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*Until Further Notice*

Town Office  
Lobby Closed  
For Social Distancing

Staff Available at  
410-479-2050  
www.DentonMaryland.com

**Covid-19 Caution**

Wash Your Hands  
After Handling  
Your Trash Cans

## Helpful Winter Weather Tips

Here are some helpful tips to keep you and your home comfortable during this winter season.

**To keep your pipes from freezing**, turn off all outside spigots and insulate the pipes to protect them from the freezing temperatures.



**To prevent water damage in your home**, so you don't experience a

burst pipe, locate all the water shut off valves. Don't wait for someone else to turn it off. The delay could cause major water damage.

**As far as snow removal** in the town, streets will not be plowed unless there is a 2 inch accumulation. The snow removal equipment cannot withstand clearing the street for a trace of snow.

**When shoveling out your driveway** pile the

snow in your yard not in the streets and always pile it to the left side of your driveway. This prevents the snow from being pushed back in your driveway from the street.

**During snow storms** park as many cars as you can in the driveway to make snow removal easier. It may also prevent your vehicle from being damaged by other vehicles on the roads.

**EMERGENCY ROUTES** are a priority when removing snow, secondary roads and alleys are last. You must be patient the crews will get to your area as soon as possible.

Lastly, your safety and the safety of our snow removal crews are our number one concern. Let's do all we can to keep everyone out of harm's way.

## Special Holiday Third Thursday



On December 17, 2020 the Denton Town Council

hosted a band during Third Thursday. The Denton PD Cramed the Cruiser with food for local food pantries, and collected Toys for Tots. Thank you to everyone that participated and braved the cold.

**UTILITY BILL ALERT!**

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2021. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by January 25, 2021.** Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, by mail, at our drive-thru window, 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 at the office. The next utility bill will be mailed around April 1, 2021 and will be due in full by April 25, 2021

**FEB 6**

**SHOP SMALL**

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

**GET READY FOR THE DAY**

**Town Calendar**

**Town Council Meetings**  
7p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

January 7  
February 4

**Town Council Working Session**  
6:30p.m. (Virtual)

January 25  
February 22

**Planning Commission**  
6p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

January 26  
February 23

**Historic Review**  
6p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

January 20  
February 17

**Utility Commission**  
4p.m. (Virtual Meeting)  
*As needed, check the website for dates*  
[www.dentonpublicworks.com](http://www.dentonpublicworks.com)

**Town Holidays**  
*The Town Office will be closed on the following days:*

January 1  
February 15

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

**Web Page Address:**  
[www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)  
Or  
find 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 qualify 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, 2020 – June 30, 2021**

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Monthly Income is Less than</i>
1	\$1,861
2	\$2,515
3	\$3,168
4	\$3,821
5	\$4,475
6	\$5,128
For each additional person add	\$ 654

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

**Town of Denton 2020-2021  
Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050**

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
January - March	04/01/2021	04/27/2021	04/28/2021	05/06/2021
April—June	06/28/2021	07/27/2021	07/28/2021	08/06/2021
July - September	10/01/2021	10/25/2021	10/28/2021	11/07/2021
October - December	12/31/2021	01/27/2022	01/28/2022	02/06/2022

**March-April  
ISSUE  
DEADLINE  
Feb. 10, 2021**



**High Water Bills?**

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050





## Police Department...

### Toys For Tots & Cram the Cruiser



At the December 17, 2020 Third Thursday event, Denton Police Officers collected Toys for Tots and non-perishable food for local food banks. It was a great turnout and lots of toys and food were collected. Thank you to the community for helping us support these organizations. Happy Holidays!

### Nuts Hands Out Thanksgiving Dinners in Denton



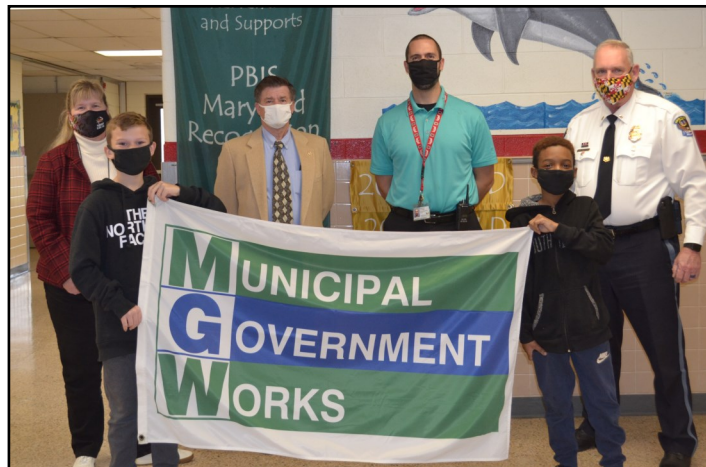
On Thanksgiving morning volunteers in Denton handed out 182 Thanksgiving dinners to families in need. This annual tradition has been organized by Neighbors United to Serve (NUTS) since 1992.

NUTS is a community service organization supported

entirely by donations of time, talent, and treasure.

1102 dinners were handed out throughout Caroline County. We wish to thank our Denton Town Staff for donating their time assisting with handing out dinners this year.

### Teaching Students About Municipal Governments



*Pictured: Denton Elementary School Principal Susan McCandless, Denton Town Administrator Donald Mulrine, Acting Denton Police Chief George Bacorn, Vice Principal Mathew Breedlove, Amari Gatewood, and Robert Ferguson.*

During the month of November, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) celebrated Municipal Government Works (MGW) month. Denton is an active part of MML and each November they fly the MGW flag at the town office.

Each year town staff and Council member's visit schools in the area and teach students about municipalities and their roll in the community. They also encourage local 4th graders to participate in the annual "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. This contest is sponsored by MML in the spring.



# Public Works...

## 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](http://www.dentonpublicworks.com/streets/snow_plowing_policy.asp) for the list of street priority.

## Free Christmas Tree Pick Up

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. Removal will be on Wednesday's. Call the Town office at 410-479-2050 to schedule your free tree pickup no later than 12p.m. on Tuesdays.



## Special Collection Reminder

**Household Items:** All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday. 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. Reminder that all mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape.

**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.

## YMCA Spreads Holiday Cheer



YMCA Visits Denton Town Office. Pictured: Brian Byrnes YMCA Ex. Director, Robin Lahnemann Town Staff, and Frosty.

Denton, MD- The Caroline County Family YMCA spent some time traveling around Caroline County, spreading some holiday cheer, to all they encountered! Accompanied by Frosty, the Caroline County Family YMCA personally thanked some community partners that helped the YMCA have a great year in 2020 and worked, together, to collectively serve the communities around Caroline County.

"Our focus has been, is, and will always be to serve our community the best we can. We hope that, despite the struggles this year has brought, that we have lived up to that commitment. We are so thankful to those community partners that we were able to visit in-person but also to those that we didn't get to see as well, without the support of local organizations, businesses, clubs,

etc...we couldn't have done all the things we did in 2020, so thank you all! We look forward to an even better 2021!!!" Brian Byrnes, Executive Director.

"The year 2020 for me as YMCA Program Coordinator, was one full of challenges, adventures, changes, and commitment. Having had the opportunity to continue working for my community even after having closed our doors for a few months was truly a pleasure. Creating events like the graduation caravan and outdoor movie nights and working together with other organizations and agencies such as CASA of Caroline, CCPS, CCPL, Mid-Shore Character Counts, amongst others, was one of the best experiences I had this year. I want to thank all those who collaborated with us to impact Caroline County in a positive way." Angel Perez, YMCA Program Coordinator.

# Planning & Codes...

## Winter is Upon Us, Are You Prepared?

As we come to another seasonal change, please make sure to take advantage of the remaining days for free loose-leaf pickup. Call 410-479-2050 to get on the pickup list. After December 18 only bagged leaves will be accepted through winter.



Let's also take a minute and talk about possible snow. We have not had any substantial snow fall in a few years, but this may be the big one. Big or small, remember the following:

- No parking in snow emergency zones
- Make sure you shovel the sidewalks in front of your property (they are your responsibility whether you rent or own)
- In the event of a snowfall over 3 inches please do not park on any street, to allow plows to get through.

If we do get the big one, think of your neighbors and give a hand. Especially our elderly.

As always have a great Holiday and feel free to call us with any questions or concerns. Town of Denton Planning & Codes 410-479-3625.

## Permits

*The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October 2020 and December 2020:*

Baumann, 1137 Osprey Lane, Deck & Accessory Building  
 Holder, 1701 Cattail Commons Way, Roof  
 Sabo, 106 Ellerslie Court, Mechanical  
 Bonner, 920 Pine Drive, Accessory Building  
 Ortiz, 1023 Gay Street, Mechanical  
 Odessa, 1205 Foster Holly Court, Fence  
 Hairsene, 1156 Osprey Lane, Roof  
 Rash, 721 Crystal Avenue, Roof  
 Evans, 1208 Market Street, Fence  
 Pena, 708 Market Street, Deck  
 Caroline County Council of Arts, 3 Crouse Park Lane, Banners  
 Blake, 1604 Cattail Commons Way, Roof  
 Ogren, 524 North Sixth Street, Roof  
 Caroline County Commissioners, 411 Franklin Street, Roof  
 Caroline County Council of Arts, 7 North Fourth Street, Roof

Kent Liberty Tattoo, 403 Market Street, Renovations  
 Corcoran, 702 Market Street, Windows & Siding  
 Brown, 1203 Blue Heron Drive, Roof  
 Farina, 4 South First Street, Roof  
 Sherman, 203 Briarwood Circle, Roof  
 Gardens Land Group, 333 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling  
 Gardens Land Group, 330 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling  
 Choptank Supply, 802 Crystal Avenue, Roof  
 Silver Leaf Rentals, 607 Market Street, Renovations  
 Russo, 210 South Seventh Street, Roof  
 Miller, 103 Riverton Avenue, Accessory Building  
 Brewster, 518 South Second Street, Pool, Patio & Fence  
 Federalsburg Builders, LLC, 803 Gay Street, Renovations & Fence  
 Neal Family Partnership, 701 Lincoln Street, Fence  
 Levitt, 302 High Street, Renovations  
 Malony, 204 North Sixth Street, Renovations  
 Sydnor, 224 South Second Street, Fence

## Special Event Permit Information

Frequently civic organizations plan special events or celebrations such as parades and block parties in Denton. Groups planning an event are required to complete a Special Events Request Form available online at [www.dentonmaryland.com/residents/road-closures-special-events](http://www.dentonmaryland.com/residents/road-closures-special-events), may be picked up at the Town Office, or Police Department.

Applicants are requested to submit their applications 30 days prior to their proposed

event. This allows time for police department review and town staff time to schedule setting out cones and barricades.

If you would like to have a special event please fill out the form and return it to the Denton Police Department at 100 N Third St. Denton, MD 21629. 30 days before the event.

If you wish to use the Community Demonstration Garden at 4th and Gay St., please contact Denton Main Street at 410-924-2328.

### Planning & Codes Department

#### Practice Social Distancing

Need a Permit or have a question?

Call Planning and Codes at 410-479-3625 or visit us online to print out and mail in permits.

We are available by phone and appointment as well while the lobby is closed for social distancing.

### 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.



# Main Street & The Artsway...

## Carriage Rides in Denton



On December 4, 2020 Downtown Denton Main Street (DDMS) hosted a Christkindle Market on the streets of Denton. It was well attended and the rain held off until after the event.

During the event DDMS hosted horse drawn carriage rides by Tanglao Carriage Driving. The carriage rides were so popular, they brought them back on December

23rd.

Stop by the businesses in Denton, they need your support more than ever and offer an array of food, services, retail, and more.

Mark your calendars for another Christkindle Market in 2021, the first Friday of December.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year.



On December 19 and 23, Santa came to town to visit the boys and girls of Denton.

Assisted by the Denton Volunteer Fire Department, he rode around town waving and spreading cheer to everyone.

Thank you Santa for making a special trip to Denton.

Stop, Shop, Explore  
Downtown Denton

## YMCA Celebrates 10 Years in Caroline County



Saturday, October 17, 2020 The Caroline County Family YMCA celebrated 10 years of making a difference in Caroline County. This event that took place at the Choptank River Park in Greensboro, MD with participation of around 75 people, including elected officials, YMCA staff, Volunteers, and community members.

The Caroline County Family YMCA was recognized with various citations and proclamations by: Larry Hogan Maryland Governor, Town of Preston, Town of Ridgely, Town of Denton, Congressman Andy Harris, Senator Adelaide Eckardt, Senator Stephen Hershey.

"It was a great event to be able to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as those community partners that have been with us along the way. We couldn't ask to be in a better community, serving a better group of people!" said Brian Byrnes, Executive Director.

At the end of the night, Ms. Marisa Burnett was recognized with the 2020

Change Maker Award, for her volunteer work with the YMCA and Nich's Coffee Shop with the 2020 Community Positive Impact Award for always raising the voice in favor of diversity, inclusion, and respect in our County and the continual support of the YMCA.

This event was made possible thanks to the following sponsors: On your Mark, Tenchi Spanish-American Kitchen, 4 Shore Party Rental, Patti Petal's Florist, C.H. Gannon and Sons, Inc., Roadhouse 313, Awards Engraving Company, Town of Greensboro, Denae Spiering, and Chestina Holt.

"During this year our commitment to the community is stronger than ever, especially during these unprecedented times. We are looking forward to providing some of the great things we did in 2019-2020 as well as introducing new programs and new events in 2020-2021" - said Angel Perez, Program Coordinator.



Denton  
Home for the Holidays  
Decorating Contest 2020  
Winners

1st Place - 1122 Canvasback Lane

2nd Place - 1208 Painted Fern Rd.

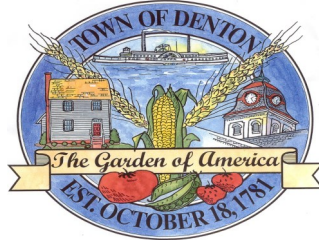
3rd Place - 1213 Painted Fern Rd.

You will be recognized at the January 7, 2021  
Town Council Meeting

Congratulations and Happy Holidays!



*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).

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

Non-Residential/Commercial Owners – 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.

**BRF Exemption Plan** – 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 and 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 [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) to read more about the BRF Exemption Plan to see if you **qualify** for an exemption from paying the State of Maryland's Bay Restoration Fee.

Applications can be found on the Town of Denton Website at [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) 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: [www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us).

## Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

**Resolution #879** – A Resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of Community Legacy Financing for FY2021 funds in Denton, Maryland to be funded either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Adopted 11/05/20.

**Resolution #880** – A Resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to purchase two 2021 Dodge Charger police cars, fully

equipped with emergency equipment not to exceed a total of \$80,000 with financing from Shore United Bank. Adopted 11/05/20.

*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.*

### Service Fees for Utility Calls

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/turned on, 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 YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

### Denton Town News

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### Attention Settlement Attorneys

Reminder to all settlement attorney's and agencies to please contact the Denton Town Office for fees due to the Town when handling settlements for properties being sold or transferred with in 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 resident's 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 maybe passed on to the settlement attorney. Currently the fee to turn water service back on during regular business hours is \$50.00 and after 3:30 PM 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.