

# National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Recognized



The Caroline County Commissioners and the Denton Town Council issued a Resolution Proclaiming November 16 - 24, 2019 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless in Caroline County. The Caroline Homeless Board partnered with Caroline Human Services Council, the local management board for Caroline County at the Faces of Homelessness event held at the Federalsburg VFW on November 19, 2019 where a panel of citizens shared their personal experiences of homelessness or near homelessness. A second event was

held at the Greensboro Community Hall to allow the panel to share their story in hopes to reach all residents of the county. Each member on the panel shared their stories the many ways they have received help, gave suggestions of ways community members can best support the organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness including His Hope ministries; St. Martin's Ministries, Caroline Homeless Board and Caroline's Helping Hands.

To get involved call 410-479-4446

## Be Counted in the 2020 Census

The United States is required to perform a national count of all people living in each state every ten years (U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 2).

The 2020 census impacts Maryland in several important ways. The census:

• Determines representation in Congress and impacts local legislative districts;

• Is the basis for funding critical programs and services; and

• Assists local decision-making for economic development, school construction and transportation projects, as well as public health, public safety and emergency planning.

#### **Every Marylander Counts!**

Census data is used to determine the level of federal funding for programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants and Children (SNAP/WIC), Medicaid, Children's, Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and highway and transportation projects.

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$675 Billion in funding based on

census data. Every Marylander not countedcoststhestate approximately \$18,250 over 10 years - this equates to the state losing \$26.6 Billion (based on historical U.S. Census undercount).

Completing your census form ensures Maryland families, neighbors and communities receive the support they need to live, work, play and grow.

#### The Census is easy

Filling out your census form can be done in three ways - by mail. phone and online.

The 2020 census will be the first online census in U.S. history.

Answering the demographic questions in the census helps make sure your community receives its fair share of funding and that economic development and planning decisions accurately reflect your community on April 1, 2020.

Some Important facts to remember. Don't forget:

College students should be counted at their college address, either on or off campus.

They should be counted at their parents' home only if they live and sleep there. *Continue to page 5* 

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### **UTILITY BILL ALERT!**

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2020. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by **January 25, 2020.** Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30AM to 4:00PM, by mail, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the left of the front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. You can also pay by credit card in the office. The next Utility bill will be mailed around April 1, 2020 and will be due in full by April 25, 2020.

## Town Calendar

## <u>Town Council Meeting</u> <u>7 p.m. at Town Office</u>

January 2 February 6

### Working Sessions 6:30p.m. Town Office

January 13, 27 February 24

### <u>Planning Commission</u> <u>Meeting 6:00 p.m.</u> <u>at Town Office</u>

January 28 February 25

## Historic Review Meeting <u>6 p.m. at Town Office</u>

January 15 February 19

### <u>Utility Commission Meeting</u> <u>4p.m. Denton Town Office</u>

As needed, check the website for dates www.dentonpublicworks.com

## Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

January 1, 20 February 17

## Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address: www.dentonmaryland.com Like us on Facebook!

#### TOWN OF DENTON BAY RESTORATION FUND EXEMPTION PROCEDURE

The Town of Denton has established a program to exempt certain owner-occupied residential properties from the Bay Restoration Fee based on substantial financial hardship. In order to quality for this exemption, the applicant must meet at least (2) two of the following criteria:

#### PROPOSED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION CRITERIA:

Factors to be considered for possible exemption are the following:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy;
- Receiving public assistance supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps;
- Receiving veterans or social security disability benefits;
- Meeting the income criteria below:

#### Income Eligibility Limits\* Effective July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020

| Household Size                 | Monthly Income<br>Is Less than |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                              | \$1,821                        |
| 2                              | \$2,466                        |
| 3                              | \$3,111                        |
| 4                              | \$3,755                        |
| 5                              | \$4,440                        |
| 6                              | \$5,044                        |
| For each additional person add | \$ 645                         |

\* (Income limits established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Programs. www.dhr.state.md.us/meap/index.htm )Applications can be found on the Town of Denton website at www.dentonmaryland.com or call the office at 410-479-2050 and ask for Joanna Reedy in Finance.

| Town of Denton<br>2019-2020 Utility Billing Schedule<br>410-479-2050 |              |            |                   |               |  |  |
|--|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Months of Service  | Billing Date | Due Date   | 1% Interest Added | Shut Off Date |  |  |
| July - September   | 10/01/2019   | 10/25/2019 | 10/28/2019        | 11/07/2019    |  |  |
| October - December   | 12/31/2020   | 01/27/2020 | 01/28/2020        | 02/06/2019    |  |  |
| January - March  | 04/01/2020   | 04/27/2020 | 04/28/2020        | 05/06/2020    |  |  |
| April - June   | 06/28/2020   | 07/27/2020 | 07/28/2020        | 08/06/2020    |  |  |



ISSUE DEADLINE

February 10, 2020



High Water Bills? Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works 410-479-2050

# Calendar of Events

# January 2020

#### 1 - Happy New Year

Plese note the town office will be closed today.

#### 6, 13, 20, 27 - Monday Night Trivia

*7:30p.m. Market St. Pub.* Join host Norm Amorosa for a fun-filled evening of trivia. Call 410-479-4720 for more info.

#### 5 - Eagle Line Railroad Display

*7-9p.m.* One of the largest railroad displays on the shore. 12169 Ober Lane, Ridgely. Visit www. eaglelinerailroad.com for more details.

#### 8 - Open Mic Night

7p.m. Nich's Coffee Shop. 3rd St.

Calling all poets, short story writers, and spoken word artists. Gather to share your works at this library co-sponsored event.

#### 10 - Friday Nites in Caroline

*Ultrafaux 7p.m. Denton Library. Free.* Kick off the Friday Nites season with original music inspried by Gypsy swing, be-bop, Balkan music, Bluegrass, swing, funk, blues, and more.

#### 11 - Second Saturday at the ArtsWay

2-4p.m. Foundry Building, 401 Market Street. Join us for a free artist demonstration. Local artists demonstrate how they do what they do.

#### 1 - First Saturday Guided Walk

10a.m.- 11a.m. Adkins Arborteum, Ridgely. Explore Adkins diverse plant communities on a guided walk led by an Arboretum docent. Free for members, fee for non-members. Visit www. adkinsarboretum.org for more info.

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#### 16 - Third Thursdays

*5p.m.-7p.m.* Come shop and dine in downtown Denton. Businesses will have extended hours and specials during this event. Not to be missed.

**17 - Friday Nites in Caroline - Pam Ortiz Band** *7pm at Denton Library, Free.* Original acoustic blues and folk inspired music.

#### 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day March

Join in this special march that starts at Lockeman Middle School and ends at the Caroline Co. Courthouse steps. 9a.m. Open to all.

#### 20 - Town office closed

# 25 - Local History: The Eastern Shore & President Abraham Lincoln.6-8p.m.

200 Market St. Banquet Room (Market St. Pub) \$20 advance/ \$25 at door. \$10 veterans.

#### 28 - Board Game Night at Denton Library

*6p.m. 2nd Floor meeting room.* All types of board games are welcome. email ccboardgamers@ gmail.com for more info.

# February 2020

**11 - Cup of Caring with The Arc Central Chesapeake Region** (a) Nich's Coffee Shop Denton, MD



#### 14 - Happy Valentines Day

#### 16 - Daddy Daughter Dance

5-7p.m. \$35 per couple. 107 S. Fourth St. Denton. Escort your princess to a special evening



full of smiles, dancing and fun. ages 3-12. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, souvenir photos and music. Reg. deadline Feb.

#### 8th visit www.carolinemd.org or call 410-479-8120.

17 - President's Day

#### 29 - Community Resource Day.

9a.m.-1p.m. St. Luke's United Methodist Church Denton, MD. Sponsored by Caroline County Local Homeless Board on Wednesday.

> - <u>Adkins Arboretum</u> #410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org

- <u>Caroline Co. Arts Council</u> #410-479-1009 www.carolinearts.org

- <u>Caroline Co. Public Library</u> # 410-479-1343 www.carolib.org

- <u>Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks</u> #410-479- 8120 www.carolinerecreation.org

- <u>Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern</u> <u>Shore (FACES)</u> #410-479-1009 www.fiberartscenter.com

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## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

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# Police Department...

## NUTS Delivers Thanksgiving Dinners



Members of NUTS handed out Thanksgiving dinners the morning of November 28th. Thank you for all they do for the community.

Want to find out when the latest issue of the Denton Town Newsletter is available? Visit our website and get on the email list. www.DentonMaryland.com

# What is a Blessing Boxes?

A Blessing Box is a Mini 24hour Food Pantry for anyone and everyone to take what they need. All donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcomed and greatly appreciat-ed. Suggested donations: soups, canned meat, vegetables, fruits, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, beans, boxed and canned meals, ramen noodles, snacks, mac & cheese and breakfast items. Toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, wet ones, dish and laundry detergent and feminine products are also much needed items.



# YMCA Mentoring Project Needs You

Caroline Mentoring Project, a Program of the Caroline County YMCA is looking for Mentors now! This is your opportunity to make a difference in our community by positively impacting the life of one of our youth. Training and support for mentors is provided and monthly outings are planned for the program. Each mentor receives a full membership to the YMCA in Caroline County during the months of the program. For more info. Contact :

Angel Perez, Program Coordinator (410)479-3060 or carolineymcamentoring@ ymcachesapeake.org

## PFC Mayo Receives MADD Recognition



Pictured left to right, Sgt. Starkey, PFC Mayo, and Lt. Bacorn.

PFC Mayo received recognition from MADD Maryalnd for his efforts in reducing drunk driving on December 6, 2019 in a ceremony

held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury. Sgt. Starkey and Lt. Bacorn also attended the ceremony.

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# CARES COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY

Providing Resources and Services for Caroline County Families in Need

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church 100 S. 5th Avenue, Denton, Maryland

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# Planning and Codes . . .

## Doris Walls Recognized by State Planning



Pictured: Donald Mulrine, Town Administrator and Doris Walls of the Denton Planning Commission.

At a recent State Planning Event Denton's own Doris Walls was recognized for her many years of

service to the Denton Community on the Denton Planning Commission. Thank you for all you do.

#### **Census**, Continued from front page.

All children must be counted including those under five years old.

#### The Census is Safe

The U.S. Census Bureau must keep all information confidential, including a resident's citizenship, income and other sensitive personal data.

Data is collected for statistical purposes only and personal data is never disclosed.

All census information is

private and protected by law in Title 13 of the U.S. Code with violations punishable up to five years in federal prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

So choose the way that you will be counted - by mail, by phone or online.

It is the portrait of us that will last ten years, so let's get everyone in the picture. Census.Maryland. gov. Email: Census@Maryland. gov • Twitter: @MDCensus2020 • Phone: 410.767.4500.

# **Permit Reminder**

A reminder from the Housing Department: Before you make improvements to your home, call the Denton Town Office Planning & Codes Department at 410-479-3625 or stop by 4 N. Second Street for permit information. Thank you.

# Permits

The following is a list of permits issued Nohe, 206 South Seventh Street, by the Town of Denton between August Renovation 2019 and December 2019: Cooper, 520 North Sixth Street, Roof Amalfitano, 1113 Market Street, Gardens Land Group, 110 Primrose Renovations Avenue, Single Family Dwelling Gardens Land Group, 404 Morning Holman, 108 Primrose Avenue, Patio Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling & Fence Beales, 1113 Osprey Lane, Pool Lewis, 10 South Ninth Brummel, 410 Morning Glory Drive, Renovations Long, 237 Briarwood Circle, Solar Accessory Dwelling Market James, 701 Street, Caroline County Arts Council, 7 North Mechanical Fourth Street, Sculpture Motter, 1201 Tuckahoe Court, Bullock, 414 North Sixth Street, Flag Accessory Dwelling Zamparo, 1202 Market Wilson, 714 South Fifth Avenue, Windows Roof Superior Rentals, 10551 Greensboro Meechie, 306 South Fifth Avenue, Road, Roof Porch Repair Baker, 12 North Fourth Street, Petri, 509 Gay Street, Accessory Accessory Structures Dwelling Guzman, 209 North Fifth Street, Matala Enterprises, LLC, Renovations 1139 Motily, 414 Wood Lane, Roof Industrial Parkway, Accessory Structure Thorton, Market 118 JBR Rentals, 412 North Sixth Street, Renovations Sign Schwaeble, 1232 Painted Fern, Fence Bradley, 328 Carter Avenue, Roof & Deck Taylor, 201 South Seventh Street, Wright Real Estate, 322 Market Street Accessory Dwelling #101, Sign Bramble, 1521 Cattail Commons Way, Ringgold, 207 North Fifth Street, Solar Panels Mechanical Cesarini, 301 South Sixth Street, Daniel, 1205 Foster Holly Court, Renovations Solar Day, 610 Lincoln Street, Renovations Welty, 107 Riverton & Accessory Structure Accessory Structure Trice, 106 North Seventh Street, Roof Walker, 1145 Osprey Lane, Patio & Retaining Wall Hurley, Wesleyan Camp Cottage #2, Roof Wise, 1242 Painted Fern Road, Fence PNC Bank, 812 South Fifth Avenue, Castro, 225 South Second Street, Accessory Sign Ferkler, 1135 Osprey Lane, Deck Caroline County Public Works, 520 Pascar, 1112 Coursey Lane, Porch Wilmuth Street, Accessory Structure Town of Denton, 13 North Third Gardens Land Group, 209 Morning Street, Renovations Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling Hairsine, 1156 Osprey Lane, Fence Baynard, 718 Camp Road, Roof Lacy, 202 Sunset Avenue, Roof Binnendijk, 205 Sunset Drive, Fence Wilson, 714 South Fifth Avenue, Gardens Land Group, 106 Primrose Avenue, Single Family Dwelling Porch Stahlpoint Holdings, 907 Crystal Ortiz, 1023 Gay Street, Renovations Avenue, Fence Superior Rentals, 10591 Greensboro Street, Road, Accessory Sno-Angels, 323 Market Banner Arcadia of Denton II, 609 Daffin Phelps, 1705 Cattail Commons Way, Lane, Interior Demolition Kephart, 1602 Cattail Commons Way, Solar Farina, 14 South Third Street, Gazebo Renovations Gardens Land Group, 102 Primrose Avenue, Single Family Dwelling Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Investment,

32 Denton Plaza, Renovation

# Denton Mainstreet...

# Arts Council's Literary Dinner a Roaring Success



On October 26, the Caroline County Public Library, in collaboration with the Caroline County Council of Arts, hosted a Literary Evening dedicated to the works of English writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

performances by an ensemble cast, skilled writing and directing from Keith Shaffer, and delicious gourmet food served by the Chesapeake Culinary Center, there's no mystery why this evening turned into a roaring success!

# Walking Path Opens at Sharp Road Park



As the town works to expand the public park at Sharp Road, they have created a walking path that circles the future playing fields on the site. This path is now open for public use. As additional work continues in the spring there may be heavy equipment on the site. We ask the public to be aware of the continued work when they use the

Public Works...

walking trail.

Thank you for your patience during the development of this project.

For more information about the future plans for the park, join us for a public meeting at the Denton Town Office, 4 N. 2nd St., Denton, on January 13, 6:30p.m.

With an informative overview of the author's life and works from

# 2nd Annual Polar Express and PJ Event at YMCA Big Hit

On Saturday December 14, 2019 the Polar Express train arrived at the Caroline County Family YMCA to bring joy and family union to 30 county families

through the message of believing. During the event participants had the opportunity to write letters to Santa, enjoy snacks, Hot Cocoa, the Polar Express Movie, and at the end of the night a surprise visit from Santa who gave gifts to all of children that were there.

"Creating this type of family event where we can bring families together

in a safe and fun environment is amazing. Part of the purpose of this event is to make children feel that they are within that world of magic and joy called the Polar Express. For example, each child received a ticket to enter the train and they were collected at the same time that the conductor collects the tickets in the movie, as well as recreating

> the scene where hot chocolate is served. Not only do we want to offer a family event but also create a magical, unforgettable, surprise-filled night. said Angel Perez, Program Coordinator

This event was made possible by our gorgeous sponsors: Nich's

Coffee Shop, Smiles by the Bay, Goodwill, Jeff and Donna Crutchley, and Quickfix Phone Repairs. The Polar Express train will return next year!! Free Christmas Tree Pickup

Need to get rid of your live Christmas tree? Denton Public Works is happy to remove your tree for you.

Make sure all ornaments, lights, decorations, etc are removed from the tree and place at the curb.

Christmas tree removal will

be on Wednesday's. Call the Town office at 410-479-2050 to schedule your free tree pickup no later than 3p.m. on Tuesdays.



## **SNOW PLOW POLICY INFORMATION**

Planning for a winter storm event can be difficult. The variations in rate of snowfall, moisture content, air/surface temperatures, time of day, and wind velocity make each storm unique.

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and describe the Town's snow plowing and sanding priorities and the level of service that is intended to be provided by Town forces. The Town does not guarantee that streets will be free of snow and ice after plowing and/or sanding. Bare, dry pavement should not be expected. The Town will attempt to maintain adequate traction for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions.

It is the goal of this effort to establish general policies and procedures that help make travel within the Town as safe as possible and to minimize economic hardship.

Visit http://www.dentonpublicworks.com/streets/snow\_plowing\_policy.asp for the list of street priority.



Town of Denton 4 N. Second St. Denton, MD 21629



## ATTENTION OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY OWNERS: YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FROM PAYING THE STATE OF MARYLAND'S BAY RESTORATION FEE (BRF)

### **Bay Restoration Fund Facts**

In 2004, the State of Maryland took a major step to protect our waterways through the enactment of the Bay Restoration Fund (Senate Bill-320). The purpose of the bill was to create a dedicated fund to improve the environment and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. Through an environmental surcharge fee, this fund is used to upgrade wastewater treatment plants, upgrade septic systems in the critical area, and implement cover crops on agricultural land. Approximate annual fee to the user \$30.00. SB320 also required all Municipalities to bill all properties through their Utility Billing and transmit the funds to the State.

During the 2012 State of Maryland Legislative Session came the adoption of Senate Bill 240, doubling the BRF. Effective July 1, 2012, the BRF was doubled for all property owners. For most the fee is now \$60.00 a year. The Town of Denton began billing the new fees on the Utility Bills issued on Oct. 1, 2012, (for the July 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2012 billing cycle).

<u>Single Family Residential Home Owners</u> - saw a quarterly increase from \$7.50 per quarter to \$15.00 per quarter; annual increase from \$30.00 to \$60.00.

<u>Non-Residential/Commercial Owners</u> – the BRF is based on the number of EDU's and the total average daily water consumption. Minimum BRF will be \$15.00 per quarter/\$60.00 for a year.

**<u>BRF Exemption Plan</u>** – With the implementation of House Bill #446, another bill was adopted during the 2012 legislative session in which Municipalities are now required to establish a BRF Exemption Plan.

As a result, on February 7, 2013, The Denton Town Council took action an adopted Resolution #778, establishing a BRF Exemption Plan and Application.

If you own property within the Denton Town limits and it is your primary place of residence, visit <u>www.dentonmaryland.com</u> to read more about the BRF Exemption Plan to see if you **<u>qualify</u>** for an exemption from paying the State of Maryland's Bay Restoration Fee.

Applications can be found on the Town of Denton Website at <u>www.dentonmaryland.com</u> or stop by the Denton Town Office at 4 N. Second Street to pick up a copy or call 410-479-2050 to request to have a copy mailed to you.

For additional information about the State of Maryland Bay Restoration Fund visit the Maryland Department of the Environment website at: <u>www.mde.state.md.us</u>.

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# THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING, HERE'S WHAT

YOU SHOULD KNOW

## **Everyone counts!**

The census is intended to count every living person (citizens and non-citizens) in the United States.

## Census data determines how federal dollars are distributed

for programs such as SNAP, CHIP, Headstart and the National School Lunch Program. It also helps businesses choose where to invest in new factories, offices and other job opportunities.



## For the first time ever, we'll be allowed to complete the census form online.

This move is intended to increase opportunities to engage hard-to-count populations. (But don't worry, there will still be an option to complete your form by mail or even by phone!)

# In March 2020, the census will be open for all U.S. residents to take.

Each household will receive a notification in the mail that lists the 2020 Census website and a unique User ID in order to fill out the survey online. The Census Bureau will begin following up with people who haven't filled out the questionnaire in May.

COLOR OF CHANGE

## **Attention Settlement Attorneys**

Reminder to all settlement attorneys and agencies to please contact the Denton Town Office for fees due to the Town when handling settlements for properties being sold or transferred within the Town limits. There may be water/sewer fees or miscellaneous charges that need to be collected at the time of settlement. This will keep the Town's records up to date and better serve the residents of the Town of Denton. This will also eliminate problems after settlement of any outstanding balances for the new property owner.

**Please note:** Any property that transfers ownership and the utility fees are not collected at settlement and forwarded to the town that result in the water being turned off for non-payment, the water turn on fee will still be charged. This charged may be passed on to the settlement attorney. Currently the fee to turn water service back on during regular business hours is \$50.00 and after 3:30p.m., the fee is \$100.00. Forms are available to use when requesting information. Any questions, please call the Town of Denton at (410) 479-2050.

## Service Fees for Utility Calls

Text COUNT to 225-568 for our Census Campaign Updates. Message and data rates may apply.

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 ons, and other miscellaneous 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. Tenants 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 YOUEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

# Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #703 - An ordinance to amend the Town of Denton Building Code, Residential Code and Mechanical Code provisions contained in Chapter 38 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Building Construction. Introduced 10/03/19, passed 11/07/19, effective 11/14/19.

**Ordinance #704** - An ordinance to amend the Town of Denton Maintenance Property Code contained in Chapter 94 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Property Maintenance. Introduced 10/03/19, passed 11/07/19, effective 11/14/19.

Resolution #869 -A resolution of the Town of Denton to set the Homestead Tax Credit percentage at 103% for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2020. Adopted 11/07/19.

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office of the Town of Denton, 4 North Second 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.

## **Tax Sale Reminder**

The 2019 - 2020 Real Property Tax Sale process will begin soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billings or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

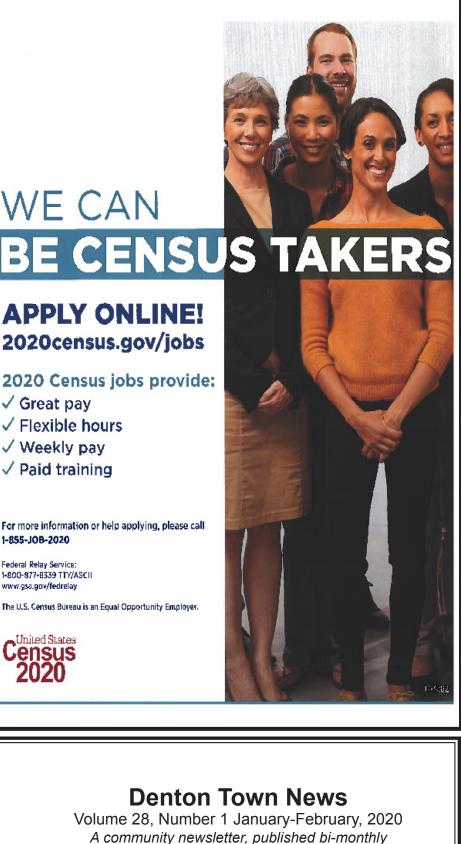
All real property taxes are due in full by December 31, 2019 and are to be paid at the Caroline County Tax Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Tax office at 410-479-0410. If you want to check to see if you have any other outstanding bills due on your property within the Town of Denton, please contact the Finance Dept. 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 pickup date.

<u>Yard Waste:</u> 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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