



# Denton Town News

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**FREE**

## Water Bills Mailed January 1st

Utility Bills will be mailed around January 1, 2010 and are due to be paid by January 25, 2010. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on January 25, 2010.

Past due notices (red cards) will be mailed on January 27, 2010 for any account that has an overdue balance, this is the FINAL REMINDER prior to having the water service shut off.

Payments can be made during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or after hours by placing the payment in an envelope in the night deposit box located to the right of the front door outside the Town Office building.

Water that is turned off for non-payment will be assessed a service charge in order to have the water turned back on. The water turn-on service charge is \$50.00 if turned back on before 3:30 p.m. and \$100.00 for after hours, this fee is

subject to change.

It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner.

Landlords and property managers who have arrangements 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. If a citizen is unable to make their payment by the due date, please contact the Finance Department at 410-479-2050 prior to January 25, 2010.

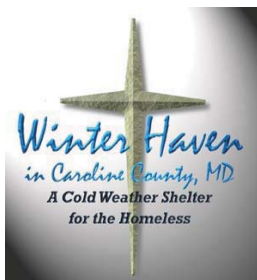
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**Water Bill  
Payments Due  
January 25, 2010**



## Winter Haven Opens January 4

Winter Haven is a cold weather shelter program providing a compassionate, energetic life-saving community resource and ministry. It is a faith-based, non-profit organization striving to provide a spiritually and physically safe Winter Haven for people experiencing homelessness.



They provide guidance and temporary housing in a safe and dignified environment and strive to help their guests regain productive and independent lives.

They are an arm of the North Caroline Clergy Association, and serve the towns of Denton, Ridgely,

## Drug Free Caroline Coalition Reflects on 2009 Successes

As you look to 2010 and make your New Year's resolutions you may be thinking about finding ways to help you and your family become healthier and more productive. Interestingly enough one local organization, Drug Free Caroline Coalition, is thinking about exactly the same thing.

The Drug Free Caroline Coalition is a collaboration among youth, families, businesses, law enforcement, school officials, and other community representatives. The coalition seeks to encourage community participation in substance abuse reduction and prevention programs with the ultimate goal of strengthening families and communities.

"We all know that substance abuse is taking a tremendous toll on the American family and society as a whole," says Karen Bishop, Drug Free Caroline Coalition Coordinator. "The rate of impact on our youth is staggering and Caroline County has not been spared this reality. Data gathered over the last several years has indicated that the

rate of substance use, particularly alcohol, among our youth is higher than the Maryland State average. More frightening than that is the fact that the age of first use is getting younger," she adds.

Many people may minimize the problem of substance abuse in Caroline County by saying it is simply 'kids being kids' and it is just a 'rite of passage', however, the statistics say much more. According to the most recent report, Caroline County had the highest rate of alcohol-related school suspensions per population, in Maryland in the 2006-07 school year. In addition, the rate of drug-induced deaths in Caroline County in 2006 was higher than the State rate.

"We are not seeking to tell parents how to raise their children, but to empower them to be the best, most informed parents they can be. Parents need to know that, as much as it seems they don't, their kids really do listen to them when they give them clear guidance about what they should or should not do," says

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Hillsboro, Greensboro, Goldsboro, Henderson, and Marydel, and all areas in between.

Currently, they will begin shelter operations on January 4, 2010. This year they are able to house a maximum of 5 guests.

Winter Haven guests will be selected based on need. Winter Haven guests will initially be screened by the Caroline County Department of Social Services

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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 7 p.m. Police Department**

January 4  
February 1

#### **Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.**

January 26  
February 23

#### **Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m.**

January 20  
February 17

#### **Utility Commission Meeting 7p.m. Wastewater Treatment Plant on Legion Road**

January 14  
February 11

#### **Town Holidays**

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

January 1,18  
February 15

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

### **UTILITY BILL ALERT!**

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2010. To avoid having your water turned off payment should be received by January 25, 2010. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by mail, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the right of the front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order, or cashier check. The next utility bills will be mailed around April 1, 2010 and will be due in full by April 25, 2010.

### **Tax Sale Reminder**

The 2009 - 2010 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 were due in full by December 31, 2009 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.

**Town of Denton  
410-479-2050**

#### **2010 Utility Billing Schedule**

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
October - December	12/30/2009	1/25/2010	1/28/2010	2/5/2010
January - March	3/31/2010	4/25/2010	4/28/2010	5/6/2010
April - June	6/30/2010	7/25/2010	7/28/2010	8/5/2010
July - September	9/30/2010	10/25/2010	10/28/2010	11/5/2010

#### **March - April 2010 ISSUE DEADLINE...**

*Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: [lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com) or fax: 410-479-3534 by **February 16, 2010**.  
Thank you.*



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

*Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050*

# Calendar of Events

## January

### 1st - Happy New Year!



### 8th - Pit Beef & Pork BBQ

10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Home for Hospice, Denton. Help support the Caroline Home for Hospice by pre-ordering your lunch. \$8 includes sandwich, chips and soda. Pre order at 410-479-3500 or by email [chfassistant1@aol.com](mailto:chfassistant1@aol.com).

### 8th- John Jorgenson's Quintet.

Free, 7 p.m., Central Library, Denton. The "King of Strings" performs Gypsy Jazz from Django Reinhardt & the "Hot Club of France" to originals & classics of the 30's.

### 9th- 2nd Saturdays at The Foundry.

Free, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 401 Market St., Denton. Watch local artists demonstrate their talents.

### 12th - Coffee & Conversation, Book Club Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Central Library, Denton.

Join us for coffee and a lively group discussion of the month's book. Pick up a copy of the book for extended loan at the Central Library. Avid readers are sure to share their recommendations for other good reads. Meets in the small meeting room.



### 15th - Friday Nites in Caroline - The Gothic Poe. Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton.

**16th- 2nd Story Live Concert- The Shoremen** 7:30 p.m. Central Library, Denton. Admission \$10; students \$5: \$1 discount for members. The Shoremen play a powerful style of traditional bluegrass with strong harmonies, impeccable rhythm and overall musicianship that put this band in a class of their own.

### 16th- 8th Annual Short Story Contest Entry Deadline 5 p.m.

### 22nd- Friday Nites in Caroline Cabaret Night with Holly Lane & the Shore Trio.

Free, 7 p.m. Central Library Denton. From 15 years of singing in jazz clubs in Paris, Holly grabs the mike with "Melt Your Troubles Away", "La Vie En Rose" & much more!

### 23rd- 9th Annual Robert Burns Supper.

6 p.m. Caroline Country Club, Denton.

Celebrating the life and works of the great Scottish hero and poet Robert Burns. The evening will include traditional toasts, poetry, music, Scottish wit, a four course buffet and,



of course, Haggis. Call 410-479-1009 for tickets and info.

### 27th - Puppet Show - Three Billy Goats Gruff.

10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 0-5 years old Central Library, Denton. Puppet Show presentation and a craft Large Meeting Room.

### 29th - Chicken Dinners

12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Home for Hospice, Denton. Help support the Caroline Home for Hospice by pre-ordering your chicken dinner. Available by pre-order for pick up on this day. \$10 dinners include 1/2 chicken, baked beans, potato salad and dinner roll. Call 410-479-3500 or email [chfassistant1@aol.com](mailto:chfassistant1@aol.com)

### 29th- Friday Nites in Caroline Performing Artist Showcase. Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton.



Enjoy the talents of our very own Caroline County performing artists.

TAX ASSISTANCE

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FOR MORE DETAILS.

## February

**3rd, 10th, 17th, - Baby Steps Storytime & Giant Steps Storytime.** 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Central Library, Denton. 30 minutes of stories, songs and a craft for children ages Newborn - 2 yrs. and their parent and/or caregiver.

**5th - Friday Nites in Caroline Bay Country Chorus** Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton. Barbershop Harmony.

### 9th - Coffee & Conversation

10:30 a.m. Central Library, Denton.

Join us for coffee and a lively group discussion of the month's book. Pick up a copy of the book for extended loan at the Central Library. Avid readers are sure to share their recommendations for other good reads. Meets in the small meeting room.



**12th - Friday Nites in Caroline-UMES Jazz**

Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton.

Dr. John R. Lamkin directs the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore jazz band.

### 13th - 2nd Saturdays at The Foundry

Free, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. 401 Market St., Denton.

Watch local artists demonstrate their talents .

### 14th - Happy Valentines Day



### 19th - Friday Nites in Caroline- Jay Smar

Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton. Singin', Fiddlin', & Flat Footin' Coal mining and mountain music from Pennsylvania.

### 24th - Puppet Show - Three Little Pigs

10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 0-5 years old Central Library, Denton. Puppet Show presentation and a craft Large Meeting Room.

**26th- Friday Nites in Caroline - Blues & Jazz by Lafayette Gilchrist**

Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton. From NYC's Birdland to the Banlieues Blues Festival in Paris, his solo pieces on the grand piano are a hit!

- Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

[www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org)

- Caroline Co. Public Library

# 410-479-1343

[www.caro.lib.md.us/library](http://www.caro.lib.md.us/library)

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

[www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org)

# Denton Police Department . . .

## Winter Season Property Damage

With colder weather come unique concerns for potential property damage.

Winter weather can cause major property losses from not only storm activity, but also the impairment of normal public services and other necessary operations. Drifting snow can adversely affect the structural integrity of buildings if permitted to accumulate. Ice storms are also common to the entire state of Maryland. Collapse of structures is the most common problem with accumulation of ice and snow load; frozen and burst plumbing and the resulting water damage account for the greatest number of claims when severe cold temperatures occur.

### Pre-Event Actions:

Buildings should not only be designed to withstand normally anticipated snow/ice loads, but also loads that could very well exceed general historical levels. This would also apply to building modifications such as additions or add-ons, which may create parapet walls or roof elevation changes where snow/ice loads and the action of drifting snow were not considered in the design.

Emergency power equipment should be available to provide backup utility services, operate pumps, and maintain fire protection systems; U.L. approved portable heating devices can be used to keep water lines from freezing and to maintain space heating needs in critical areas.

Building Insulation should be adequate for the cold weather. Heating systems should be properly designed and of adequate size and serviced annually to make sure of their reliability in the event of extremely cold weather. If the structure is one that is used seasonally and is not used during the winter months make sure that it is properly winterized, plumbing drained, and other systems decommissioned for the cold weather.

Materials such as posts, lumber, plywood, plastic sheets, and tarpaulins should be available to make temporary structural bracing and emergency repairs. Tree branches that overhang power lines should be trimmed and removed.

Personnel should be trained and assigned to handle emergency operations including the placement of temporary structural supports, removing snow/ice accumulations, and operating emergency equipment.

### Post-Event Actions:

Salvage and clean-up operations should be started and building protection should be restored to full and proper operation.

Damaged areas should be isolated and temporary repairs completed. Cover any building opening caused by the storm event to minimize further damage from weather. Emergency repairs should be implemented as soon as possible.

If Cold Weather Property Damage Does Occur:

- Buildings should be inspected to insure their structural soundness.
- Heating systems should be serviced and operating properly.
- Seasonal structures should be properly winterized.
- Emergency equipment should be ready to provide backup utility services.
- Over hanging tree limbs should be removed.
- Personnel should be trained and assigned in case of a winter emergency.
- Emergency repairs should be implemented as soon as possible.
- Cover any opening caused by storm damage.
- Use temporary heat as needed to avoid additional freezing damage.
- Report the event as soon as possible to LGIT.
- Make note of important information for your insurer.

## Talking to Your Teen About Drugs

Have you talked to your teen about staying away from drugs? Here are some tips to help you begin your conversation.

Research shows that better skills can decrease conflict, increase influence, and produce more successful conversations with your teen around important issues like drug and alcohol use.

Here are some specific skills parents can implement when tackling the topic of drug use with their teens:

### KEEP YOUR BEST MOTIVES IN MIND.

When we feel upset, we become angry or fearful, and as a result our motives change. Without realizing it, we begin to focus on punishing, being right, or keeping the peace rather than healthy problem solving. Before talking to your teenager about drugs, pause for a moment and ask the focusing question: What do I really want? This pause can help you get your motives in check and move from simply “keeping the peace” through silence to being a powerful influence on your teen.

### CONFRONT WITH FACTS, NOT JUDGEMENTS.

When you present the facts, you obligate your teen to respond to the information. When you use judgments or accusatory language, it appears you intend simply to humiliate or punish, and your teen feels no obligation to engage in the conversation. Replace, “You’re a liar, and I won’t stand for this,” with “Over the past week I’ve noticed alcohol missing from the garage refrigerator. Your dad and I haven’t moved it or drunk it. I just looked there a few days ago, so it must have disappeared recently. As far as I know you are the only one who has been at home.”

### MAKE IT SAFE

Teens may become defensive

during your crucial conversations less because of what you’re saying than because of why they think you’re saying it. Here are three steps to help them feel safe in the conversation:

- State what you don’t intend and what you do intend: “I want to reassure you that I have no desire to make your decisions for you, or to cut you off from having a happy life. I want to be supportive of you, and I want to influence choices you might make that I believe will hurt you.”
- Be flexible about when you talk, but not about whether you talk. Control is a huge issue for teens. Sometimes parents provoke an unnecessary confrontation by demanding that conversations be on their terms and their timeframe. It’s best to try to engage your child in dialogue by respecting their preferences about when to talk. “I’d like to talk openly with you about your concerns and mine. I’m interested in hearing your views even if we disagree. Is now a good time to do that or would it be better later? And if later, when would be good for you?”

Respecting your teen’s timetable for talking does not mean you are no longer the parent. If they don’t want to talk now, show respect by being flexible—within reason. If your teen just doesn’t want to talk at all—help him or her understand why talking is required. “I understand that you don’t want to talk right now. I also know that you intend to go to a party tonight where I have reason to believe there might be bad influences. If we can’t talk before then, I’ll need to decide how to deal with the party tonight on my own. If we can talk before then, it will give me a chance to hear your point of view. What would you

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## Denton Police Department

410-479-1414 \* tips@todpolice.com \* www.dentonmdpolice.com

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prefer we do?"

• Create a "safety reserve" by creating safety even when there are no problems. Communicating respect, praising small positive signs, "catching" them when they're being good, and showing an interest in your teen's life will help him or her feel much safer talking to you when problems emerge.

**DISCUSS, AGREE ON, AND STICK WITH BOUNDARIES.**

If you talk about rules around curfews, choice of friends, and your expectations of knowing where your teen is before he or she is tempted to make bad choices, it is much easier to enforce them later. Then when boundaries are violated, hold your teen accountable consistently. If it's a boundary, it should always be a boundary.

**EVALUATE THE DIALOGUE.**

You're aiming for a two-way,

face-to-face conversation that gives your teen room to disagree with you and communicate a different point-of-view. After the conversation, ask yourself who did most of the talking. If your teen didn't do at least 25 percent of it, you didn't ask enough questions—or didn't create enough safety to allow your teen to participate fully.

For more information on how to hold crucial conversations about drugs with your teen, visit [www.crucialconversations.com/anti-drug](http://www.crucialconversations.com/anti-drug).

For more information about the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, visit [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com) or call 1-800-788-2800

*How to hold a conversation about drugs with your teenager by Joseph Grenny, author of the New York Times bestseller Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High.*

**Caroline Coalition, from front page**

Bishop. "Our youth are our future and our most valuable resource. We seek to partner with parents and other stakeholders like the kids themselves, schools, communities of faith and businesses so that we put our kids in the best position possible to succeed and be happy, productive, healthy adults," she adds.

Among the coalition's accomplishments over the past year are:

• Conducting 43 compliance checks of businesses selling/serving alcohol, and citing four businesses for providing alcohol to minors.

• Receiving 15 calls on the confidential TIPS LINE, one of which resulted in an adult being charged for providing alcohol to under aged youth.

• Advocacy work on a possible county 'social hosting' ordinance, including conducting a survey to measure community perception of this issue and need for such an ordinance. Of the 149

people surveyed 85 percent thought that social hosting was a problem and 79.5 percent said they would support a social hosting ordinance.

• Conducting 11 sessions of TIPS (Training in Intervention ProcedureS) to alcohol licensees and employees with 94 individuals receiving alcohol server/seller certification.

• Hosting two youth events that were planned and hosted by youth coalition members. In June a 'Techno Dance Party' was

presented and in October a 'Masquerade' dance was held. More than 90 middle and

high school age youth attended the events which were planned in partnership with Caroline County Recreation & Parks at the General James F. Fretterd Community Center in Denton.

• Partnering with Planned Parenthood of Maryland to host a Dodge Ball Tournament, which more than 65 youth attended.

• Partnering with Caroline County District Court to provide

an alcohol education (AlcoholEdu) online program as a consequence for 18-20 year olds cited for underage possession of alcohol. To date 11 referrals have been made and eight individuals have completed the program.

• Conducting a variety of community outreach and awareness efforts, including billboard and bus shelter advertising, radio commercials, newspaper display ads and tabling at Caroline Summerfest and school health fairs.

Plans for next year include providing more youth and adult events, community awareness programs and creating more opportunities for community members and businesses to collaborate to create a stronger, healthier Caroline County. "As we look to the coming year we invite

the community to join forces with the coalition so together we can help our youth understand that there are other choices, and to provide choices, such as positive events and activities," Bishop adds.

The Drug Free Caroline Coalition (formerly known as the Combating Underage Drinking Coalition) was formed in 1998. The coalition is funded by the Drug Free Communities Support Program through the Caroline County Health Department Prevention Office. In addition, the coalition is a non-profit organization under the Foundation for Community Partnerships, Inc. in Centreville. Its purpose is to empower and support youth to make positive, healthy and substance-free choices. For more information, call (410) 479-3501 or visit [www.drugfreecaroline.org](http://www.drugfreecaroline.org).

**Winter Haven, from front page**

(further known as CCDSS), Adult Services Unit, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays. Screening outside of these hours will be the responsibility of Winter Haven.

Winter Haven will be needing lots of volunteers to make the shelter a successful operation. Here are some of the jobs that need to be filled:

- 1. Evening and Overnight Supervisors
- 2. Meal Provision and Preparation
- 3. Laundry
- 4. Cleaning
- 5. Transportation.

Job descriptions and Volunteer applications can be found on the Winter Haven website at [www.winterhavencaroline.org](http://www.winterhavencaroline.org).

If you are interested in volunteering for one night, a week, or more, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Ria Cunfer at 443-448-4248.

You can also donate funds, needed supplies, or needed equipment. To get a list of supplies needed, call Sue Saathoff at 410-634-2226 or visit the Winter Haven website at [www.winterhavencaroline.org](http://www.winterhavencaroline.org). Currently they are happily accepting donations. If you would like to make a monetary gift to Winter Haven, send it to:

Winter Haven  
P.O. Box 57  
Greensboro, MD 21639

And, most of all, they need your prayers to ensure a successful endeavor.



**Caroline County Drug Task Force**

The Caroline County Drug Task Force is constantly working in our community to eliminate illegal drugs on our streets. But they can not do it alone, and they need our help. Please report suspected drug related activity to your local police at 410-479-1414 or to the Caroline County Drug Task Force at 410-479-TIPS (8477). You can remain anonymous if you wish to. Together we can make a difference and truly make Denton a place to call home!

 The block contains a yellow shield-shaped logo for the "CAROLINE COUNTY DRUG TASKFORCE" and a blue and yellow badge for the "DENTON POLICE" department, which is part of the "OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF CAROLINE COUNTY" and "EST. 1632".

# Planning and Codes . . .

## Sidewalk Snow Removal Reminder

The winter snow season is officially here. The Denton Housing Office would like to take this opportunity to remind you about sidewalk snow removal. Snow must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of the end of a snowstorm. Please clear the sidewalk fully and take appropriate precautions to prevent slips or falls.



Commercial and residential landlords please take note. The town ordinance holds property owners responsible for the clearing of sidewalks. Please plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October and December 2009:

- Town of Denton, 13 N. Third Street, Banner
- Hunt, 1143 Osprey Lane, Fence
- RKS Development, 860 S. 5th Avenue, Sign
- Manois, 217 Briarwood Circle, Renovation
- Schriver, 419 Wood Lane, Fence
- DiBlasi, 1111 Whistling Pine Road, Fence
- Woomer, 527 N. 6th Street, Accessory
- Hudson, 1110 Market Street, Renovation

- Dollar General, 866 S. 5th Street, Renovation
- Williams, 109 S. 6th Street, Roof
- B & B Market, 202 Market Street, Renovation
- Sefton, 200 S. 5th Avenue, Renovation
- Wilson, 1109 Weeping Willow Court, Fence
- Makovsky, 206 S. 7th Street, Roof
- Agapaloglou, 908 Market Street, Roof
- Crouch, 95 Walsh Way, Accessory
- Claytor, 119 Gay Street, Accessory
- Maldonado, 308 Kerr Avenue, Shed and Fence

## Environmental Backyard Makeovers Benefit our Waterways and Us

Whether you live on or near Maryland's waterways or simply enjoy fishing, swimming, or kayaking, what you do in your backyard can be important.

Maryland's waterways are a network of connected streams, wetlands, creeks and rivers. They are affected by everything that takes place on the land around them. Your backyard may be miles away from the closest river, but runoff from your house, driveway, and yard drains into a ditch, that leads to a stream, that empties into one of Maryland's rivers or bays.

Improving Maryland's waterways by reducing pollution and increasing habitat starts at home—in your own backyard. If your backyard is pretty basic, mostly grass with a few trees or shrubs, it could use a makeover! It's easy and fun to improve your backyard. The benefits include less maintenance, more wildlife, a more attractive landscape, and cleaner water!

Giving your backyard a "Bay Smart" makeover can start with eliminating areas of lawn and planting trees and shrubs instead. It is best to use plants that grow naturally in Maryland. These plants attract wildlife, survive well, and add beauty to your yard. Less lawn

means less lawn mowing and more time to relax on your deck or patio. Decks and patios can be "Bay Smart" too! Using pervious pavers and spaced decking reduces water pollution and maintains natural drainage.

Your backyard makeover can include other ideas that promote healthy waterways. Collecting runoff in rain barrels provides water for landscaping. Installing a "rain garden" helps runoff seep slowly into the soil rather than running off into a ditch or gutter that leads to a stream. The following pages include a variety of ideas that can be part of your "Bay Smart" makeover.

### Rain Gardens

Rain gardens are shallow depressions planted with a variety of plants that soak up rainwater and runoff from houses, roads, and walkways. The plants and soil in rain gardens keep polluted runoff from draining into waterways and let it seep slowly into the soil.

- Provide storage and treatment of stormwater runoff keeping it out of waterways
- Include trees, shrubs, and plants that take up nutrients
- Designed to infiltrate water within 24 hours
- Provide habitat for birds,

butterflies, and amphibians.

### Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are large containers placed under downspouts to collect runoff when it rains. Rain barrels can be both beautiful and functional. You can buy them at your local garden shop or building store. A hose connection on the rain barrel makes it easy to use the stored water.

- Available in many designs and styles
- Keep stormwater runoff on site and out of waterways
- Store water that can be used for watering trees, shrubs, and landscape plants
- Designed with overflow valves for heavy rains.

### Pervious Materials

Building materials like porous pavers and spaced wood decking are great for outdoor spaces. They allow rain to pass through them and soak into the soil. This means less water running off the land, which can cause erosion and carry pollutants to creeks and rivers.

- Pavers sold in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors, and designs
- Allow water to infiltrate, reducing runoff
- Water permeates the soil and contributes to groundwater

recharge

- Easy to install and replace.

### Easy Care Lawns

Keeping your lawn small means more space for natural areas in your backyard. This provides habitat for a variety of species and helps them stay healthy. Small lawns require less fertilizer and chemicals. This means fewer pollutants ending up in Maryland's waterways and cleaner water for fishing and swimming.

- Small lawn areas minimize mowing and maintenance
- Mulching mowers use grass clippings to retain moisture and provide nutrients
- Soil testing targets fertilization
- Native grass and wildflower areas enhance habitat.

### Wildlife Habitat

It's easy and fun to make your backyard a great home for wildlife. Providing food, water, and cover will encourage squirrels, rabbits, birds, butterflies, frogs, and turtles to use your backyard. Dead trees, piles of brush, and seedheads are important to wildlife, so it is good to leave them.

- Birdhouses and feeders bring birds to your yard
- Leaving areas "natural"

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provides habitat

- Downed woody debris provides cover for small animals
- Wildlife use native plant communities for food, cover, and rearing young.

**Native Plants**

Planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers can put the finishing touch on your backyard. Native plants grow naturally in Maryland, so they are hardy and easy to grow. There are many species to choose from, so it is easy to find the size, structure, texture, and color that will make your backyard beautiful! • Naturally adapted to soil and climate conditions of the Coastal Plain

- Generally pest and disease

resistant

- Can be aesthetically pleasing and provide structural diversity
- Many perennial species spread easily, but are not invasive

Marylanders can track bay restoration progress at [www.green.maryland.gov](http://www.green.maryland.gov).

The above information has been taken directly from the "Backyard Makeover" pdf created by the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays, Adkins Arboretum, and the Shore Land Stewardship Council and can be accessed on the Denton website at [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) under NEWS.

# CAROLINE SUMMERFEST

## AUGUST 20 & 21 2010



## If I Were Mayor Essay Contest

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) wants to hear your ideas! Our statewide essay contest for 4th graders - "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." - lets you tell others about how you would use volunteers in your community. Be creative with your ideas!

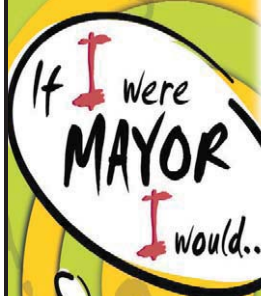
One winning essay will be selected from each of MML's 11 regional districts. Winners will each receive \$100 and a special citation from the Governor's Office. Sometime during the month of May, the 11 winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

Anniversary of the Contest, one grand prize winner will be selected from among the 11 regional winners and will receive special recognition at the Annapolis Awards Ceremony and during MML's annual educational convention in Ocean City, Maryland.


Get an entry form from your teacher, city/town hall, or download a form from MML's website: [www.mdmunicipal.org](http://www.mdmunicipal.org)

Essay application and information are included on this page.

Please note, this contest is not affiliated with any county Public School System in Maryland



# Enter MML's 2010 Mayor's Contest!



Being mayor is a big job and city and town governments often rely on community volunteers to help provide services and improve the lives of their citizens.

Becoming a community volunteer is a great way for citizens to learn about their local government, practice teamwork, and discover that they have talents and abilities that can be used to help make their city or town a better place to live, work, and play.

Contest Theme: Using Community Volunteers

**Look around your community. If you were mayor:**

1. How would you get citizens to volunteer?
2. What jobs would you give them and why?
3. In what way would you thank your volunteers that would also encourage them to volunteer again in the future?

### Contest Rules

- ✦ The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2009-2010 school year.
- ✦ Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."
- ✦ Essays may not exceed 275 words.
- ✦ Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- ✦ Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.
- ✦ Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays.
- ✦ Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2010. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2010.
- ✦ Sometime during the month of May, the 11 regional winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis. In honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Contest, one grand prize winner will be selected from among the 11 regional winners and will receive special recognition at the Annapolis Awards Ceremony and during MML's annual educational convention in Ocean City, Maryland!

### Official Entry Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(For teachers' use only)

# Denton Public Works . . .

## It's Snow Plowing Season

Planning for a winter storm event can be difficult. The variations in the rate of snowfall, moisture content, air/surface temperatures, time of day, and wind velocity make each storm unique. Public Works crews need your cooperation to effectively clear our streets after a snowstorm. If at all possible, residents should wait until the storm has passed and roads are passable to venture out.



To achieve the best possible results in the most efficient manner from the Department, residents are asked to remove their parked vehicles, trailers, and boats from all Town streets if possible. This will allow snow plows an opportunity to clear the streets with fewer passes, improve accessibility, and minimize damage to private vehicles, thereby saving both time and money.

Streets in Denton are prioritized into four categories for snow and ice events. Priority One streets are designated snow emergency routes that must be kept open at all times. Snow plowing begins when the accumulation of snow in the streets exceeds approximately two inches and snow continues to fall. The street accumulation is generally independent of the total accumulation of snow in the area. All Priority One streets are plowed before proceeding to any other areas.

Plowing of Priority Two streets will begin when accumulations of snow on the streets exceed approximately two inches and after all Priority One streets have been plowed. Plowing operations will begin on Priority Three streets and public parking lots after the completion of plowing operations on snow emergency routes. Sand is normally applied to hilly areas/intersections as needed.

Winter Tips:

If driving cannot be avoided

when a snow emergency is declared, allow extra time to get to your destination. When roadways are icy or snow covered, you should never expect to drive as you would during clear weather or on dry road surfaces. Increase following distance between your vehicle and others on the road. Remember that bridges and ramps freeze first and may be especially difficult to navigate.

Do not abandon your vehicle. If your car breaks down, move your vehicle as far off the road as possible and lift the hood. Try to leave a distress signal, such as a scarf, hanging from the window.

To assure good visibility, try to remove all ice and snow from the windows, wipers, mirrors, and lights of your car. Remove snow and ice from the front grill, hood, and roof of your vehicle to reduce the chance of snow flying off of your vehicle while driving.

When shoveling snow from your driveway, shovel to the right when facing the street. You do not want to shovel the snow onto an area that will simply be plowed back onto the driveway after the plows come through. The shoveled snow should not be stacked over the ends of culverts or catch basins. Thawing snow could overload the drainage facilities and cause local flooding.

The Town of Denton will use a variety of means to communicate snow and ice control information. Public service



announcements will be made on local radio stations or you can log on to the Department's website at [www.dentonpublicworks.com](http://www.dentonpublicworks.com).

## Caroline Hospice Foundation

Do you have your Memorial Bear? The Caroline Hospice Foundation offers Memorial Bears which are custom made keepsake teddy bears made from a special piece of clothing from your loved one. The bears are meant to comfort and provide a cherished memory for a lifetime. Contact the Hospice Foundation for information on how to get your Memorial Bear created.



Does your club or organization need a special guest speaker? Linda Evans, Executive Director of Caroline Hospice, will gladly speak to your group at no charge. Her topic is "Information about Caroline Hospice, a caring place." Interested groups should contact Linda at the Caroline Home for Hospice at 410-479-3500.

The following are upcoming events in support of Caroline Hospice:

### JANUARY

**9** - Anniversary Ball. Cocktail hour 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m., dancing at 8 p.m.

**26 & 27** - Volunteer Training Part 1 & 2. 4pm - 8pm. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Denton.

### FEBRUARY

**2nd & 3rd** - Volunteer Training Part 1 & 2. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Denton.

**13** - Valentine's Day with Patti's Petals. Send a valentine to your loved one.

*For more information on any of these events, please call the Caroline County Hospice Foundation at 410-479-3500.*

# Diabetes Prevention Program Weight Loss Classes

Learn about healthy eating and making physical activity part of your lifestyle

Classes are on Tuesday's starting Jan.5 10 -11 at the Choptank Health Center in Goldsboro

Or

Thursday's starting Jan.7, 2:30 -3:30 at the Caroline County Health Department

Classes are free & run for 12 weeks.

Please register by Calling the Caroline County Health Department  
410-479-8007



## Denton Main Street . . .

### 3rd Annual Miracle on Market Street a Great Success



Visitors to Miracle on Market Street gather around the Foundry building to sing Christmas carols.

Downtown Denton Main Street, the Caroline Office of Tourism, and the Caroline County Council of Arts would like to thank all of the individuals and businesses that assisted in making Miracle on Market Street a great success.

The event, which drew more than 400 people and included Downtown Denton's Decorated Holiday Window Contest, a Gingerbread House Contest, Holiday Hayrides, caroling and more, was made possible through the contributions of the following sponsors: PNC Bank, Denton Ace Hardware, Blue Print Home Inspections, The John Hobson Foundation for Youth, Inc., Cindy Draper & Associates, Holsinger & Higgins, and Wright Real Estate.

The winner of this year's Decorated Holiday Window contest was The Foundry, which was decorated as "Winter Wonderland" by Danielle Darling. The Second

Place Prize was awarded to Cindy Draper & Associates, whose theme was, "Joy to the World." Third Place went to the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce with the theme "I'll Be Home For Christmas." The People's Choice Award was given to PNC Bank for "The Night Before Christmas." Abbey Price was the winner of the Holiday Window Ballot.

In the Gingerbread House Contest, the Thomas Family won the Most Energy Efficient category. The Hulse and Lance Family won the Most Cavity Inducing category. The Downtown Denton Dream Home category was won by the Cowgill Family. The Thomas Family won the Best Denton Replica, and the People's Choice Award went to David Kneller and Russell Lease.

The winners of this year's Coloring Contest were Savannah, Ryan H. and Wyatt Schultz.



## What is a CSA

The Community Support Agriculture is a great way to meet the people that grow the food you take home to your family.

Our CSA consists of 18 weeks of "membership" beginning the second week in

June each year:

**Full-share:** 10-12 lbs of vegetables and fruit per week. 5-7 items per week is a \$400 membership fee.

**Half-Share:** 5-7 lbs of vegetables and fruit per week. 5-7 items per week is a \$200 membership fee.

**Fruit Only Share:** 12 weeks beginning the first week in July. 8-10 lbs of fruit per week. Is a \$200 membership fee.

There are limited memberships at each distribution site. To hold a membership we will accept a deposit of \$100. This is non-refundable. The total membership fee is due before March 1, 2010. If full payment is received by December 15, 2009 you will receive your Blades Orchard reusable shopping bag just in time for Christmas. CSA makes a great Christmas gift, too!

#### Distribution Sites:

St. Michaels on Saturday, Easton on Saturday, Denton on Tuesday, Cambridge on Thursday, Federalsburg (at the orchard) on Wednesday.

Members receive fresh vegetables and fruit weekly. Each distribution site will be open for 2 hours, between 4p.m. and 6 p.m. on the above mentioned weekdays and 9a.m. to 11a.m. on Saturdays in St. Michaels and Easton .

At the end of each distribution, all shares remaining will immediately be donated to a local food bank. The share will vary depending on the harvest available on any given day.

The CSA is a joint venture between you and the farmer. The risk is shared among us all.

My goal is to make every year a great year. We work tirelessly to insure a crop that you will enjoy feeding your family and one that is abundant with fresh vegetables and fruit.

You will receive recipes for the various items in your bag and a list of each item and quantity receive.

We strongly encourage volunteering, but is not required by our CSA. At the distribution sites we will ask members to "sign-up" to man the distribution site once during the season.

Each day of distribution we will harvest in the morning and welcome all helping hands at the Orchard.

What about that "Fruit Only Share"? This year we are offering this share in partnership with Seaberry Farm of Caroline County, First Fruits Orchard of Caroline County, and Boyle Bee Farm. Between the four of us we offer:

Peaches, apples, blueberries, blackberries, grapes, watermelon, cantaloupe, gourmet melons, honey, and preserves made from these fruits.

Our goal is to keep our orchard as "clean" as possible. To that end, we use Integrated Pest Management. WE ARE NOT AN ORGANIC ORCHARD, just in case you were wondering.

Our family eats the fresh vegetables and fruit we produce here, so we have the same concerns for our safety as you have for your family.

We hand-pick every piece of fruit and every vegetable that we bring to

you.

Please join us as we start our second year of CSA. For more information visit our website at [www.bladesorchard.com](http://www.bladesorchard.com).



## Census 2010 Now Hiring

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities.

Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Hundreds of thousands are needed for temporary jobs.

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking. Hundreds of thousands of census takers

are needed nationwide to help locate households and conduct brief personal interviews with residents. Most positions require a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle. However, use of public transportation may be authorized in certain areas. Your community is counting on you.

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau takes a snapshot of our population, determining how many people reside within the nation's borders, who they are, and where they live. The results help determine your representation in government, as well as how federal funds are spent in your community on things like roads, parks, housing, schools, and public safety. As a census taker, you'll play a vital role in making sure that everyone is counted.

Census takers work in their own communities: locating households, explaining the purpose of the census, conducting brief personal interviews, helping neighbors complete their 2010 Census questionnaire, and recording responses on paper forms.

This means you will be required to work when most people are typically at home, which includes evening and weekend hours.

The 2010 Census offers excellent opportunities for:

- Full-Time Workers
- Retirees
- Job Seekers
- Students and Grads
- Community Leaders

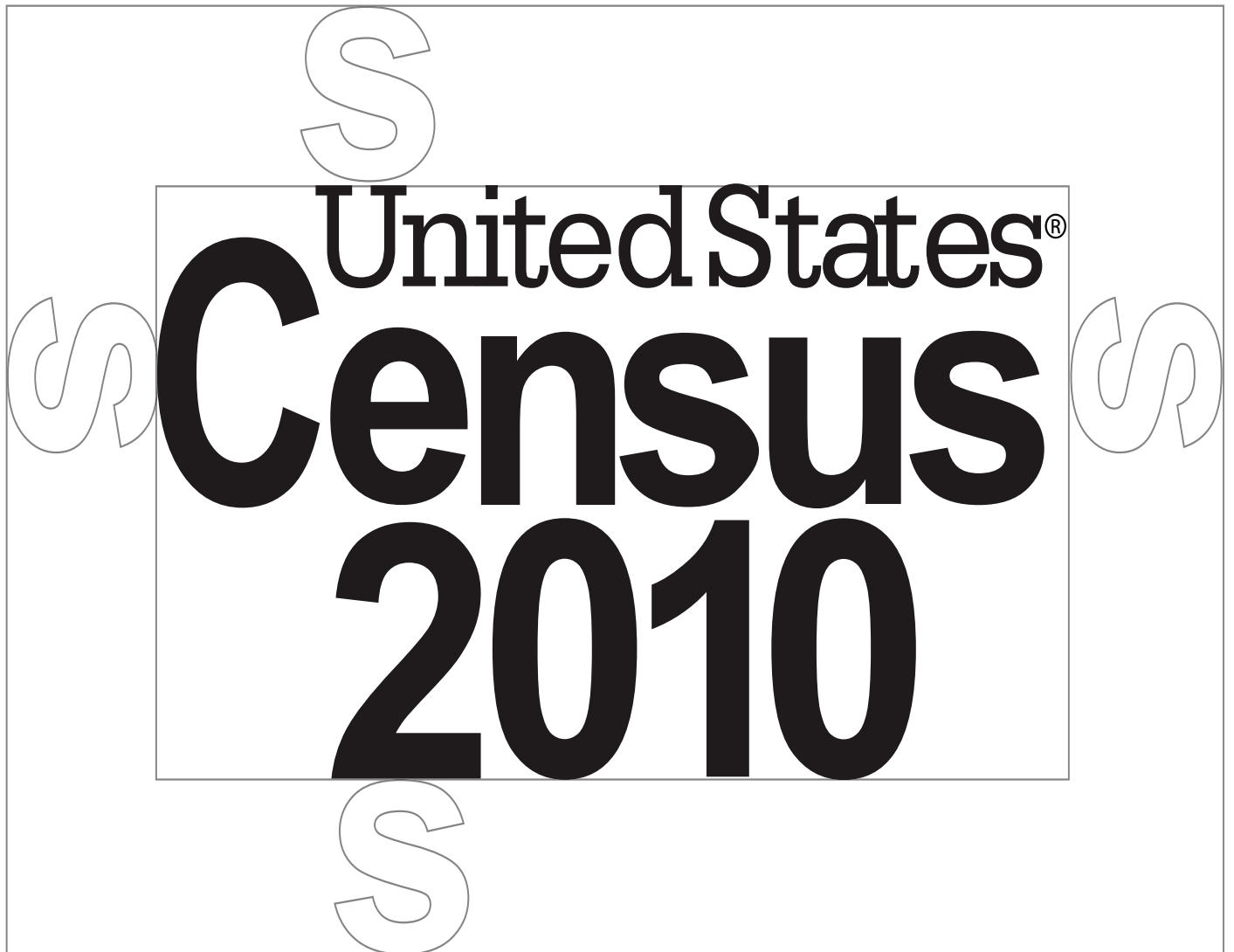
Being a census taker is an exceptional opportunity to earn good pay in a temporary, part-time

job, and at the same time help your community.

Opportunities like this don't come along every day. Check the Census website for additional information at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

Bilingual speakers are encouraged to apply. All census takers must be able to speak English, but people who have bilingual skills are needed in communities where a large number of residents primarily speak other languages. If you have the appropriate language skills and cultural knowledge to communicate well in your community, we encourage you to apply.

Apply today by contacting your Local Census Office or by calling 1-866-861-2010 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).



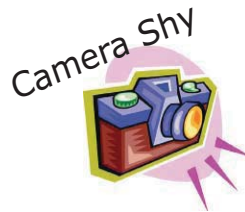
# 2009 Holiday Window Displays, Songs and Stories of the Season



1st Place

**CCCA Foundry Building**  
"Winter Wonderland"

2nd Place



**Cindy Draper and Associates**  
"Joy to the World"

3rd Place



**Caroline Co. Chamber of Commerce**  
"I'll Be Home for Christmas"



Peoples Choice

**Awards Engraving**  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"



**PNC Bank**  
"The Night Before Christmas"



**Champion Realty**  
"Home for the Holidays"



**Black Anchor Tattoo**  
"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"



**Defining Moments Hair Salon**  
"White Christmas"



**Times Record**  
"Frosty the Snowman"



**Leslie Merriken**  
"Rudolph the Red Nosed Raindeer"



**Market Street Public House**  
"Jingle Bell Rock"



**Denise Quinn & Betty Ballas**  
"Christmas in Kilarney"



Ummu Thomas  
"Silver Bells"



Energy in Progress  
"Feliz Navidad"



Smiles by Holsinger & Higgins  
"All I Want for Christmas is my 2 Front Teeth"



Times Record & Caroline Tourism  
"Mele Kalikimaka"



Patti's Petals  
"Blue Christmas"



Denton Ace Hardware  
"Grandma Got Ran Over By a Reindeer"

## 2009 Denton Holiday Parade Highlight parade photos courtesy of Kathy Mackel



"The Grinch" by Envoy of Denton



Choptank Electric "Mini Van"



U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps



Silver Steppers "Christmas Horses"



# Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

**#591** – An Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to parking standards for simplified site plans in the Central Business District Commercial. Introduced 10/5/09, Adopted 11/2/09, became effective 11/12/09.

**Ordinance #592** – An Ordinance extending the current moratorium on the processing and approval of any residential floating zone, major subdivision, and any site plan which would permit development of more than three (3) residential dwelling units until June 30, 2010, pending consideration and adoption of a revised comprehensive plan and such other legislation as the Town Council may consider advisable to promote public health, safety and welfare. Introduced 10/5/09, Adopted 11/2/09, became effective 11/12/09.

**Ordinance #593** – An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the Town of Denton to apply an original zoning classification of HC (Highway

Commercial) to four parcels of land annexed into the Town of Denton located on the north side of the Town on the south side of Harpers Branch Road, and the northwest side of Maryland Route 313, in the third election district, Caroline County, Maryland and consisting of 25.35 acres of land, more or less. Introduced 10/5/09, Adopted 11/2/09, became effective 12/17/09.

**Ordinance #594** – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to signs. Introduced 11/2/09, adoption has been deferred until Feb. 1, 2010.

**Ordinance 595** - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the zoning ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to the critical area program procedures for lot consolidation and reconfiguration. Introduced 12/7/2009, will be considered for adoption on 1/4/2010.

**Ordinance #596** – An Ordinance of

the Town of Denton granting deed of preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust for property located at 512 Franklin St. Introduced 12/7/2009, will be considered for adoption on 1/4/2010.

**Resolution #720** – A Resolution of the Denton Town Council to annex certain lands located on the north side of the Town of Denton on the south side of Harpers Branch Road, and the northwest side of Maryland Route 313, in the third election district, Caroline County Maryland and consisting of 25.35 acres of land, more

or less and to provide for the terms and conditions of the annexation to the Town of Denton. Introduced 9/14/09 and to be considered for adoption on 11/2/09.

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office of 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 pickup 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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**TAX ASSISTANCE  
AT THE LIBRARY**



*Do you need a hand preparing your taxes? If so the Central Library in Denton will have Tax Assistance available to you. Tax Assistance will be held in the Large Meeting Room. For more information and to make an appointment, please call AARP Tax Assistance, 410-479-1343 ext. 2.*

**FEBRUARY**  
12pm 2, 9, 16, 23.



**MARCH**  
12pm 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.  
4:30p.m. 1.

**APRIL**  
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