the Denton Industrial Park Owners Association, the Planning Commission and the Road Superintendent, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

Discussion – Councilman Gregory asked Mr. Getchell if it can be widened, and staff advised that it would have to be researched to see how the right of way exists.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Agenda #2 Tourism Coordinator

The Town Administrator requested the opportunity to contract a part time Tourism Coordinator, who would be housed out of the same office building with the Main Street Manager and DDC Project Managers. There is adequate space to accommodate a fourth person. The funding for this service would initially come from a line item amendment, and would not require any additional funding appropriation. Future year funding would come from the deferred real

estate taxes on the hotel. The Town receives 20% Hotel Tax which is earmarked for Tourism initiatives.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to take on a person on a part-time basis for Tourism, seconded by Councilman Horsey.

Discussion: Councilman Gregory inquired about the hours of this person, and staff advised that 20 hours a week or less is affordable. Mayor Branson asked if this would be an employee of the Town and Staff replied that this would be privately contracted.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Agenda #3 - Wood Property

The Wood property, 323 Market Street is one of the properties which are part of the A&E District. The owner of the property has contacted Town Staff and relayed his willingness to sell the property. A request has been made that the Town of Denton formalize an agreement to purchase with the ability to assign the contract, potentially to the Denton Development Corporation. They may be the entity that actually purchases the building. The DDC is proposing to subdivide the back of the lot and relocate the Knott's property (two story structure presently stored at the Old Schoolhouse), onto this lot, facing the pedestrian alley. This is the last property in the present A&E District on this side of Market Street.

Mayor Branson asked about funding, and staff advised that the DDC is looking to use Community Legacy funds for part and take out a loan for the rest. The DDC is also looking to continue renting out the house to cover the cost of the loan payments.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to move forward with the acquisition of this property, seconded by Mayor Branson, the motion passed. 3 yes, Councilman Horsey abstained due to membership on the DDC.

Agenda #4 - Durner Property

The Town of Denton has leased the ground floor of the Durner Property. During the leasing period, Mr. Durner offered to sell the property to the Town. He has submitted a

letter willing to sell the property. Similar to the Wood property, the building could be owned by the Town or the DDC. The Town of Denton is presently paying \$500 a month and the office space that houses the Main Street Program, DDC Office and potentially Tourism for the Town of Denton. The second floor has two offices, one of which could be leased as an apartment or a second office. The exterior of the building needs to be painted, and the DDC does have façade money which can be used towards this cost. Request the Town Council consideration to enter into an agreement, and Town Staff work to structure acquisition and/or assignment which cash flows project and maintains occupancy of the DDC, Main Street and Tourism.

The Council wanted an opportunity to do a site visit before making a decision on acquisition. A visit will be scheduled for 5:30 PM on Oct. 16, 2006 prior to the working session.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to defer this item until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Agenda #5 - Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Agreement

Ms. Jennifer Shull and Mr. Steve Horn provided an overview of a grant in the amount of \$150,000 that has been awarded to the town by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The grant is a partnership between the town, Low Impact Design (a non-profit) and the Elm Street Development to identify, design and construct low impact stormwater management techniques in an urban residential community. The process will identify the practicality and affordability of the techniques and be included in the pattern book that is under design. Funds from the grant will offset the publication and distribution of the pattern book. Authorization is requested to permit the Mayor to execute the grant agreement letter, and related documents.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to permit the Mayor to execute the necessary documents, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Agenda #6 - Homestead Tax

Credit

County Treasurer Dorsey Wooters has provided notification that the County has reduced their Homestead Tax Credit from 10% to 5%. The Homestead Tax Credit limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Presently it is 10%. If a Town does not wish to reduce its own cap, they would need to adopt a resolution.

Mayor Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #529 that would maintain Denton's Homestead Tax Credit at 10%, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed 3-1 with Councilman Gregory voting no.

Other New Business

Chief Cox shared an awards plaque the Police Department received for their efforts in the Chief's Challenges seatbelt safety program. The Council asked that Chief Cox express the Council's appreciation for all their efforts in earning this award.

Councilman Horsey introduced Mrs. Joan Horsey who is running for the House of Delegates and her husband Mr. Elmer Horsey, former Mayor of Chestertown.

With no further business to discuss Mayor Branson closed the meeting at 8:26 PM.

November 6, 2006

Mayor Branson called the meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Branson asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present except Councilman Horsey, who was ill.

Mayor Branson encouraged all present to be sure to vote in the Election tomorrow.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Ordinance #524 - PN Floating District Village at Watts Creek

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:02 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #524 - Application of the Planned

Neighborhood (PN) floating zone for the project known as the Village at Watts Creek located on Blades Farm Road.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public - Mr. Jeff Thompson, Attorney Representative for the Village at Watts Creek, provided a brief overview.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:04 PM.

Ordinance #525 - DRRRA Village at Watts Creek

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:05 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #525 the Developer's Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) for the project known as the Village at Watts Creek, a Planned Neighborhood, located on Blades Farm Road.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public - there were none.

The Town Attorney advised the Council that the Planning Commission adopted a resolution at their last meeting.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Ordinance #526 - Zoning Amendment - Sq. Ft. Places of Worship

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:06 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #526 a zoning amendment which removes the minimum lot size requirement of 30,000 square feet for places

of worship. All other site plan requirements remain.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public - there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Ordinance #528 - Acquisition of 323 Market St.

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:07 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #528 authorizing settlement of the purchase and acquisition of property located at 323 Market Street, Denton Maryland.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Council - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public - there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:07 PM.

Ordinance # 529 - Homestead Tax Credit

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:07 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #529 which proposes to maintain and set the homestead tax credit percentage at 110% for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007 for homeowners who meet the requirements of Md. Code Ann. Tax Property Article Section 9-105.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the State - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the County - there were none.

Mayor Branson asked if there

were any comments from the Council – the Mayor clarified that this was for owner occupied properties only.

Mayor Branson asked if there were any comments from the Public – there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:08 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication

Mike Campbell – Caroline County Mental Health Clinic - Mr. Mike Campbell came before the Council and provided an overview of the Caroline County Mental Health Clinic operations seeking support.

Councilman Gregory asked for ways the Town could assist other than monetary. Mr. Campbell suggested subsidizing Town residents by waiving taxes and/or water and sewer; the Council could become a member of the Advisory Board and assist with fund raising events. This was informational only.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #524 PN Zoning District Designation –Village at Watts Creek Following the positive recommendation of the Planning Commission, and the presentation by the applicant at the Sept 11th Council meeting, the town attorney prepared an ordinance that was introduced on October 2nd that would apply the floating zone designation of Planned Neighborhood (PN) to the project known as the Village at Watts Creek.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #524 seconded by Councilman Foster. Discussion was held in which Councilman Gregory advised that he visited the area as required and expressed that he feels bad to see the area become developed.

With no further discussion Mayor Branson asked for the vote from the Council, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Ordinance #525 Developers Rights and Responsibilities Agreement-Village at Watts Creek

A developer's rights and responsibilities agreement (DRRA) was presented by Jeff Thompson on behalf of the Village at Watts Creek at the Sept 11th Council meeting. The

DRRA is a tool which legally obligates both the town and the developer to agreed upon tasks, fees and terms for a specific project, and property. At the direction of the Council the Town Attorney prepared an ordinance which introduced the proposed DRRA on October 2nd. A resolution from the Planning Commission giving a positive recommendation on the DRRA as in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and as required by State Law was attached.

As required all Council members visited the site.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #525, seconded by Councilman Foster; the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Ordinance #526 Zoning Amendment - Places of Worship

Lot size: An ordinance prepared at the request of staff, Jennifer Shull, to remove the requirement that places of worship meet minimum lot size requirements of 30,000 sq ft. Places of worship would still have to meet other site plan approval requirements such as adequate parking, stormwater management, zoning district setbacks, etc regardless of lot size. This ordinance removes the burden from small in fill churches that historically have been located in neighborhoods on lots less than 30,000 sq ft. The town Attorney prepared the ordinance which was introduced on October 2nd.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance #526, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Ordinance #527 Noise Ordinance

–An ordinance of the Town of Denton revising section 85-2 of the Denton Town Code (noise ordinance) to make the noise provisions of the Town Code consistent with the section 64-6 relating to trash collection. This ordinance has been prepared by the town attorney and was brought before the council for consideration of adoption.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance #527, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Ordinance #528 Acquisition of 323 Market Street– Ordinance #528

is for consideration of the acquisition of 323 Market Street as part of the Arts and Entertainment District Project being facilitated by the Denton Development Corporation.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #528, seconded by Councilman Foster. Discussion was held in which Councilman Gregory asked about funding - staff advised that \$120,000 would come from the Community Legacy Grant, and the Denton Development Corp would look to rent out the unit to subsidize loan payments on the balance.

With no further discussion Mayor Branson asked the pleasure of the Council, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Ordinance #529 Homestead Tax Credit Percentages

– The Denton Town Council introduced at their October 2, 2006, meeting to maintain the existing 110% Homestead Tax Credit for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007 for homeowners who meet the requirements of MD Code Ann. Tax Property Article Section 9-105.

Mayor Branson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #529, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley. Discussion was held in which Councilman Gregory expressed that he was opposed to maintaining 110%, he would like to do the same as the County at 105%.

With no further discussion the Mayor asked the pleasure of the Council. The Council unanimously agreed 4-0 to reject the ordinance and to be consistent with the County.

Ordinance #530 Establishing Brownfields Property Tax Credit for Qualified Brownfields Sites:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 114 of the Denton Town Code to establish a Brownfields Property Tax Credit for qualified Brownfields sites located within the Town of Denton for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to introduce Ordinance #530, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously, 4-0.

Ordinance #531 Durner Building Acquisition

The Town of Denton has leased

the ground floor of the Durner Property at 15 S. Third St. During the leasing period, Mr. Durner offered to sell the property to the Town. He has submitted a letter willing to sell the property. Similar to the Wood property, the building could be owned by the Town or the DDC. The Town of Denton is presently paying \$500 a month and the office space houses the Main Street Program, DDC Office's and the Tourism office. The second floor has two offices, one of which could be leased as an apartment or a second office. The exterior of the building needs to be painted, and the DDC does have façade money which can be used towards this cost. A request was made for the Town Council to give consideration to entering into an agreement, and Town Staff work to structure acquisition and/or assignment which cash flows the project and maintain occupancy of the DDC, Main Street and Tourism. This was deferred from the October meeting.

The Council asked that Staff give financial figures prior to adoption.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to introduce Ordinance #531, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Market & Second St. Intersection

The Downtown Business Association has written a letter to Scott Getchell requesting the Town make the intersection at Market & Second Streets a four-way stop as part of the improvements planned under the Market Street Improvement Project Phase II. A copy of the letter was provided to the Council to consider the request.

Mr. Scott Getchell provided an overview.

Chief Cox advised that while he agrees the intersection was worthy of improvements, he is not in favor of a four-way stop.

Mrs. Cindy Draper of the Denton Business Association advised that they are concerned with the current

traffic pattern and if there was not support to make the intersection a four-way stop then consider making Second St. one-way from Gay St. to Market St.

Mayor Branson made a motion to have Mr. Getchell continue with the improvements at the intersection that are part of the Market St. project and then monitor with the Chief for other suggestions, and to pool the public for opinion regarding a four-way stop or making Second St. one-way, the motion was seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Staff also advised that water meter excess funds will be used to replace the water line on Market to Third.

Agenda #2 - Denton Industrial Park Storm Water Access Road Request

Mr. Ray Briscuso has written the Town Council requesting consideration to allow the owner of 404 Station and Prime Time Tent to improve the right of way and use the same access. The Town Council referred this matter to the Planning Commission, the Town Attorney, and the Denton Industrial Park Owners Association.

The Planning Commission has made a favorable recommendation that Mr. Briscuso be permitted to improve the access road to public works standards, and enter into a maintenance agreement for the roadway. About 75% of the Industrial Park Owners Association has responded with a favorable. The Town Attorney confirmed that the Town owns the road.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to draft an easement agreement in the event that the Industrial Park Owners Association gives complete approval, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #3 - Travel Policy Amendment

At the October 16 working session, the Town Council discussed with Department Head staff potential revisions to the Travel Policy. The proposed revisions to the existing travel policy and a draft policy for

Council members was presented.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to accept the revised travel policy as presented, seconded by Mayor Branson, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #4 - Legion Road Improvements

Staff went over the Legion Road Improvements and potential capital recapture and cost share program - to dualize Legion Rd. from MD Rte 404 to Commerce, obtain easements to Engerman for future dualization, and to make Commerce dual from Legion to Gay St./MD Rt. 404.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to draft and Ordinance for Capital Recapture, to send a letter to the State Highway Administration to seek consideration to allow and access from Gay St. over to Commerce Drive, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #5 - Fifth Ave Design Proposal

Contingent upon funding, the Public Works Department asked the Council to approve a proposal from Lane Engineering in the amount of \$51,600.00 for the engineering design services necessary to reconstruct Fifth Avenue and some contiguous side streets. The conceptual design of the project has been established and input was solicited from local residents. A copy of the proposal was provided and Staff discussed the potential for funding sources with the Council.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt the Fifth Ave. design proposal as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #6 - Denton Industrial Park Option Agreement Extension

Hershey Creamery requested a six month extension on their existing option agreement to purchase Lot 9A in the Denton Industrial Park. Their existing property on Legion Road is presently optioned by Black Oak, Inc, for commercial redevelopment. This project would take place in the event the Wal-Mart project proceeds. The extension would be through May 7, 2007.

Councilman Foster made a motion to allow the extension to Hershey Creamery, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Agenda #1 - Water/Sewer Rate Study Proposal – The Utility Commission would like the Council to approve proceeding with a rate study to be performed by Maryland Center for Environmental Training. The objective is to establish a 5-year rate projection that includes current and future capital and operating costs. The cost to perform the wastewater study is covered by a grant from MDE but the remaining balance of \$6900 would be charged to the water fund. A copy of the proposal was provided.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to accept the water/sewer rate study proposal, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #2 - Bay Broadband Contract

Bay Broadband is a wireless broadband company who is interested in installing equipment on all three water towers to service the Denton area. They have agreed to pay a fee for being on the towers, supply internet service to the Town Office, Public Works Office and set up a Hot Spot in the downtown area. The proposed contract has been approved by the Town's Attorney.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to accept the tower lease agreement, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #3 - End of the Year

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion approve the End of the Year 1% bonus to employees, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #4 - Performance Evaluation

Annually a Performance Evaluation should be completed for the Town Administrator. This item is on the agenda for the Council to schedule.

Councilman Gregory requested

that the evaluations be given to each Council member individually and then they would get together at the December working session to go over and finalize.

Agenda #5 - Municipal Flag

Council members previously requested for there to be a Denton Municipal Flag. Background color choices were provided for the Council to select. The Council asked that an article be put in the Times Record seeking the public to choose. The cost of the flag will be about \$100.

Agenda #6 - Council Working Session

The Denton Town Council has six working sessions which are held throughout the year, usually on the third Monday of the month in which a working session is held. This is usually in the following months – March, April, May, October, November and December. A request has been made to change the working session date from the third Monday to the second Monday. This was brought before the Council for consideration.

Councilman Foster made a motion to hold the working sessions on the second Monday of the month in which they are normally held, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Agenda #7 - Community Advisory Council

Phil Favaro contacted the Town Administrator seeking a representative from Denton to serve on a Community Advisory Council. This group would seek to identify sensitive areas both historical, and environmental within the Tuckahoe and Choptank watershed.

The Council unanimously agreed to have Ms. Jennifer Shull to represent the Town on this board.

Other New Business

None

With no further business to discuss Mayor Branson adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM.

December 4, 2006 Executive Session

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion at 6:05 PM to hold an executive session to review the personnel evaluation for the Town

Administrator and to discuss the proposed impact fee assessment and other personnel issues, seconded by Councilman Horsey, passing unanimously.

All Council members were present during this meeting, no action was taken.

With no further discussion the executive session was closed at 7:00 PM.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Branson called the meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Branson asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present.

Mayor Branson advised the Public that the Council had held an executive session prior to this meeting to review the personnel evaluation for the Town Administrator, discuss the proposed impact fee assessment and other personnel issues.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Public Hearing

Ordinance #530

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:05 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #530 which amends chapter 114 of the Denton Town Code to establish a Brown fields Property Tax Credit for qualified Brown fields sites located within the Town of Denton for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007. Staff provided an overview.

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the Public – there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:07 PM.

Ordinance #531

Mayor Branson opened a public hearing at 7:07 PM to receive public comments on the acquisition of 15 S. Third Street.

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Branson asked for comments from the Public – there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Branson closed this public hearing at 7:09 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication

Councilman Horsey expressed appreciation for all of the calls, flowers and support that he had received during his recent illness.

Councilman Horsey announced that this was Councilwoman Stockley last official meeting and expressed how much she will be missed. Best wishes were given by all.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #690 Camp Road Annexation:

A resolution prepared by the Town Attorney for the annexation of Camp Road, and the single parcel owned by Sheila Behlke Benchoff. This annexation was recommended by the Planning Commission, and previously supported by the Town Council to facilitate control of Camp Road. The parcel is within the Town Growth Area as defined in 1997, and is the only remaining parcel on the south side of Camp Road not located within the town limits. Ms Benchoff's current use of the property as her home would continue. Total acreage in the annexation is 17.19 acres including the road.

This item was deferred until a later date.

Ordinance #530 Establishing Brown fields Property Tax Credit for Qualified Brown fields Sites:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 114 of the Denton Town Code to establish a Brown fields Property Tax Credit for qualified Brown fields sites located within the Town of Denton

for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to adopt Ordinance #530, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #531 Durner Building Acquisition:

The Town of Denton has leased the ground floor of the Durner Property. During the leasing period, Mr. Durner offered to sell the property to the Town. He has submitted a letter willing to sell the property. Similar to the Wood property, the building could be owned by the Town or the DDC. The Town of Denton is presently paying \$500 a month and the office space houses the Main Street Program, DDC Office and the Tourism program. The second floor has two offices, one of which could be leased as an apartment or a second office. The exterior of the building needs to be painted, and the DDC does have façade money which can be used towards this cost. Requesting the Town Council consider entering into an agreement, and Town Staff work to structure acquisition and/or assignment which cash flows project and maintains occupancy of the DDC, Main Street and Tourism. The Denton Development Corporation has agreed to purchase the property and continue leasing to the Town of Denton.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to adopt Ordinance #531, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Horsey abstaining due to being a member of the DDC.

Ordinance # 532 Hunting Ordinance:

An ordinance prepared by the Town Attorney that would amend the Town Code that regulates the discharge of firearms. Specifically, the amendment proposes to allow hunting on a parcel of land 50 acres or larger. State and Dept of Natural Resources laws regarding safety would continue to remain unmodified. The ordinance was modeled after other communities that have large tracts of undeveloped property where hunting has taken place.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to introduce Ordinance #532,

seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 Municipal Building Design:

As directed by the Town Council, the Municipal Building Committee met with Greg Torchio to review the design of the municipal building with respect to the proposed Pattern Book. A copy of the proposed amendment to reflect LEED Certification was presented to the Council. Mr. Greg Torchio was present to discuss this amendment, the LEED Certification process and municipal building design.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to table this item until the Jan. 8th meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 Impact Fee Study:

Urban Design Analytic has completed the Impact Fee Study for the Town of Denton. A copy of the study was provided to the Council. Mr. Dean Ballas will be available to attend the Dec. 11, 2006 working session to meet with the Council and review the study prepared. If introduced at the December 4th meeting, a Public Hearing can be scheduled for the January 8th Council meeting. As the Council considers the establishment of an Impact Fee, the Council may wish to consider a review process.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to introduce Ordinance #533, impact fees, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #3 Water System Utility Easement Choptank Electric:

A Utility Easement Agreement between the Town of Denton and Choptank Electric was provided to the Council for review. Staff advised that the Utility Commission gave a favorable recommendation. The Town Attorney advised that two separate agreements were prepared, one between the Town of Denton and Choptank Electric, and the other is a reimbursement agreement between the Town and Crouse Farms.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to enter into the agreements with Choptank Electric and Crouse Farms, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, passing unanimously.

Agenda #4 Welcome Center Crouse Memorial Park:

Ellis Davison, Project Manager for the Denton Development Corporation made a presentation to the Council on the Welcome Center Crouse Memorial Park project, seeking support to generate a formal scope change request to the State Highway Administration and Program Open Space.

Councilman Foster made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of support to the State Highway Administration and to send a letter in support for Open Space funding, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Agenda #5 Community Legacy:

The Council reviewed the request from the Denton Development Corporation to consider making a formal request to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to have the loan portion of the Community Legacy funding received to be converted to a grant, with no repayment obligation. This is specifically for funding received from the Community Legacy program for the Fourth Street Arts and Entertainment District.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to support the Denton Development Corporations request, seconded by Councilman Stockley, the motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Horsey abstaining due to being a member of the DDC..

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Agenda #1 - Chesapeake Culinary Center Small Business Loan Deferment Request:

The Council reviewed a request from the Chesapeake Culinary Center to defer loan payments on their two loans. Their request is for the deferment to continue one month beyond the date in which Lily Pad Café and Catering moves.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to allow Chesapeake Culinary Center to defer loan payments for 6

months, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 Mathew Brothers Loan Subordination Request:

The Council reviewed a request from Mathews Brothers for a loan subordination. They are seeking to refinance their existing operations prior to December 31st. If approved by the Council, Town Staff are seeking authorization for the Mayor to sign the subordination documents. These will be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to allow Mathews Brothers loan subordination request, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 Kathryn Court Transfer:

The Council was requested to authorize the Mayor's signature on a deed transferring ownership of Kathryn Court, located in the subdivision known as "Edenton", to the Town of Denton. The current owner, Jim Robinson, has completed all requirements set forth by The Department of Public Works and the Department of Planning. Brynja Booth has reviewed and approved the deed as well. A copy of the deed was provided along with a letter from Jim Robinson.

Staff advised that the Fire Department reviewed the plans before subdivision approval.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to adopt the Kathryn Court transfer, seconded by Councilman Foster, passing unanimously.

Other New Business

Councilman Gregory made a motion for the Town to become a member of the LESMA (Lower Eastern Shore Mayor's Association), seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Horsey voting no.

Staff advised that the color choice for the background of the flag will be placed on the Jan. 8th agenda.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to amend the Impact Ordinance #533 to include a commercial impact fee, seconded by Councilman Foster, passing unanimously.

Councilman Foster asked when the construction on Rt. 404 was scheduled to be complete and was advised in the fall of 2007.

Councilman Foster asked about the Police Dept. building dedication, staff advise that the final work is finished. Looking to schedule the dedication.

Councilman Foster asked about the lights in Savannah Overlook, staff advised that phase one is about complete.

Jennifer Shull advised the Council that the Advisory board for the Upper Shore Water Shed, decided to change their members from staff to elected officials. Mayor Branson stated that he would like to see Jennifer continue to be the Town of Denton's representative, full support was received from the rest of the Council members.

With no further discussion Mayor Branson adjourned this meeting at 8:45 PM.

January 8, 2007

Mayor Branson called the meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Branson asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 13, 2006, the regular meeting held on December 4, 2006, and the working session held on December 19, 2006 seconded by Councilman Foster, passing unanimously.

Swearing in Ceremony for new Council member

Mayor Branson did the swearing in of Councilman Clendaniel

Election of Officers

Mayor - Councilman Gregory made a motion to nominate John Foster for Mayor, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to nominate Lester Branson for Mayor, the motion died for lack of a second

Mayor Branson called for the vote on the motion for Councilman Foster to serve as Mayor, the motion passed

unanimously.

Vice-Mayor – Councilman Foster made a motion to nominate Conway Gregory for Vice-Mayor, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor-Pro Tem – Councilman Gregory made a motion to nominate Lester Branson for Mayor-Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously.

Council members changed seats.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #532

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:05 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #532 entitled "An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending chapter 54 of the Denton Town Code to permit hunting on parcels of land 50 acres or larger.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public – there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:06PM.

Ordinance #533

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:06 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #533 entitled "An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending chapter 52 of the Denton Town Code to provide for the imposition and collection of development impact fees within the town for residential development.

Ms. Brynja Booth, Town Attorney advised the Council that the advertisement for this public hearing only referenced the fee for residential and not commercial. The Attorney recommended for the Council to extend adopting the ordinance until it is re-advertised with the correct language.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to table the public hearing on Ordinance #533 until the amended ordinance is advertised to include the commercial portion, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

With no further comments Mayor

Foster closed this public hearing at 7:10PM.

Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication

FY2006 Audit Presentation- this item was rescheduled for the February meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #690 Camp Road Annexation: A resolution prepared by the Town Attorney for the annexation of Camp Road was presented to the Council. This annexation resolution is for a single parcel owned by Sheila Behlke Benchoff. This annexation was recommended by the Planning Commission, and previously supported by the Town Council to facilitate control of Camp Road. The parcel is within the Town Growth Area as defined in 1997, and is the only remaining parcel on the south side of Camp Road not located within the town limits. Ms Benchoff's current use of the property as her home would continue. Total acreage in the annexation is 17.19 acres including the road.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to introduce resolution #690 the annexation of Camp Rd., seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 532 Hunting Ordinance- *An ordinance prepared by the Town Attorney that would amend the Town Code that regulates the discharge of firearms. Specifically, the amendment proposes to allow hunting on a parcel of land 50 acres or larger was presented to the Council. State and Dept of Natural Resources laws regarding safety would continue to remain unmodified. The ordinance was modeled after other communities that have large tracts of undeveloped property where hunting has taken place.*

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt ordinance #532, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #533 – Impact Fee Assessment - *An ordinance has been prepared by the Town Attorney that would amend the Town Code Chapter 52 to provide for the imposition and collection of Development Impact Fees with the Town.*

Councilman Clendaniel made

motion to hold off on the adoption of ordinance #533 until the February 5, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Municipal Building Design - *As directed by the Town Council, the Municipal Building Committee has met with Greg Torchio to review the design of the municipal building with respect to the proposed Pattern Book. A copy of the proposed amendment to reflect LEED Certification was provided. Mr. Greg Torchio was present to discuss this amendment, the LEED Certification process and municipal building design. Mr. Torchio advised that he was present at the recommendation of the Town's Planning Commission.*

Councilman Clendaniel advised that he attended the Planning Commission meeting and was impressed at the energy assistance that leed certification requires.

Councilman Gregory stated that he recognized that the pattern book suggest leed certification, but did not feel that it was worth an additional \$40,000.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to elect to no pursue leed certification for the new town hall, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #2 Municipal Flag - *At the November 6, 2006, Council meeting, The Town Council discussed color backgrounds for a municipal flag. The Times Record was able to include the three color choices the Council selected. The Town received 17 responses with voting as follows 7 votes for Gold (Maryland Flag Gold), 6 votes for Dark Blue and votes 4 for Royal Blue. Town staff contacted F.W. Haxel Company – the same firm who printed Federalsburg's flag. A copy of their quote was provided. Additionally, the Town Office received a note from an individual who offered comments on the use of the Town Seal.*

Councilman Branson made a motion to go with the Public's choice of a gold back ground for the flag,

seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Branson made a motion to buy three flags, then amended his motion to buy 4 flags, the motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to purchase twelve polyester flags, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #3 Industrial Park Option Agreement - *A request made by CPIII Builders and L. D. Berkindine Sheet Metal Company to extend their option to purchase agreements for the Denton Industrial Park. A copy of the proposed amendment was provided for the Council's consideration. Both are requesting an additional 6 months.*

Councilman Branson made a motion to extend the Industrial park option agreements for six months, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #4 Choptank Electric Agreement - *A request made by the attorney for Choptank Electric to amend the option to purchase provision in the agreement adopted by the Council at their December 4 meeting. Brynja Booth's attached letter provided background on this request. The Town Attorney prepared an amendment and was brought before the Council for consideration. The Town Attorney advised that the agreement had been amended to define that the Town must construct the water tower.*

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to accept the Choptank agreement with the amendments, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Clendaniel abstaining due to Choptank being a client.

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Agenda #1 – Sharp Road Park- *Representatives of Choptank Athletic Association presented an update to the Council on development plans for the park, and fundraising activities to date. Choptank Athletic Association is a non-profit formed by local residents to represent varied youth programs at the park, and has had past support*

of the council to develop the park property. The lease with Choptank Athletic Association for the park land is due for renewal consideration. Mr. Troy Mentecki current President of the Association advised the Council that they have signed a contract with Lane Engineering and would like to extend the lease with the Town for the property for another three years.

Councilman Branson made a motion to extend the Choptank Athletic Association lease for three years, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #2- 401 Market Street Option Agreement - *The Caroline County Arts Council provided a written request to enter into an option to purchase agreement for 401 Market Street. Their request has been reviewed and approved by the Denton Development Corporation. The property is part of the Arts and Entertainment District. This is before the Town Council for consideration. Staff advised that an ordinance can be drafted for consideration of introduction next month and a public hearing can be scheduled.*

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to prepare an ordinance for consideration, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #3- Riverview Gardens - *Mr. Rick Della, Vice President The Rainmaker Group, has requested the opportunity to meet in a working session with the Town Council. He would like to discuss Interfaith Housing Development Corporation's intent and plan to purchase and renovate the three apartment facilities at Riverview Garden. He is unable to meeting on January 22, but would welcome another date and time.*

The Council agreed to hold a working session on Jan. 29th at 6:00.

Agenda #4 -Small Business Loan Program - *The Town of Denton received an application from the Denton Development Corporation for financing for the acquisition of 15 S. Third Street and 323 Market Street. Copies of the project summary and loan review committee responses were provided. Both loans were*

before the Council for consideration of approval.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the loans, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Horsey abstaining due to being a member of the DDC.

Agenda #5 - Industrial Park Land Acquisition Request – Shore Doors has written the Town of Denton expressing interest in potentially acquiring land in Denton's Industrial Park. They are interested in Lot 9B-2B and are requesting the opportunity to enter into an option agreement. If acceptable to the Council, an Ordinance will need to be drafted. A six month option period enables the business to go through the planning process and Industrial Park Owners Association review prior to acquiring the property.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to grant the option for the potential acquisition of Denton Industrial Park Land by Shore Doors, seconded by Councilman Horsey, passing unanimously.

Other New Business

Councilman Horsey made a motion to have an ordinance drafted that would require all new construction to have fire sprinkler systems for new homes, seconded by Councilman Gregory. During discussion the Council was advised to allow the Town Attorney to review. Staff asked the Council to make sure before adopting to make sure that the inspections can be done. The motion was withdrawn.

Councilman Clendaniel expressed a few words of kindness for former Councilwoman Stockley and that it was an honor to accept her seat on the Council.

Executive Session

Councilman Gregory made a motion at 8:30 PM to hold an executive session to review the proposed personnel evaluation for the Town Administrator and other personnel issues, seconded by Councilman Horsey, passing unanimously.

All Council members, the Town Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, Town Attorney and Chief Cox were present for the executive session.

With no further discussion Councilman Horsey made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, the execution session was closed at 8:50 PM.

Regular meeting

Mayor Foster announced for the record that the Council held an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8.52 PM, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer

Special Spring Loose Leaf Collection

The Town of Denton will be providing a special spring loose leaf collection service to vacuum up leaves that are left over from the fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their loose leaf removal service to occur on Friday April 20, Monday April 23, Friday April 27, and Monday April 30, 2007. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Leaf pickups will occur on Friday or Monday pending work load. It will be necessary to call in your leaf pick up request by 12 NOON on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday.

Bagged leaf collection will still take place on Wednesdays and must be called in to the town office by 12 NOON on Tuesdays.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 during regular business hours or during non-business hours to leave their requests on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 25.

Please follow these guidelines for leaf removal:

- Rake leaves to the curbside or alley
- DO NOT rake leaves into the street
- DO NOT rake leaves onto the sidewalk
- Make sure all sticks and limbs are

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention

Motor vehicle theft is a serious problem in many parts of the world. In the United States, the annual loss from car theft is over \$4 billion. The Automotive Information Council reports that over one million motor vehicles are stolen in the U.S. each year. That's one motor vehicle theft every 31 seconds.

Here are a few Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Recommendations:

-Lock it and pocket the keys. Nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen had the keys in them. Remember to lock the trunk, the hatchback or the tailgate of a station wagon or sport utility vehicle (SUV)

-Don't leave motor vehicle registrations, insurance policies, credit cards or other important papers in a vehicle's glove compartment

-If you use a self-service gasoline station or convenience store, don't leave the keys in the vehicle when you go inside to pay ybill

-Never hide a second set of keys in the vehicle. Extra keys can easily be found if the thief takes time to look. Store a spare key in your wallet

-Don't invite a vehicle break-in by leaving packages or valuables (radar detectors, cellular phones, compact disc players, etc) in sight. Take valuables with you, put them under the seat or lock them in the trunk



- removed from the pile of leaves
- Make sure there are no other objects or debris mixed with the leaves (like bottles or other trash)
 - Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs or other debris will not be picked up
 - Phone in your pickup request to the Town Office at 410-479-2050 by Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday
 - All pickups will be done by request/appointment only
 - Loose leaf pickups will occur from April 20 through April 30, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time. *

Community Educator Offering Her Services

Crystal Terhune is the Extension Educator for Family and Consumer Sciences at Caroline County's Maryland Cooperative Extension. Her job is to provide community education on topics that are important to YOU! Workshops can be offered on financial topics such as money management, understanding your credit report and record organization-- or even topics related to health and wellness such as disease prevention, developing a healthy lifestyle, food safety or food preservation! These are just some of the many topics that can be offered! If you or your group, organization, or workplace would like to have a class, or if you want to discuss an idea for future events, please feel free to e-mail your ideas or questions to Crystal at crystal@umd.edu or call 410-479-4030.

with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/15/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500
Location: 500 block S. Fourth St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Sandra Keating reported that person (s) unknown cut both drivers' side tires on her 1998 Buick. Total loss value is \$150.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/15/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$300
Location: 100 block Gay St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Nancy Nelson reported that person(s) unknown had cut the right rear tire on her 2004 Honda. Total loss value is \$70.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/18/2006

Classification: DWI/DUI

Location: Shore Highway

Denton Police stopped a 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle for speeding (87 mph in a 40 mph zone) on Shore Highway in the area of Legion Road. The operator was identified as Douglas Rounesville, 46 year old male of Queen Anne. Upon making contact with Rounesville police detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage. Rounesville was then requested to perform field sobriety tests after which police placed Rounesville under arrest for suspicion of DUI. Rounesville was charged with : Exceeding speed 87/40, Reckless Driving , Negligent Driving, Unsafe Lane Change, Failing to signal lane change, DUI, DUI Per Se and DWI.

Date: 10/19/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 700 block N Sixth St.

The Denton Police Dept. charged Sean A. Porter, 21, of Delmar, DE, with driving suspended on October 19, 2006. Police stopped the truck, a 1997 Ford, that Porter was operating for having no tag lights. An MVA check revealed that Porter's license privilege was suspended. Porter was charged for the violations, and

released on his signature of the citations.

Date: 10/22/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 400 block S Fifth Ave.

Denton Police stopped a Plymouth for an equipment violation. The operator was identified as Stephen Ott, 23 year old male of Denton. A check of MVA records revealed that Ott's driving privilege had been suspend and /or revoked through MD. Ott was charged at the scene on citations and released.

Date: 10/23/2006

Classification: Burglary 4th Degree

Location: 500 block S. Fifth Ave.

Denton Police are investigating a 4th degree burglary. Employees of the Prime Shine Car Wash, located on S. Fifth Ave., reported that upon arrival they observed the lock on the rear garage door had been cut. It was also discovered that the change machine had been broken into and an unknown amount of change (quarters) had been removed. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/24/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Shore Highway

Randy Simmons, 43 year old Male of Greenwood DE, was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license. Simmons was stopped when he passed a marked patrol vehicle west bound on Shore Highway in the area of Sharp Road. A check of MVA records revealed Simmons' license was suspended. Simmons was issued citations for speeding , failing to display license on demand, driving suspend, and released upon signing those citations.

Date: 10/24/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location : 200 block S Third St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Earnest Wright, 41 year old male of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown had thrown eggs at his 2006 Ford Pick-up. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/24/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500
Location: 1200 block Tuckahoe Ct.
Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Kenneth Motter, 37 year old male of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown by unknown means caused a large scratch on both doors of his 1999 Ford Explorer. Total damage is estimated at \$300.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/25/2006

Classification: Burglary

Location: 800 block S. Fifth Ave.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a burglary and theft from the ATM at the Mercantile Eastern Shore Bank, 812 S. Fifth Ave. Denton, which occurred around 2:00 a.m. on October 25, 2006. Three unknown males forced open the front panel of the ATM, stole an unspecified amount of cash in two metal canisters, and then fled from the scene prior to Police arrival. The suspect vehicle is described as a blue over tan early model Ford Expedition. The suspects were wearing hooded sweatshirts and jeans, and at least two of them were wearing masks. Anyone who may have been in the area at this time, who may have any information leading to possible suspects, is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at (410)479-1414.

Date: 10/25/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 500 block Market St.

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Candice Comegys, of Goldsboro, reported that she was approached by Timothy Spence, 18 of Federalsburg, who requested to borrow Comegys' phone and to borrow some money. Comegys' handed Spence the phone and \$20.00 he fled the area on foot. The phone was valued at \$50.00 and the cash was \$20.00. Charges are pending in this matter.

Date: 10/26/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

Denton Police investigated a shoplifting at the Dollar General Store. Investigation led to the arrest of a 17 year old female of Easton and a 17 year old female of Denton. Charges are also pending on two 18 year old females, Julie Porter of

Greensboro and Alicia Rholetter of Goldsboro. Employees observed all four subjects remove various items from the store without paying for them. All items were later recovered by police. The total amount taken was \$48.50.

Date: 10/27/2006

Classification: Deadly Weapon/ Conceal

Location: 700 block N Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Timothy Spence, 18 year old male from Federalsburg, with carrying a concealed weapon. Spence had been taken into custody for an unrelated warrant. During a search incident to arrest, an 11 inch fixed blade "Bowie" style knife was found concealed under Spence's shirt. Spence was processed and released on recognizance after an initial appearance by a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 10/29/2006

Classification: DUI

Location: N Fifth St.

Denton Police charged Sheree Workman of Ridgely with DUI. Police were contacted by a tow company, who had been called to assist Workman with a flat tire, and advised they believed that Workman had been consuming alcoholic beverages. Further investigation into the matter led to Workman being arrested and charged with DUI. Workman was released after signing citations.

Date: 10/29/2006

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 0 block Denton PZ

Denton Police are investigating a theft at the Eckerd Drug Store located in Denton Plaza. Employees reported that a light skinned black male exited the store with various items without paying for them. Total value of the items is \$773.85. The suspect then fled the area in a black in color Nissan Maxima (unknown registration) Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 10/29/2006

Classification: CDS: Possess-Not Marihuana

Location: Caroline St.

Denton Police charged a 17 year old male of Denton for possession of controlled dangerous substance

and paraphernalia. The 17 year old was already in police custody on an unrelated matter. During a search incident to arrest, an electronic scale was found which had suspected cocaine residue on it. The youth was charged and held at the Carter Center in Chestertown pending a hearing.

Date: 10/29/2006

Classification: Possession W/Intent to Dist

Location: 600 block N Sixth St.

On Sunday 29 October 2006 Denton Police Department arrested Joseph Allen Downes Jr. 18 of Denton on a Bench Warrant through Caroline County Circuit Court. Downes was searched, one baggy of suspected marihuana and one baggy of suspected cocaine was found on his person. The suspected CDS was later found to be counterfeit and Downes was charged with 2 counts of Possession of counterfeit CDS with intent to distribute. Downes was held on Bench Warrant and \$20,000 bond.

Date: 10/30/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 100 block Riverview Gardens

Denton Police are investigating a possible burglary. Police responded to 101 Riverview Gardens, a vacant apartment, after being contacted by management. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had pried open a rear window to the apartment. Nothing, other than the window, was damaged and nothing was taken. Total cost to repair the window is estimated at \$80.00. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/01/2006

Classification: Driving w/o license

Location: N First St.

Denton police charged Bonnie Nixon, 53 year old female of Salisbury, with driving without a license. Police received information that Nixon did not have a license. Shortly after Nixon made contact with a Denton Police officer who engaged in conversation with Nixon. Through that conversation it was revealed that Nixon did not have a license. Nixon was issued a citation and released.

Date: 11/02/2006

Classification: Fail to remain at scene

of accident involving inju

Location: 9700 block Foy

On 11-02-2006 at 6:57 pm the Denton Police Department responded to 9730 Foy Rd. Denton for a report of a struck pedestrian. The pedestrian, Trudi Ann Anderson of 9778 Foy Rd. had minor injuries. The vehicle that struck her failed to stop and render assistance. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/03/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 400 block Gay St

On 11-03-06 Denton Police responded to 406 Gay St for an assault in progress. Denton Police met with Renee White, 32 year old female of Denton, who advised that her live-in boyfriend David Edwards, 34 year old male, hit her several times after a verbal dispute. White stated Edwards had left the house on his bike. Police got a tip that Edwards was at McDonalds about half hour after the assault. Police arrested Edwards at McDonalds with out incident. Edwards was processed and seen by a District Court Commissioner for initial appearance where he was released on recog.

Date: 11/03/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: N Fifth St

Denton Police charged Tomariousmicel Travel Stanford, 28 year old male of Goldsboro, for driving suspended and driving without a license. Stanford was stopped for an equipment violation on a 1993 Jeep that he was operating. Stanford was unable to produce an operators license when requested. A check of MVA records revealed Stanford' privilege to drive had been suspended for either failing to pay a citation or failing to appear in court in 2004. Stanford was issued the appropriate citations and released at the scene.

Date: 11/05/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Market St.

Denton Police charged Dale Keith Werner 2nd, 29 year old male of Greensboro, with driving on a

suspended license. Police responded to a minor motor vehicle collision. During the investigation it was revealed that Werner's license was suspended. Werner was released on his signature of citation at the scene.

Date: 11/06/2006

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 400 block N. Sixth St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a bicycle. It was reported to police that a black and orange in color Mongoose BMX style bike was taken from the rear of a residence where it was left unsecured. The value of the bike is estimated at \$150.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/11/2006

Classification: DUI

Location: Shore Highway

On 11-11-06 at approximately 6:30 pm, officers of the Denton Police Department responded to the area of Shore Highway in reference to vehicle possibly being operated by an intoxicated driver. The vehicle was being followed by an off duty Caroline County Drug Task Force officer. The Task Force officer observed multiple violations and near collisions' from Greensboro Rd. into the town of Denton and onto Shore Highway. Denton officers attempted to stop the vehicle on Shore Highway near Deep Shore Rd but the driver refused to stop. The vehicle continued east on Shore Highway to Harmony Rd where the driver stopped the vehicle. As an officer approached the vehicle, the driver accelerated the vehicle in an attempt to get away almost striking the officer. Officers continued to pursue the vehicle south on Harmony Rd. The Denton units were assisted by officers from the Caroline County Sheriffs and Maryland State Police in the pursuit. The vehicle continued south on Harmony Rd. to Preston continuing to refuse to stop for police units. Maryland State Police units attempted to stop the vehicle with the use of spike strips but the vehicle drove around the strips. The vehicle traveled into Preston turning onto Dover Bridge Rd. Officer continued to pursue the vehicle toward Talbot

County and into the City of Easton. The vehicle turned west onto Rte 50 and then turned onto Arcadia St. a dead end street. The suspect attempted to flee by driving into the yard of 802 Arcadia St. at which time the vehicle became stuck in the mud. The driver continued to resist the officers. A Taser was successfully deployed and the driver was taken into custody. Christian Shane McKenna, 38 year old male of Elkton, was charged with DUI, Fleeing and Eluding uniformed police, Reckless Driving, Driving suspended and revoked, Speeding, first and second degree assault, reckless endangerment, resisting arrest, possession of marihuana, and malicious destruction of property. McKenna was also wanted for an arrest warrant from Cecil County. McKenna was held on \$7,000 Bond on charges and no bond on the warrant.

Date: 11/11/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 100 block Franklin St.

Denton Police stopped Darin Hill, 37 year old male of Denton, for not stopping at the stop sign at the intersection of S First St. and Franklin St. Denton MD. Hill was operating a 1990 Ford 4 door passenger car. It was learned that Hill's license was suspended and revoked in Maryland. Hill was issued two citations and was released at the scene.

Date: 11/12/2006

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree/ General

Location: 500 block S Fifth Ave.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the burglary of Prime Shine Carwash. Sometime between November 11, 2006 and November 12, 2006 an unknown person(s) forced entry into the storage area of the carwash and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the change machine. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/12/2006

Classification: U/U Take w/o Owners Consent

Location: Randolph St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a Nuttle Lumber truck. The truck was taken

from the Nuttle Lumber Company property sometime between November 11, 12.

Date: 11/15/2006

Classification: CDS: Possession-Marihuana

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

Denton Police charged a 17 year old male of Denton with possession of marihuana. The youth had been detained for questioning in an unrelated matter. During the questioning the youth admitted to being in possession of a small amount of suspected marihuana. The male was arrested without incident and referred to Juvenile Justice. He was released to a guardian.

Date: 11/17/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 600 block Gay St.

Denton Police are investigating an assault. Machika Clanton, 26 year old female of Denton, reported that Amanda Jenkins, 18 year old female from Denton, had assaulted Clanton after a verbal argument by pulling Clanton's hair and hitting her. Clanton was referred to the District Court to pursue charges.

Date: 11/19/2006

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree

Location: 500 block S Fifth Ave.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the burglary of Prime Shine Car Wash. An unknown person(s) forced entry into the car wash's storage area and removed an undetermined amount of money from the change machine. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/19/2006

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree

Location: 0 Block Engerman Ave.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the burglary of several storage units at Denton Self Storage. Sometime on November 19, 2006 an unknown person(s) broke into several storage units and attempted to steal tires from a Chevrolet Uplander. Nothing was reported to have been stolen at this time. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/20/2006

Classification: U/U of Motor

Vehicle

Location: 700 block Market St.

Robert Whitehead, 22 year old male of Denton, took without permission a 2003 Ford pick-up truck from a family member. The vehicle was taken in the early morning hours on 11-20-2006 from 703 Market St. Denton. Mr. Whitehead was arrested later that day for this unauthorized use of that vehicle. The family member's vehicle was later returned.

Date: 11/22/2006

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 0 block Denton PZ

Denton Police charged Thomas Kelly Myers, 29 year old male of Preston, with driving a motor vehicle on a suspended out of state license. Myers was stopped in reference to an investigation. A license check revealed that Myers' Delaware driver's license was suspended. Myers was released on citation.

Date: 11/24/2006

Classification: Burglary 4th Degree

Location: 0 block Ninth St.

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. It was reported that person(s) unknown forced entry into a vacant house located at 10 Ninth St. Denton. Nothing was reported stolen. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/24/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$300

Location: 100 block N. Third St.

On 11-24-2006 between 2000 hours and 2040 hours five parked Denton Police vehicles were spray painted with white lettering "MTS". These vehicles were parked at 100 N. Third St. Denton. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/25/2006

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree

Location: 500 block S. Fifth Ave.

On 11-25-2006 at approximately 0400 hours the Denton Police Department found that the Prime Shine Carwash on S. Fifth Ave. had been burglarized. The burglary occurred between the hours of 2330 hours the night before and 0400 hours on 11-25-2006. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Denton

Police Dept at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/25/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 300 block Market St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident of vandalism which occurred sometime overnight from 11/24/06 to 11/25/06. An unknown person or persons painted graffiti on the side door of Denton Hardware using spray paint. Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this location to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/25/2006

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 500 block Market St.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Timothy Scott Spence, 18, of Federalsburg, for theft and concealing a deadly weapon on November 25, 2006. Spence was patted down for weapons during a field interview, and found to have a 7" boot knife hidden in his pocket. Spence was also charged for stealing a persons' wallet, which was why Spence was approached by Police. Spence was charged with one count each of Theft: Over \$500 and Concealing A Deadly Weapon. Following an initial appearance in front of the District Court Commissioner, Spence was held at the Caroline County Detention Center on \$5,000.00 bond.

Date: 11/25/2006

Classification: Burglary

Location: 600 block Market St.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Jonathan D. Medford, 19, of 314 N. Fourth St. Denton, for burglary on November 25, 2006. Police were advised that there were several persons inside of a vacant house on Market St. that was for sale. Officers and K-9 Patrol took Medford into custody after he surrendered. Medford was charged with one count of Burglary 4th Degree, and released on personal recognizance following an initial appearance in front of the District Court Commissioner.

Date: 11/25/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$300

Location: 500 block Lincoln St.

On 11-25-2006 at approximately 1900 hours Denton Police Department responded to 524 Lincoln St. for a report of a MDOP, four exterior doors were spray painted with white paint,

MTS. This incident occurred between 11-24-2006 and 11-25-2006, anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/26/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 100 block N Sixth St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident of vandalism which occurred sometime overnight from 11/24/06 to 11/15/06. An unknown person(s) painted graffiti on the front wall of the Family Support Center, 100 N. Sixth St. Denton, using spray paint. Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact the Denton Police at (410) 479-1414.

Date: 11/26/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 300 Market St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident of vandalism which occurred sometime overnight from 11/24/06 to 11/25/06. An unknown person or persons painted graffiti on the side wall of 329 Market St. using spray paint. Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/27/2006

Classification: Burglary 4th Degree

Location: 500 block Choptank Blvd.

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Person(s) unknown forced entry into a business located at 504 Choptank Ave. Nothing was reported stolen however, approximately \$675.00 in damage was done to the building due to the forced entry. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/27/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 100 block Market St.

On 27 November 2006 the Denton Police Department responded to 100 Market Street Denton for an MDOP complaint. Police observed MTS 4 Life written in white spray paint on the front of the building. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/27/2006

Classification: 400 block Market St.

Location : MDOP Under \$500
On 27 November 2006 the Denton Police Department responded to 404 Market Street Denton for an MDOP complaint. Police observed MTS 4 Life written in white spray paint on the front of the building. Anyone having any information regarding this incident is asked to call Denton Police Department. 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/28/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 200 block Market St.

On 28 November 2006 the Denton Police Department responded to 220 Market St. Denton for an MDOP complaint. Police observed MTS 4 Life written in white spray paint on the side of the building. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/28/2006

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 300 block Market St.

On 28 November 2006 the Denton Police Department responded to 300 Market St Denton for an MDOP complaint. Police observed MTS 4 Life written in white spray paint on the side of the building. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/28/2006

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 100 block S. Second St.

Denton Police are investigating the theft of two bikes. Kelly Parks, 22 year old female of Denton reported that two girls bikes were taken from her yard on S. Second St. One was green in color the other was silver in color. They are valued at \$50.00 each. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/29/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 200 block S. Third St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP of a vehicle. Jamie Manning, 25 year old female of Snow Hill, MD, reported that person(s) unknown, by unknown means, broke the left rear window out of her 2005 Honda four door while it was parked at the District Court building. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police

at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/29/2006

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 500 block Market St.

Denton Police are investigating the theft of a bike. Sylvia Holland, 79 year old female of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown stole a blue and grey, older style, woman's bike from the back porch of her residence. The bike was later recovered however police have no suspects at this time. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/29/2006

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 300 Market St.

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Jeffrey Litteral, 40 year old male of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown removed a fishing rod holder that connects to a vehicle from his property. The item is valued at \$500.00. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/29/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

On 11-29-2006 at approximately 2030 hours Denton Police Department responded to the Dollar General Store 866 S. Fifth Ave. Denton for a report of a shoplifting. The suspect had been stopped by store employees. A store representative later applied for criminal charges of theft for the suspect at the District Court Commissioners Office.

Date: 11/30/2006

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 100 block Caroline Apartments

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating the theft of a bicycle which occurred sometime overnight from November 29 to 30. A woman reported that someone had stolen her son's bike, which is valued at \$100.00. The bike is described as a yellow and black, 20" boys mountain bike frame, and made by Jeep. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414

Date: 11/30/2006

Classification: Burglary

Location: 1200 block Painted Fern

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident which occurred at 1243 Painted Fern Rd., Denton. Ryland Homes reported that someone had broken into a residence under construction and removed a dishwasher valued at \$675.00. The door was kicked in and damaged, causing it to be replaced also (damage estimated at \$575.00.) Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/30/2006

Classification: Burglary

Location: 1500 block Cattail Commons Way

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident which occurred at 1502 Cattail Commons Way, Denton. Ryland Homes reported that someone had broken into a residence under construction and removed a dishwasher valued at \$675.00. Police are asking anyone with any information regarding this incident to contact Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 11/30/2006

Classification: DUI

Location: 700 block N. Sixth St.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Jacqueline M. Miller, 43, of Annapolis on November 30, 2006 for DUI. Miller had driven to the Goose Creek store, 700 N. Sixth St. Denton, and Police made contact with her due to her vehicle having an equipment violation. During contact with Miller, Police suspected that she was intoxicated. Miller failed field sobriety tests, and was placed under arrest. Miller submitted to a breath test which showed a blood alcohol concentration of 0.21. Miller was released on citations pending trial.

Date: 11/30/2006

Classification: Burglary 1st Degree

Location: 400 Block Market St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating a reported burglary of a vacant apartment. Ross Allen of Queen Anne reported that someone forced entry into an apartment he was repairing and removed several of his power tools. The tools are valued at \$489.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414

Date: 12/06/2006

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 1500 block Cattail Commons Way

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a theft of building materials from the Savannah Overlook development which occurred sometime between December 3 and 4, 2006. An unknown person or persons removed approximately 40 sheets of 3/4" plywood from a construction site at 1518 Cattail Commons Way. Police are asking anyone with any information to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/08/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 300 block Market St.

On 12/08/06 Denton Police received a report of a theft from a vehicle parked behind Social Services on Market St. The vehicle had been left unlocked and an unknown person removed two prescriptions from the vehicle. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414

Date: 12/11/2006

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree/ General

Location: 100 block Franklin St.

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Police responded to the Caroline Counseling Center after employees reported that person(s) unknown had entered the building and removed a digital camera valued at \$200.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/11/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 0 block Denton PZ

Denton Police are investigating an assault. Wanda Hutson, 41 year old female of Denton, reported that her cousin, Phyllis Seiler of Goldsboro, entered Hutson's place of employment (Radio Shack) and started an argument. Seiler then slapped Hutson in the face prior to leaving. Charges are pending in this matter.

Date: 12/11/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 200 block N Fourth St.

Denton Police are investigating an

MDOP, Adene Moals, 19 year old female of Denton, reported that she observed two unknown females fighting and during the course of the altercation Moals grandmothers vehicle, a 2000 Oldsmobile 4 door, was dented when the two hit the vehicle. There is no estimate of damage cost at this time. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/11/2006

Classification: Driving w/o License
Location: Lincoln St.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Tayonna T. Mallory, 19, of Chestertown for driving without a license on December 11, 2006. Police observed a vehicle on Lincoln St. make a turn onto Church St. without using a turn signal. Police stopped the vehicle, and determined that Mallory did not possess a drivers' license or have a license listed through Maryland. Mallory was cited for Driving Without a License and Failing To Give A Proper signal Before Turning. Following the stop, Mallory was released on her signature of the citations.

Date: 12/13/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500
Location: O block S. Seventh St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the Malicious Destruction of Property. Ted Agapaloglou advised that person(s) unknown had broken two windows and damaged the siding to a house he owns on South Seventh St. Damaged is estimated at \$150.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/15/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100
Location: 0 block N Fourth St.

Denton Police are investigating the theft of a registration plate. Julie Daniels, 35 year old female of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown removed the rear registration plate from her 1993 Mazda. The plate number is Maryland, KYD609. Anyone with information regarding this matter or anyone who observes this registration plate being displayed on a vehicle is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-

479-1414.

Date: 12/15/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree
Location: 100 block N Fifth St.

Denton Police are investigating an assault. Peggy Bell, 25 year old female of Ridgely reported that Kevin Mason, 26 year old male assaulted Bell by slapping her in the face after an argument. Charges are pending in this matter. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/15/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100
Location: 200 block Maryland Ave.

Denton Police are investigating the theft of a registration plate. James Sides, 49 year old male of Denton, reported that between 12/13/06 and 12/15/06 unknown person(s) removed the rear registration plate, MD98RO49, off his 2002 Mazda pick up truck.

Anyone with information regarding this theft or seeing it displayed on a vehicle is asked to call the Denton Police Department.

Date: 12/15/2006

Classification: Under age Possession of alcoholic bevg.

Location: 200 block N. Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Bryan Gray, 18 year old male of Denton, with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage. Gray was operating a motor vehicle which was stopped for a noise violation. Further investigation revealed Gray to be in possession of a 12 pack of Bud Light beer. Gray was issued a citation and released at the scene.

Date: 12/16/2006

Classification : Driving on a Suspend License

Location : Market St.

On 12-16-06, Carrie Marie O'Connell of Easton was charged by the Denton Police Department with driving on a suspended license. O'Connell was stopped for exceeding the posted speed limit on Market St. in the area of Blue Heron Dr. O'Connell was released on signature of the citation.

Date: 12/17/2006

Classification: DUI

Location: 500 block Market St.

On 12-17-06 at 1215 am, officers of the Denton Police Department responded to the Royal Farm Store in reference to a suspicious male

in a vehicle parked in the parking lot. Subsequently, Keefer Edward Thompson, 41 year old male of Mardela Springs, was charged with driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol after officers discovered him apparently asleep behind the wheel of the vehicle with the motor running. Thompson was taken to the District Court Commissioner where he was released on personal recognizance.

Date: 12/21/2006

Classification: confine unattended child

Location: Denton PZ

On December 21, 2006 at 1020 hours a child was found unattended in a locked motor vehicle outside of Snappy's Bar. The mother of the child, Jessica Austin, 25 year old female of Federalsburg, was located inside the bar and brought out to her vehicle. Charges have been obtained for Austin for leaving a child under 8 years old confined and unattended however those charges have yet to be served.

Date: 12/22/2006

Classification: DUI

Location: Legion Rd.

Denton Police charged Leah Christenson, 38 year old female of Denton, with DUI. Christenson, who was operating a 1999 Honda, was stopped for speeding on Legion Rd. When officers made contact they detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage on Christenson. After further investigation Christenson was charged with DUI. She was released after being issued the appropriate citations.

Date: 12/24/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree
Location: 800 block Market St.

On 12-24-2006 at approximately 2245 hours a report of a domestic assault was reported to the Denton police department. Officers responded to 808 Market St. and placed Brent Evans DOB 3-28-1966 under arrest and charged with assault. Mr. Evans had assaulted Vicki Evans DOB 8-2-1970 who also resides at 808 Market St. Denton, Maryland.

Date: 12/25/2006

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree
Location: 500 block Market St.

Denton Police are investigating

an assault. Timothy Cornett, 19 of Denton, reported that he was attacked by four unknown black males. The suspects are further described as being in their late teens to early twenties and all were wearing black satin winter style coats with fur collars. Cornett was unable to identify any of the attackers and stated the attack was unprovoked. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/30/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100
Location: 100 block Market St.

The Denton Police Department received a complaint from Antonio Strickland, 37 year old male of Denton, Maryland, that his bicycle was taken from in front of the County Library, on Market St. The bicycle is a Next mountain bike and is valued at \$95.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/31/2006

Classification: Theft less than \$100
Location: 100 block S Fifth Ave

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of Christmas decorations from a residence on South Fifth Avenue. It was reported that a plastic statue of Mary holding baby Jesus was taken from a yard display. The statue was further described as blue and white. Please contact Denton Police Department if you have any information about this incident. 410-479-1414

Date: 12/31/2006

Classification: MDOP Under \$500
Location: 400 block Market St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating an MDOP. Rita Bounds, 41 year old female of Denton, reported that sometime on December 30 or 31 an unknown person slashed a tire on her 2000 Chevrelot, which was parked behind her residence. The tire is valued at \$50.00 Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 12/31/2006

Classification: Under Age possession of alcoholic bevg.

Location: N Sixth St

Denton Police charged Brandon Wayne Wallace, 18 year old of Denton, with underage possession

of alcohol. Wallace was stopped by a Denton Police Officer for having a headlight out. During conversation with Wallace during the stop, Wallace admitted to having alcoholic beverages (three 1.75 ml bottles of vodka) in the vehicle. Wallace was released on his signature of the citation.

Date: 1/01/2007

Classification: DWI

Location: Lincoln St.

Denton Police charged David Jones, 58 year old male of Denton, with DUI. Police observed Jones operating a 1994 Volkswagon that had a defective brake light. When officers approached Jones an odor of alcoholic beverage was noticed. Jones was requested to submit to field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested after failing the tests. Jones agreed to submit to a breath test for alcohol concentration which resulted in a reading of .27, over three times the legal limit of .08. Jones was cited and transported to his residence.

Date: 1/02/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Shore Highway

The Denton Police Department was conducting traffic enforcement on Shore Highway near Deep Shore Road. A vehicle driven by a female identified as Aundrea Handy, 22 year old female of Richmond, Virginia, was stopped for speeding. A status check was ran on Handy and it was found that she was wanted through Worcester County Maryland on a Bench Warrant. Handy was issued citations for the traffic violations then taken before the District Court Commissioner for the Bench Warrant. Handy was held at the Caroline County Detention Center on \$1,000.00 bond.

Date: 1/03/2007

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: 300 block N. Sixth St.

On 01-03-07, Mallory Wright reported to the Denton Police Department that her vehicle had been vandalized the night before. Wright stated that the vehicle was parked at 309 N. Sixth St. overnight and that someone scratched the paint on both passenger and driver sides of vehicle. Anyone with information regarding this incident

should contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 1/03/2007

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: S.Third St.

Denton Police are investigating a series of MDOP's in the Downtown area.

On December 29, 2006 it was reported that person(s) unknown had spray painted what appeared to be gang graffiti on the wall of a building located at 225 Market St.

On the same date police observed the same type of graffiti on an enclosed trailer that was parked on the property of 4 S. Fifth Ave.

A corrections officer for Caroline County contacted Denton Police and advised that he had observed the same type of graffiti on the rear of the building at 300 Market St.

Police are asking anyone who has knowledge of these incidents to contact them at 410-479-1414. Police are also urging citizens to be aware of these types of crimes and to report them if they observe what they believe to be this type of activity.

Date: 1/03/2007

Classification: Under age possession of alcoholic bevq.

Location: 700 block N. Sixth St.

Denton Police Department assisted Caroline County Sheriffs Office on a traffic stop where the driver of the vehicle had been arrested for DWI. The 3 female passengers were found to be consuming alcoholic beverages and were under the age of 21. Shannon Eaton, 20 of Denton, Mallory Wright, 19 of Denton and Jessica Curley, 18 of Ridgely were all issued Civil Citation for Underage Possession of Alcohol by the Denton Police Department.

Date: 1/04/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 200 block S. Seventh St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Nancy Nelson, 51 year old female of Denton, reported that sometime between Jan 3 and 4, 2007 person(s) unknown broke out a window on her residence. The window is valued at \$100. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 1/05/2007

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: High St.

The Denton Police Department received a report that an unknown person tampered with the mailbox at the corner of High St. and N.Fourth St. The suspect stuck sticks in the locks, preventing the residence from being able to open their mailbox. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/05/2007

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 400 Block High St.

The Denton Police Dept. investigated a domestic disturbance on January 5, 2007 at 402 High St., Apt.2, Denton. Oliver J. McKinney, 29 and Kia D. McKinney, 28, both of 402 High St., Apt. 2, had engaged in an argument over several different things, causing Police to be called. Both parties were referred to the District Court Commissioner to seek charges following a Police investigation. Both parties obtained charges of Assault: 2nd Degree against each other, and also obtained temporary Ex-Parte orders against each other. Criminal Summonses were issued for both parties, and service of the summonses is pending.

Date: 01/06/2007

Classification: Driving without license

Location: N First St.

On 01/06/07 the Denton Police Department issued Jarrell Lake, 18 year old male of Denton, a traffic citation for driving without a license. Lake had been stopped for driving the wrong way on a one-way street when it was learned he did not possess a driver's license.

Date: 01/08/07

Classification: Tobacco citation

Location: N Sixth St.

On 01-08-07, the Denton Police Department issued a underage tobacco citation to a 16 year old female of Marydel as a result of a traffic stop. The teen was released on citation.

Date: 01/09/2007

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: 700 block Gay St.

On 01-09-07, James Benchoff of East Coast Customs reported that a 1994 Ford Mustang that was parked

in the lot for sale was vandalized. The passenger side window was shattered and the convertible top was cut. Damage is estimated at \$500.00. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/09/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 1600 block Blue Heron Dr.

On 01-09-07, Michael Merrick of 1610 Blue Heron Drive reported that a radar detector and a cordless phone were taken from his truck the night before while it was parked at his residence. The property is valued at \$260.00. Anyone with information on this theft should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/11/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 400 block Gay St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a bicycle. Rene White, 32 year old female of Denton, reported that a blue in color Roadmaster brand men's mountain style bike was taken from her residence. The bike was valued at \$30.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/12/2007

Classification: Theft over \$500

Location: 0 block S. Eighth St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating the theft of a vehicle from 7 S. Eighth St., Denton, which occurred sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. on January 12, 2007.

The stolen vehicle is a teal green 1995 Mercury Tracer station wagon displaying Maryland registration GBM-771 and is valued at \$3000. The vehicle was recovered on January 13, 2007 in the 1000 block of Market Street, apparently undamaged. Anyone with any information regarding this vehicle is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/12/2007

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 200 block S. First St.

On 01/12/07 the Denton Police Department took a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was taken from a driveway on S. First Street. The

vehicle is a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe, gold in color and bearing MD registration 150M587 and is valued at \$10,000. The vehicle was recovered on 1/16/2007 in the Mallard Landing Community. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/12/2007

Classification: BDCK Under \$500/NSF

Location: 400 block N Sixth St.

The Denton Police Department served a criminal summons to Christopher Berkey. It is alleged that Christopher Berkey uttered a bad check to Bullock's Deli, on June 30, 2006. Christopher Berkey was released on his signature.

Date: 01/12/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 800 block S Fifth St.

On 12 January 2007 Denton Police Department was called to Dollar General for a shoplifting complaint. Officers arrived and spoke with an employee who gave a description of a female who was later identified as a 17 year old female from Denton. The juvenile was found to have possession of the item described as a 3.5 oz bar of Ambi Soap valued at \$1.50. The juvenile was referred to juvenile justice.

Date: 01/13/2007

Classification: Disorderly Conduct

Location: 500 block Lincoln St.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Vincent M. Wright, 49, of 22937 Thawley Rd., Denton, for attempting to break into three vehicles in the 500 block of Lincoln St. in the early morning hours of January 13, 2007. Police were dispatched to the Lincoln St. area and discovered Wright attempting to gain access to a parked and locked vehicle. Police found Wright to be intoxicated, and a witness stated that he had attempted to enter two other vehicles prior to the one the Police observed him attempting to enter. The reporting party stated that she was awakened by Wright making noise outside of her house, and had observed the crime. Wright was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace/Loud Noise, and Alcoholic Beverage/Intoxication: Endangering Property.

Following an initial appearance in front of the District Court Commissioner, Wright was released on personal recognizance.

Date: 01/15/2007

Classification: Motor Vehicle / Unlawful Taking

Location: 1100 block Market St.

On 01-15-07, Karen Veal reported that her 1986 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from the rear yard of 1104 Market St. The vehicle in question is blue in color and is valued at \$800. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/15/2007

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: 300 block S Fourth St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident of vandalism to two vehicles which occurred on January 15, 2007 at approximately 10:00 p.m. Two vehicles parked at 317 S. Fourth St. Denton, had cinderblocks thrown through the rear windows, causing approximately \$400.00 damage to each vehicle. Police have a suspect and are asking anyone with any further information to contact the Denton Police Department at (410)479-1414.

Date: 01/16/07

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree /General

Location: 300 block Market St.

On 16 January 2007 Denton Police responded to a burglary call at Fairs Cingular Wireless 322 Market St. where it was found that the front door to the business was broken down and a large amount of Cellular phones were stolen from the business (approximate total loss is \$7000.00). Anyone with any information regarding this incident is urged to call the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/16/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 800 block S. Fifth Ave.

Denton Police responded to the Rite Aide drug store in reference to a shoplifting complaint. The investigation led to the arrest of Felcia Dunnington, 20 year old female of Ridgely, for theft under \$100 when she was found in possession of cosmetics and other products that were allegedly taken from the

store and not paid for. Dunnington was issued a criminal citation and released.

Date: 01/16/2007

Classification: Theft: \$500 Plus value

Location: 0 block Engerman Ave.

Denton Police are investigating a theft from a camper trailer. Richard Edwards reported that sometime between 11/24/2006 and 01/16/2007 persons unknown forced entry into his 2007 Sprinter Travel Trailer and removed some electronic equipment (total value is \$400). The trailer was being stored at the Denton self storage on Engerman Ave. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/16/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 400 block S. Seventh St

An employee of the MD Childrens Health Program at the HAPS Building reported the theft of a Samsung digital camera from her desk. The camera is valued at \$200.00. The theft occurred between 01/09/07 and 01/12/07. Anyone with any information in reference to this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/19/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 700 block N. Sixth St.

On 01-19-07, Lance Ernest Brown of Denton was charged with driving on suspended license after Denton Police stopped him for driving in a manner to cause excessive noise. Brown was operating a 2004 Chevrolet pickup. Brown was released on citation.

Date: 01/20/2007

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 100 block Sunset Dr.

Denton Police are investigating thefts from motor vehicles. Christopher Fenzel reported that person(s) unknown entered his 1999 GMC Yukon and removed an undisclosed Amount U.S. Currency. Robert McVicker reported that person(s) unknown entered his 2000 Ford Escort and removed some personal papers. Most of that property was discovered on a nearby street. Anyone with information regarding these matters is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

The Denton Police also urges all citizens to lock their vehicles and secure their car keys.

Date: 01/20/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 500 block S. Fourth St.

Denton Police are investigating a theft from a motor vehicle. Joseph Lane reported that person(s) unknown entered his 2004 Ford pickup and removed a Kodak digital camera and a Verizon cell phone. Items are valued at \$200.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/20/2007

Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 1100 block Market St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the damage to several mailboxes along Market St. Sometime overnight on January 19, 2007 an unknown person(s) knocked the mailboxes off their posts. Total value is estimated at \$40.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/20/2007

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: Franklin St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating a vandalism that occurred to a Verizon vehicle. Jeff Consul reported that person(s) unknown had shattered the windshield and slashed all four tires on a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier belonging to the Verizon phone company. Estimated damage is \$800.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/20/2007

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: 300 block S. Fourth St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP to a motor vehicle and a theft from another vehicle. Alice Birch reported that person(s) unknown entered her 2001 Toyota and removed some personal papers from the glove box. James Birch reported that his 2006 Ford Mustang had all four sides of the car scratched with a sharp object. There was also a vulgar statement scratched into the hood of the vehicle. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.00. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/20/2007

Classification: Theft under \$500
Location: 300 block Kerr Ave.
Denton Police are investigating a theft from a motor vehicle. Frank Harris reported that person(s) unknown entered his 2004 Nissan pickup and removed a Nextel cell phone and charger valued at \$150.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/21/2007
Classification: Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking

Location: 100 block Sunset Dr.
The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a motor vehicle from a residence on Sunset Dr. Sometime between January 20 and January 21 an unknown person(s) took a green in color 1995 Pontiac Grand Am bearing Maryland tag #MKR245. The vehicle had the keys left inside the car. The vehicle was later recovered in the Mallard Landing community. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/21/2007
Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 500 block Market St.
The Denton Police Department is investigating the damage to a vehicle tire. Dorothy Robison reported that person(s) unknown slashed a tire on her 1996 Ford 4 door. The tire is valued at \$85.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/22/2007
Classification: Theft over \$500

Location: 200 block S Fifth Ave.
On 01/22/07 the Denton Police Department took a report reference a stolen vehicle. The vehicle, a

2006 GMC pick-up was stolen from a driveway at 214 S. Fifth Avenue. On 1/23/07 the Denton Police Department recovered the vehicle in Village Circle. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/23/2007
Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 300 block Sydney Lane
The Denton Police Department reports that on 01/22/07 an unknown vehicle drove through a new lawn in Parkview Estates. The vehicle left two ruts across the front lawn. Anyone with any information in reference to this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/24/2007
Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 300 block S Fourth St.
The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a theft from a vehicle that occurred on January 24, 2007. Police responded to 315 S. Fourth St. Denton, and were advised that an XM satellite radio base unit, valued at \$100.00, had been removed from a vehicle at that location. Police were provided with suspect information, and are investigating. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at (410)479-1414.

Date: 01/24/2007
Classification: Theft over \$500

Location: 500 block S. Second St.
Denton Police are investigating a theft of money. Eric Fluharty, 18 year old male of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown, by unknown means, removed \$900.00 in U.S. Currency from a closet in his bedroom.

Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 01/27/2007
Classification: Assault 2nd Degree
Location: Market St.

The Denton Police Department referred a 17 year old Denton boy after a reported fight. Mark W. Allen Jr. alleged that he was assaulted by the juvenile after a verbal altercation. Charges have also been filed against Allen by the 17 year old for assault and reckless endangerment but those charges have not yet been served.

Date: 01/27/2007
Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Shore Highway
Denton Police charged Lance Brown, 19 year old male of Denton, driving on a suspend license and underage possession of alcohol. Also charged with underage possession of alcohol was Thomas Colton, 20 year old male also of Denton. Police stopped Brown, who was operating a 2004 Chevrolet Pickup, for speeding (65/40). A license check revealed that Browns privilege to drive had been suspended. Police also observed a 30 pack of beer in the vehicle. Both subjects were issued citations and released.

Date: 02/06/2007
Classification: MDOP under \$500

Location: 500 block Riverview Gardens
The Denton Police Department received a complaint reference unknown person/s threw eggs on a vehicle parked in Riverview Gardens on 02/05/06. The vehicle was parked near the 500 building. Anyone with information reference this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 02/06/2007
Classification: Theft Less than \$100

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.
Denton Police responded to the Rite-Aide Pharmacy in reference to a shoplifting complaint. Jeff Powell reported that he observed a female, later identified as Rachel Bennett, 33 years old of Denton, conceal property on her person and leave the store without paying for the property. All the property was recovered and

returned to Rite-Aide. The property had an approximate value of \$34.00. Bennett was charged with theft under \$100 on a citation and released at the scene.

Date: 02/06/2007
Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 500 block Riverview Gardens
Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Tiana Corsey reported that person(s) unknown had thrown eggs on her 2001 Ford 2 door. There was no permanent damage to the vehicle. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 02/08/2007
Classification: Disturb the Peace

Location: 200 block Gay St.
Officers of the Denton Police Department responded to 201 Gay St. Apt. #3 in reference to a disturbance. This was the second time in one hour that officers had responded for the same person, John Franklin Bradley, 3rd, causing a disturbance. Bradley was told he was under arrest for disturbing the peace and failure to obey a lawful order of a police officer at which time he resisted the officers and had to be restrained and placed in handcuffs.

Bradley was charged with disturbance of the public peace, disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest. Bradley was ordered by the District Court Commissioner to be held at the Caroline County Detention Center on \$3,000 bond.

Date: 02/09/2007
Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 500 block Market St.
The Denton Police Department charged Larry Jackson Jr. of Easton, Maryland with assault and malicious destruction of property after an incident at 510 Market St. Mr. Jackson's wife alleged that Mr. Jackson assaulted her and broke her cell phone and the door frame to her apartment. Mr. Jackson was taken before a court commissioner and held at the Caroline County Detention Center. *

HELP WANTED

Police Officer

The Denton Police Dept. is currently accepting applications for the position of FT Police Officer. Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to pass a physical examination, urinalysis & thorough background check. Preference given to MPCTC certified applicants. Exc. benefit pkg & salary w/ generous OT opportunities. Applications may be obtained at 100 N Third St (Police Dept.) Between the hrs of 8am to 4pm. Applications will be accepted on continual basis. EOE

TAKE YOUR KEYS
LOCK YOUR
CAR DOOR

Denton PD Recognized for Seat Belt Use

Denton, Maryland- Representatives from The Denton Police Department were recognized by the Maryland State Highway Administration's Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, and the Maryland Committee For Safety Belt Use, Inc. today for exemplary seat belt use by their employees throughout 2006. The awards ceremony at the BWI Airport Marriott featured special recognition of businesses, schools, religious institutions, and agencies after 92 percent or more of their populations were observed wearing seat belts on at least two occasions. Thanks to the Denton Police Department and other community organizations across the State, Maryland boasts the highest seat belt use rate on the East Coast- and one of the highest in the country. Ninety-one percent of Maryland motorists are now using their seat belts as they travel, and the Pacesetter program recognizes those organizations which are trying to increase this number by "setting the pace" for even higher safety belt use.

To qualify for the award, participants conducted two observational seat belt surveys in their parking lots at the Denton Police Department during regular business hours. These surveys were spaced at least 30 days apart to indicate sustained usage rates, and were conducted according to guidelines

provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Office at SHA. Many of the surveys were submitted in conjunction with the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge campaign, a two-month law enforcement-based public education initiative to raise awareness of the lifesaving and injury-reducing benefits of seat belt and child safety seat use. The Maryland Chiefs' Challenge campaign and the Maryland Pacesetter program have assisted the State in achieving record-setting seat belt use rates.

The Denton Police Department was recognized with a certificate for demonstrating a 92 percent usage rate. "We recognize the importance of our employee's safety, and proper use of seat belts and child safety seats is one simple step that we all can take to maintain that safety," said Chief Cox. "The Pacesetter Award is one way in which we can recognize our entire community for taking that vital step to help protect themselves in a crash."

"We know that using a safety belt is the best way to survive a motor vehicle crash-and thanks to the dedicated efforts of traffic safety agencies and advocates, more Maryland motorists are buckling up," said State Highway Administrator and Governor's Highway Safety Representative Neil J. Pedersen. "We commend and thank the members of this traffic safety effort, including the law enforcement community, EMS and health care community and the private advocacy of organizations such as the Maryland Committee For Safety Belt Use."

Building Permits from page 24

Commons Way, SFD
Garland & Hobbs, 1600 Cattail Commons Way, SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1307 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Mallard Homes, 1160 Canvasback Lane, MFD
Mallard Homes, 1158 Canvasback Lane, MFD
Mallard Homes, 1156 Canvasback Lane, MFD
Mallard Homes, 1154 Canvasback Lane, MFD
Mallard Homes, 1152 Canvasback Lane, MFD
Mallard Homes, 1150 Canvasback Lane, MFD
Garland & Hobbs, 1112 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1308 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1304 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1300 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 343 Sharp Rd., SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 345 Sharp Rd., SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1305 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1303 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Edgewater, LLC, 1301 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Vonville, 313 S. Third St., Fence
Mallard Homes, 1135 Osprey Lane, SFD
Cahall, 616 Lincoln St., Rehab

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Edgewater, 1302 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Edgewater, 1306 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
Garland & Hobbs, 1111 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD
Vincent, 427 Lockerman, Roof
Bowling, 1204 Painted Fern Rd., Fence
Downes, 403 Lincoln St., Shed
Garland & Hobbs, 1109 Daylily Lane, SFD
Chesapeake Culinary Center, 4 S. First St., Sign
McAllen, 504 S. 4th St., Shed
Rite Aid, 842 S. 5th Ave., Fence
Posey, 710 Randolph St., Rehab
Posey, 710 Randolph St., Demolition
Lawndale Ventures, LLC, 207 Gay St., Windows
Cato, 700 N. 6th St., Sign
Posey, 710 Randolph St., SFD
Dynamic Performance, 819 Crystal Ave., Sign
Garland & Hobbs, 1116 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD
Garland & Hobbs, 1113 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD
HLT Consulting Contracting, 910 Crystal Ave., Sign
Garland & Hobbs, 1110 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD
Garland & Hobbs, 1115 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD
William Tabler, 1204 Foster Holly Ct., Porch & Deck
Alfred Hudson, 1110 Market St., Shed & Demolition. *

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2006 - 2007 Tax Sale is just around the corner. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billing or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

If you want to verify if you have any outstanding bills due to the Town please contact our office at 410-479-2050. Reminder that all real property taxes are to be paid at the Caroline County Treasurer's Office, in the Caroline County Court House. You may reach the County Treasurer's office by calling 410-479-0410



Year in Review from page 3

just construct buildings.

At the end of 2006 we started the review process for our **Comprehensive Plan**, the “master plan,” which describes our vision for desired future growth. The plan is reviewed every six years and serves as a guide for public and private development, and once adopted, becomes the basis for policies, programs and legislation, such as zoning and subdivision regulations. In 2007 the plan review will be completed.

• **Implementation of new financial software** – more efficient service for you!!

The days of manual account look up are gone. Denton is now using a special software program that eliminates the need for looking up information manually. Now if you have a question on your bill we can look up information by account number, street location, property owners’ names and even cross-reference by using the old account number. Also property owners that have compound meters (high flow/low flow) can now get one bill per quarter instead of two separate bills.

The new software will also enable each town department to review their budgets and tracking their spending more efficiently.

• Other accomplishments in 2006:

- In the fall Denton was awarded a **\$150,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust** to support the development, implementation and promotion of a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly

technique to manage stormwater runoff to protect water quality. When completed the project will not only provide an enhanced set of standards for stormwater management techniques for the Town of Denton, but also a demonstration of these standards in a practical setting at the Village at Watts Creek, an Elm Street Development planned neighborhood where the newly-developed techniques will be implemented as a real life example.

- **Denton Pattern Book** – Over the past year the Town has been developing a pattern book, which will be completed in 2007. The Denton Pattern Book will serve as a handy reference tool for residents doing renovations on their homes or looking for environmental design ideas for their gardens and landscaping. When new buildings and homes are built architects and builders will be able to plan for required design and housing components to better prepare for the approval process. This process will ensure that future housing and development will be consistent with the character of the community so that while the town grows it retains its “small town” feeling.

We wish to thank all of you who have helped us help you in the past year. Your attendance at public meetings and your input throughout the year help us better serve you and make our community a great place to live and work. We look forward to your continued partnership in 2007!
*By Carol D’Agostino. **

**Public Notice
Denton Planning Commission
Public Hearing**

The Town of Denton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Caroline County Library, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 100 Market Street, Denton, Maryland regarding the Town of Denton’s Draft Comprehensive Plan. Copies are available on CD at the Town Office, on the Town website, and a print copy is available at the Denton library. Those persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Denton Town Office at 410-479-3625 by March 5, 2007.

**2007 Legal Notice
Mandatory Semiannual Payment
Real Estate Property Taxes**

REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS OPTIONS

1. Pay Real Property taxes in full by Sept. 30, 2007 with no penalty or interest.
2. OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES
May pay taxes semi-annually using the coupons on the tax bill.

The first payment is due Sept. 30, 2007 and the second payment is due by December 31, 2007. The second payment may have a service charge as shown on the tax bill.

3. PAYMENT FROM ESCROW ACCOUNTS FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

If an escrow account is established for the payment of the property tax, the escrow account servicer (mortgage company) shall pay taxes in semiannual installments unless the escrow account servicer has received written direction from the property owner or borrower to pay property tax in annual payments. This became mandated by the State of Maryland effective July 1, 2000.

If a taxpayer provides written directions to an escrow account servicer at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the tax year (By May 1 of each year) property taxes shall be paid on an annual basis on behalf of the taxpayer.

Denton Town Office
Karen L. Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer

FY 08 Budget Process
Timetable

- February 12th - Submit request for budget information to Department Heads
- March 16th - Budget request due to Town Manager.
- March 21st - First Draft Prepared and submitted to each Department for their review
- March 26th - Comments due back by all Departments
- March 28th - Preparation of Mayors message in accordance with the Charter
- April 2nd - Submit Budget to Council for their review.
- May 7th - Public Hearing - Constant Yield
Introduce Appropriations Ordinance
- June 4th - Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance
Adoption of Budget

Homestead Tax Credit from pg. 1

July 1 of the year for which the credit is applicable, unless the owner was temporarily unable to do so by reason of illness or need of special care. An owner can receive a credit only on one property - the principal residence.

If you are a property owner and the property is your principal residence be sure to check your assessment notice to verify that the information states "principal residence - yes". A "yes" indicates that the property is your principal residence; a "no" indicates that it is not and credits will not be given.

THIS INFORMATION AFFECTS ELIGIBILITY FOR THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT. If a correction is required or you have any questions, you should complete and submit the form found in your

assessment notice or contact the Maryland State Dept. of Assessments local office at 410-819-4450.

The Town of Denton last adopted an ordinance in 1991 that set the tax credit percentage at 10% for that year. In November 2006 the Town Council attempted to lower the tax credit percentage for Town properties to 5% for the tax year beginning July 1, 2007 with the adoption of resolution #689. Unfortunately the resolution was not submitted to the State in time to take affect for July 1, 2007. Therefore the reduction of 5% will take affect beginning with the billing for July 1, 2008.

Properties are reassessed once every three years and property owners are notified of any change in their assessment. Assessments are certified by the State Department of Assessments to local governments

where they are converted into property tax bills by applying the appropriate property tax rates. The Town of Denton is located in assessment area two and properties within the Denton town limits are scheduled to be re-assessed for January 1, 2008.

Once the assessments are re-evaluated the reduction will have a greater benefit to those property owners that qualify for this credit.

All of the Town of Denton real estate property taxes are billed and collected through the Caroline County Treasurer's office based on the assessments received from the State of Maryland. Property owners receive one bill that combines State, County and Town real estate taxes together. *



Canine Etiquete
Remember to clean up afer your dog

New York City Trip

Saturday May 12th



Join us for a day in New York City. New York City is like no other place on earth. Only here will you find all of America's attributes the diversity, the culture, the style, the shopping! Come see for yourself the Empire State and Chrysler buildings, the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, the Brooklyn Bridge, Chinatown or any of the other world-famous attractions. You will be free for the day to shop or do any of the many other things New York has to offer.

We leave from the Health and Public Services building on Saturday, May 12 at 7 a.m. and return around midnight. Cost is \$32 per person. *There will be a dinner stop on the way home.*

Registration deadline is April 20.



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Recreation & Parks

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Fax: 410-479-4194
www.carolinerecreation.org
recinfo@rec.caroline.md.us

New York Trip Registration

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Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____
Phone _____ Signature _____
 M F Birthdate _____ Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Caroline County Commissioners

Watersheds

What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a lake or river. As rainwater and melting snow run downhill, they carry sediment and other materials into our streams, lakes, wetlands, and groundwater. A watershed is the area of land that catches all precipitation and drains or seeps into a marsh, stream, river, lake, or groundwater. You are living in the Chesapeake watershed. Understanding your watershed is the first step in protecting the water and other natural resources. Healthy watersheds are vital for a healthy environment and economy. Because surfaced groundwater is part of the total water cycle, wellhead and aquifer protection follow similar concepts and approaches.

The Chesapeake Bay receives about half of its water volume from the Atlantic Ocean. The rest drains into the Bay from an enormous 64,000 square-mile drainage basin or watershed. The watershed stretches across portions of six states (New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia) and all of the District of Columbia. Freshwater from springs, streams, small creeks and rivers flows downhill, mixing with ocean water to form the estuarine system. Soil, air, water, plants, and animals, including humans, form a complex web of interdependencies that make up the ecosystem. The people living in the Chesapeake watershed play an important role in this ecosystem. The activities and problems occurring throughout the entire watershed significantly impact the functions and relationships of the Bay. We must choose whether our role will be destructive or productive.

Why look at watersheds instead of individual waterways?

The activities of people who live within a watershed affect the health of the waters that drain into it. Any activity that changes soil permeability, vegetation type or cover, water quality, quantity, or rate of flow at a location can change the characteristics of a stream.

For years, it was understood that direct pollution of waters must be controlled or prevented. People were aware that obvious sources, such as factory waste or untreated wastewater from a failing septic system, were harmful to the local waters. Now it is known that even the silt that results from the smallest disturbance of the topsoil or the bacteria-laden runoff from livestock pastures also impacts water quality.

Using the watershed approach, one takes a broader view of the environment where activities are interconnected across local and regional boundaries. Homes, farms, forests, small towns, and big cities all exist in watersheds. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. Some watershed boundaries cross county, state, and even international borders. Some watersheds include millions of square miles; others are just a few acres. Just as creeks drain into rivers, watersheds are nearly always part of a larger watershed.

Pollutants and water quality

The majority of water quality problems can be traced to obvious causes, called point source pollution. This means the problem is traced to a specific location such as a pipe or disposal site from industries and wastewater treatment plants that discharge wastewater directly into local waterways. When detected, these problem sources are controlled. Although these discharges are easier to manage and regulate, they are not always the biggest source of chemical contaminants to the Bay and rivers. Water quality is also affected by diffuse input originating from large land areas or many small, scattered sources called nonpoint source pollution.

Many nonpoint source pollutants such as agricultural fertilizers and urban and suburban storm water runoff are strongly related to land uses.

They are significant sources of chemical contaminants because they carry residue from many outdoor products, including automobile emissions and pest control substances that reach local storm drains. These types of pollution are difficult to control.

To clean up a particular contaminant, it must first be recognized that it may come from multiple sources, then identification of which sources are significant contributors, and prioritize efforts accordingly. For example, excess nitrate can originate from septic systems, livestock manure, agricultural fertilizers, or urban landscape maintenance, but land use patterns will dictate the proportion contributed by any of these sources within a particular area.

What can you do to help protect surface and ground water from nonpoint-source pollution?

When rain falls or snow melts, the seemingly negligible amounts of chemicals and other pollutants around your home and premises get picked up and carried via storm drains to surface waters. The ramifications include polluted drinking water, beach closings, and endangered wildlife. Take a close look at practices around your house that might be contributing to polluted run-off. Following are some specific tips to help you become part of the solution rather than part of the problem of nonpoint-source pollution.

- Use less toxic or non-toxic cleaners wherever possible.
- Pouring unwanted chemicals down the drain may disrupt your septic system or contaminate the treatment plant sludge. Take leftover household chemicals and pesticides to a hazardous waste collection center.
- Never pour unwanted chemicals on the ground. Soil cannot purify most chemicals, and they may eventually contaminate run-off.
- When landscaping your yard, select plants that have low requirements for water, fertilizers, and pesticides.
- Preserve existing trees, and plant trees and shrubs to help prevent erosion and promote infiltration of water into the soil.
- Leave lawn clippings on your lawn so that nutrients in the clippings are recycled and less yard waste goes to landfills.
- Compost your yard trimmings. Compost is a valuable soil conditioner which gradually releases nutrients to your lawn and garden.
- Spread mulch on bare ground to help prevent erosion and runoff.
- Reduce the volume of wastewater discharged to home septic systems and sewage treatment plants by conserving water. Use low-flow faucets, repair leaks, take shorter showers, wash your car only when necessary, and do not over-water your lawn or garden.
- Cleanup after your pets. Pet waste contains nutrients and pathogens that can contaminate surface water.
- Drive only when necessary. Driving less reduces the amount of pollution your automobile generates. Automobiles emit tremendous amounts of airborne pollutants, which increase acid rain; they also deposit toxic metals and petroleum by products into the environment. Regular tune-ups and inspections can help keep automotive waste and byproducts from contaminating runoff. Clean up any spilled automobile fluids.
- Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to service stations and other recycling centers. Never put used oil or other chemicals down storm drains or in drainage ditches. One quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water!

Water and Sewer Collections

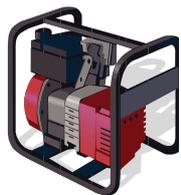
Utility Bills are mailed out quarterly around the 1st of the month in January, April, July and October, and are due to be paid by the 25th of the month in which they are issued. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on the 26th. Past due notices (red cards) are mailed on the 26th and are the final reminder prior to having the water service shut off.

Payments can be made during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM or after hours by placing payment in an envelope in the drop box outside the Town office. Water that has been turned off for non-payment will be assessed a service charge in order to be turned back on. The present water turn on service charge is \$50.00 during office hours and \$100.00 for after hours, this fee is subject to change.

Safety Tips for Around The House

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can be produced by automobile exhaust, home heating systems, obstructed chimneys, poorly ventilated generators, kerosene heaters, and gas grills.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent, deadly killer, claiming about 1,000 lives each year in the United States. Symptoms include sleepiness, headaches and dizziness. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, ventilate the area and get to a hospital.



Electric generators can provide you with piece of mind and convenience when you are

As always, it is the property owners responsibility to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner. Landlords and property managers who have arrangement for the tenants to pay the bills, please be sure to forward the bills to the tenants immediately upon receiving them to ensure prompt payment and to avoid shut off issues. In the past several tenants have stated that they do not receive the bill until the day it is due or when late notices have been sent. Failure to receive the bill does not relieve the responsibility of the payment that is due. Please see the water and sewer billing table located in this issue for important dates for Utility Billing.

Water service will be shut off for non-payment.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can be produced by automobile exhaust, home heating systems, obstructed chimneys, poorly ventilated generators, kerosene heaters, and gas grills. To safely use a portable generator, follow the manufacturer's instructions completely and NEVER use a generator indoors.

Run the generator outside, downwind of structures. Deadly carbon monoxide gas from the generator's exhaust can spread throughout enclosed spaces. Install a carbon monoxide detector.

Never store gasoline in your home or near fuel-burning appliances. Shut off the generator and let it cool before refueling.

Operate space heaters on a nonflammable surface following manufacturer's instructions. Keep them at least four feet away from furniture and drapes. Do not go to sleep with a space heater turned on.

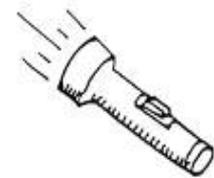
Keep children away from generators and space heaters at all

times.

NEVER use charcoal to cook indoors because it can cause a buildup of carbon monoxide. Do not use your gas oven to heat your home for it too can create carbon monoxide gas.

If there is a power outage, use a flashlight instead of candles. If you do burn candles, never leave them unattended. Make sure pets and

children do not knock them over. For more indoor safety tips, visit www.delmarva.com and click on "Learn about Safety". *



Utility Calls for Service Fees

All calls for Utility service for properties located in the Town of Denton are assessed the following service fee. This fee applies for all water shut off/turn on's, and other misc. calls for service. Paying utility bills on time can help the property owner avoid these fees.

Special Attention: Any water that is turned off will be assessed this fee to have the water turned back on. Tenant's will need to pay this fee before water service is turned back on.

(This may not apply for emergency situations pending the nature of the call.)

\$50.00 fee during normal business hours.

\$100.00 fee after normal business hours.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAMPER WITH THE TOWN OF DENTON UTILITIES, DOING SO CARRIES UP TO A \$1,000 FINE AND POSSIBLE ARREST. PLEASE CONTACT THE DENTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. AT 410-479-2050 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

2007 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
October - December	12/29/2006	1/26/2007*	1/26/2007	2/6/2007
January - March	3/30/2007	4/25/2007	4/26/2007	5/7/2007
April - June	6/29/2007	7/25/2007	7/26/2007	8/6/2007
July - September	9/28/2007	10/25/2007	10/26/2007	11/5/2007

* Time allowed due to Holiday

ANNUAL C-SAFE DINNER

Please join us in celebrating another successful year of the Denton C-Safe program. This years dinner will be catered by the Chesapeake Culinary Center.

Where: **Lockerman Middle School Cafeteria**

When: **Wednesday, March 7, 2007
6pm-8pm**

We look forward to seeing you at this years C-Safe dinner.

Highlights of the Celebration Include:
Buffalo Soldiers
Magician
Informational Booths

Please RSVP by Monday, March 5, 2007
Denton Police Department
Trish Gustafson at 410-479-1414



**High Water Bills!
Check your
Faucets and Toilets
For leaks!**

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Friday Nites at the Library

March 2, Another Eastern Shore favorite, Bay Country Chorus, returns to the Library, Denton, for an evening of Tri-County Barbershop Harmony at its best.

March 9, The Thespians of North Carolina High School, under the direction of Keith Shaffer, will be presenting excerpts of two of their productions at the Library in Denton. The scope and level of these performances has always been outstanding, and this year's titles should prove no exception: *Fearful Symmetry & Slasrever Neves*. (No, these are not typographical errors).

The last program of the Winter 2007 series is *Family Night: Other People, Other Lands*, a continuation of Latino Family Night.

March 16, ATIBA, native of Trinidad, brings an evening of

African and Caribbean music. with steel drums, limbo and a sing-along to the Caroline County Public Library, Denton. As an educator Atiba has conducted countless residencies and school performances throughout Delaware and directed the Adult Steel Band Ensemble at the Center for Creative Arts in Hockessin.

All the *Friday Nites at the Library* performances are free and start at 7 p.m. They are supported by the Caroline County Council of Arts and the Caroline County Public Library.

For more information, contact Florence deNagy at the Denton Branch of the Caroline County Public Library. 410-479-1343.



BOOKS PLUS WINTER 2007 Mondays, 7 p.m.

March 5, *Wide Sargassa Sea*, by Jean Rhys. The Dominican born author reinterprets the story of the first Mrs. Rochester in Jane Eyre & places her novel in an emancipated Jamaica & London, "a cold dark dream". Discussion leader, Diana Lapsley, Denton

April 9, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism & Build Nations ...One School at a Time in Pakistan & Afghanistan* by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin, Published May 2006. Readers write, "An adventure story with a love story thrown in ...would be a good fiction story; it's even better, since it is true". "a real page turner" demonstrating ..."the way to peaceful coexistence between creeds, religions, and nations." Discussion leader, Trippe Callahan, Queen Anne

Come for one or all. Programs 7-9 p.m. Refreshments. Books available. For information, contact Florence de Nagy. If you need special accommodations to use our library, please let us know.

Main Street from pg 1
com.

New Business Prospects Wanted

The Main Street program is on the lookout for new retail businesses to grace Market Street and surrounding areas of downtown Denton as part of the revitalization program. Businesses such as a unique boutique, coffee shop, antique furniture and craft store are some of the possible businesses that would make a good fit for the town. Having a variety of businesses that will draw shoppers to the area to spend time and money is our goal.

If you need help with the process of finding property, developing a business plan, and finding funding, the program will assist you in making your plans a reality.

We want to talk with you. if you have an idea for a business, have attempted to engage in a business plan, or have already started to search for locations,

Call the Main Street Office at

410-479-4315 or email: linda@downtowndenton.com.

What is the Main Street Program

In 1977, the National Trust for Historic Preservation launched the Main Street Project because of their concerns with the lost of downtowns in America. The Main Street approach is based on four points: Design, Organization, Promotion, and Economic Restructuring. The success of this program is to incorporate all four areas in to revitalizing the downtown. Past programs have used only the design approach to try to enhance a downtown. For example, changing the look of the buildings, signage, or streetscape. The design approach was not successful.

To have a successful local Main Street program, the program must involve groups and individuals throughout the community. Right now, there are successful Main Street programs throughout Maryland.

Successful programs include the involvement of merchants, property owners, the chamber of commerce, financial institutions, civic clubs, historical societies, consumers, government officials, schools and the local media.

The program involves changing the attitudes of the community, business, and property owners to generate excitement back into local downtowns. The program also reviews the current assets that currently exist within the downtown area. With help and hard work from the community, main street programs can be quite successful.

The downturn of downtowns did not happen overnight. Improvements and the spiral upsurge of creating a new and improved downtown will take time, hard work and patience. The idea is for Main Street programs to start with small improvements and gradually progress to make the area and climate more favorable. As the Main Street program gets stronger

and better, you will gradually see a stronger progression of valuable changes.

According to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Main Street program will:

1. Create public improvements and building maintenance.
2. Target the most appropriate markets for promoting the downtown and the goods and services the downtown offers.
3. Strengthen existing businesses while recruiting new ones.
4. Bring together the groups necessary to make change happen
5. Capitalize on the unique historic assets that create a scarce commodity.
6. Create a community venue for gatherings and events
7. Build downtown economy and much more.

Through a Main Street program, the downtown's image will be one of worth and value in the marketplace.
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Tips for Lawn Water Conservation - Getting Ready For Spring 2007

Wise use of water in your garden and lawn helps protect the environment and saves you money too. Simple ways of reducing the amount of water used for irrigation include growing plants that are adapted to dry conditions, mulching, adding water retaining organic matter to the soil, watering early in the morning, and installing windbreaks and fences to slow winds and reduce evaporation.

Water is necessary for photosynthesis, the process by which plants manufacture their own food from carbon dioxide and water in the presence of light. The lack of water, nutrients, temperature, and amount of light can limit the growth of a plant. Too much water on plants can lead to excessive growth and fungal diseases and increases the risk of fertilizer and pesticide run-off from the lawn to paved surfaces.

Most lawns need only one inch of water per week, either from sprinklers or rainfall. This can be accomplished with deep and frequent waterings, which maintain a healthy root system and reduce weed infestation. Light and frequent irrigation promotes shallow roots and germination of weed seeds. An inch

of water can be measured by marking the side of a tuna or pet food can placed on the lawn. Remember that irrigation is not needed following an inch of rainfall. One inch of water on a 1,000 square foot yard equals about 625 gallons.

Watering early in the morning, between 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., or at night minimizes water loss to evaporation. Drip irrigation or soaker hoses can reduce evaporation losses 20-50 percent and are excellent ways to apply water where it is needed, by avoiding watering sidewalk, streets, or causing runoff.

Water does not easily penetrate clay soils and water passes too quickly beyond the root zone of plants in sandy soil. Adding organic matter such as compost to clay and sandy soils will increase the penetrability of clay soils and the water holding capacity of sandy soils.

As plants grow and become more established, they often need less water. Newly sodded or seeded lawns require more frequent watering for the first 3-4 weeks. Applying small amounts of water several times weekly is detrimental to the grass and actually promotes a lawn that

requires more water and one that cannot withstand drought stress. Less frequent, longer irrigations will help to promote a deeper, more viable root system. Lawns should only be watered when the first signs of wilt occur. Spots in the lawn that turn bluish-gray, footprints that remain in the grass long after being made, and many leaf blades folded in half length-wise are all indications that the lawn needs water.

Trees and shrubs are most vulnerable in the first five years of planting and require more water than in subsequent years when they are usually more drought tolerant. Mulch on the soil surface cuts down on water loss due to evaporation and discourages weed growth. Use landscape fabric between the soil and your mulch to further reduce the likelihood of the weeds returning. A two-inch layer of mulch or compost is recommended. Apply mulches to shrubs, trees, annuals, vegetable gardens, and even containers.

When the weather and seasons change, adjust your watering schedule. On warm or windy days, plants and soils dry out more quickly. During cooler and wetter months, you will not need to water as often.

Check the soil periodically for moisture content.

An often overlooked practice in maintaining a healthy lawn is mowing. Infrequently mowed lawns are more prone to stress, resulting in thinner turf and a weaker root system. The first key is to keep the blade sharp. A dull blade rips instead of cuts leaving a ragged edge that loses more water. Mow the lawn at the highest setting proper for your type of grass. Removing more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade per cutting places the grass under stress, reducing its ability to manufacture food to sustain growth. Adjust your mowing frequency to keep pace with the growth of the lawn. In the summer you might need to mow more than once a week. In the cooler spring and fall, mowing will be less frequent. When you mow frequently, clippings should be returned to the lawn to return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil.

For more information about general household water conservation visit MDE Household Tips on conserving water at www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/WaterPrograms/Water_Conservation/Household_Tips.

Update on Ordinance and Resolutions

Resolution #689 - A resolution of the Town of Denton to set the Homestead tax credit percentage at 105% for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007. Adopted 11/13/06.

Resolution #690 - A resolution to annex lands known as the Behlke/Benchhoff property located on the east side of the Town of Denton on the south side of Camp Rd. and including portions of Camp Road in the Third Election District and consisting of 17.19 acres of land and to provide for the terms and conditions of the annexation. This resolution was introduced on Jan. 8, 2007 and will be considered for adoption a later date.

Ordinance #524 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton establishing a Planned Neighborhood Zoning District under the provisions of the Denton Zoning

Ordinance for the Village at Watt's Creek and approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan for such district.

Introduced: 10/2/06, Adopted: 11/6/06, Effective: 11/13/06

Ordinance #525 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton approving and adopting a Development Rights & Responsibilities agreement by and between the Town of Denton and Gannon's Purchase, LLC and Elm Street Development, Inc. pursuant to Chapter 45 of the Denton Town Code. Introduced: 10/2/06, Adopted: 11/6/06, Effective: 11/13/06

Ordinance #526 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending section 128-76 of the zoning ordinance to delete the square footage requirement for places of worship. Introduced:

10/2/06 Adopted: 11/6/06, Effective: 11/13/06

Ordinance #527 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton revising section 85-2 of the Denton Town Code (Noise Ordinance) to make the noise provisions of the Town Code consistent with the section 64-4 relating to trash collection. Introduced: 10/2/06, Adopted: 11/6/06, Effective: 11/13/06

Ordinance #528 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing settlement of the purchase and acquisition of certain property located at 323 Market St., Denton Maryland. Introduced: 10/2/06, Adopted: 11/6/06, Effective: 11/13/06.

Ordinance #530 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton Amending Chapter 114 of the Denton Town Code to Establish a Brownfields Property Tax Credit for qualified Brownfields sites located within the Town of Denton for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2007. Introduced: 11/6/06, Adopted: 12/4/06, Effective: 12/11/06

Ordinance #531 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing settlement of the purchase and acquisition of certain property located at 15 S. Third St., Denton. Introduced: 11/6/06, Adopted: 12/4/06, Effective:

12/11/06

Ordinance #532 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton Amending Chapter 54 of the Denton Town Code to Permit Hunting on Parcels of Land 50 Acres or Larger. Introduced 12/4/06, will be considered for adoption on 1/8/07.

Ordinance #533 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton Amending Chapter 52 of the Denton Town Code to Provide for the Imposition and Collection of Development Impact Fees Within the Town for Residential Development. Introduced 12/4/06, will be considered for adoption on 3/5/07.

Ordinance #534 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an option agreement for the sale of property described as 401 Market St. in Denton. Introduced 2/5/07, will be considered for adoption on 3/5/07

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office at the Town of Denton, 13 North Third Street, Denton, Maryland, during normal working hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To inquire or obtain additional information regarding these amendments please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at (410) 479-2050.

Special Collection Reminder

Household Items: All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays, must be called in by 12 noon on Tues. Effective January 1, 2003, there is a \$5.00 collection fee for each item to be collected. This fee must be paid prior to pick up date.

Yard Waste: All bagged leaf and brush pickup requests must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup.

Call all requests in to the Town Office at
410-479-2050.

Leave a message after normal business hours.

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