



# Denton Town News

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**FREE**

## YMCA Opens in Denton



*Patrons enjoy a good workout at the new Caroline County YMCA facility located in the Denton Plaza Shopping Center.*

The Caroline County YMCA opened in Denton on November 6. This new facility is a branch of the YMCA of the Chesapeake, which also has locations in Easton, St. Michaels and the pool at Chesapeake College. The Y is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster opportunities for individuals, families and community that strengthen healthy spirit, mind and body, with Christian Principles as their foundation.

This family-friendly organization offers memberships for families, couples, adults, seniors, college students and teens. At the Denton location, you will find over 30 pieces of cardiovascular equipment with personal viewing screens, a circuit of state of the art Cybex Strength Training Equipment, a free weight area, a youth room complete with Wii games, ping pong and computer work stations, a child watch area and two group exercise rooms. Over 25 group exercise classes are included in the membership offering something

for every fitness level. Monthly family programs provide a chance for everyone to get out and have some fun. The YMCA is also a great place to get involved in the community through programs and volunteer opportunities.

Through the Annual Strong Kids Campaign, the YMCA of the Chesapeake is committed to making sure that no one in the community is denied the opportunity to share in the YMCA experience due to an inability to pay. From youth and family programs to wellness and enrichment classes, the Y provides financial assistance to those who would otherwise be turned away.

Since the Y's opening just a little over a month ago, over 870 individuals have become members. According to the YMCA staff, this reflects the community's desire to lead a healthier lifestyle and be active in an organization which has positively impacted communities for over 160 years.

For more information, please go to [carolineY.org](http://carolineY.org)

## Pedestrian Pathway Grant Award

The Town of Denton has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the ArtsWay Pedestrian Pathways project. Located within the Fourth Street Redevelopment area, this project will enhance Denton's State designated Arts and Entertainment District through the installation of new pathways, lighting, signage, public access to arts buildings, and public outdoor venue space.

The Fourth Street Redevelopment Project is a Denton Development Corporation initiative which involves the acquisition, rehabilitation, and adaptive re-use of existing and relocated historic structures for artisan small business entities between Market and Gay Streets in Denton, Maryland. The project is strategically located in Denton's Main Street, Arts & Entertainment, National Historic, and Central Business Districts. Utilizing the arts as an economic revitalization tool, this venture encourages community investment and fosters the success of Denton's business district.

In 2009 a cornerstone property in the ArtsWay was rehabilitated and transformed into the Caroline County Council of Arts' headquarters. This building now houses a thriving art gallery, The Foundry, and displays work from over local 30 artists. A variety of community events are consistently held in the building. Rehabilitation of the next two structures in the ArtsWay is also underway.

The Denton grant is a portion of the \$4.25 million in Community Legacy program awards given to more than three dozen

municipalities and community groups around the state for revitalization projects. Community Legacy provides flexible funding to local governments and community development organizations for essential revitalization projects in existing communities through activities that expand neighborhood business and job development, homeownership investment, commercial revitalization, and other activities that support Governor Martin O'Malley's Smart Green & Growing initiative.

"It's been said that Maryland is America in miniature and one of the greatest things about our state is how we are bound together by a fabric of distinct towns and communities," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "The Community Legacy program allows us to enhance these areas in responsible and sustainable ways that encourage the expansion of economic opportunities for businesses there while continuing to provide a high quality of life for families that call these communities home."

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## *Town Calendar*

### Town Council Meeting

**7 p.m. at Police Department**

January 3  
February 7

### Planning Commission

**Meeting 6 p.m. at Police  
Department**

January 25  
February 22

### Historic Review Meeting

**6 p.m. at Denton Town  
Office**

January 19  
February 16

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

January 13  
February 10

### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed  
on the following days:

January 17  
February 21

### 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](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)

## Tax Sale Reminder

The 2010 - 2011 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, 2010 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.

### UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around December 30, 2010. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by January 25, 2011. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.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, 2011 and will be due in full by April 25, 2011.

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

#### 2011 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	09/30/2010	10/25/2010	10/25/2010	11/05/2010
October - December	12/30/2010	01/25/2011	01/25/2011	02/07/2011
January - March	03/31/2011	04/25/2011	04/25/2011	05/05/2011
April - June	06/30/2011	07/25/2011	07/25/2011	08/05/2011

### March - April 2011 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 10, 2010.  
Thank you.



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

*Denton Public Works*  
410-479-2050

# Calendar of Events

## January

### 4 thru Feb 24 - Youth Wrestling

\$49. NCHS Auxiliary Gym Ages 9-11, 6p.m.-7p.m./ Ages 11-14, 7p.m.-8p.m. Hands on program designed to teach young wrestlers the fundamentals of collegiate style wrestling. Gain practical experience and get into shape. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

### 7 - Otaku Club

7:00p.m. Central Library, Denton. Come, hang out, have a snack and watch anime straight from Japan. Teens only 13-18. Anime rated PG-13.

### 8 - 2nd Saturday at the Foundry

Free. 2p.m.-4p.m. 401 Market St. Local Artist will demonstrate their craft. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

### 12 thru March 2 - Shore Kids Yoga

Fretterd Comm. Ctr. 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (ages 2-4) . or 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. (ages 8 yrs and up). \$39. Roar like a lion, fly like a butterfly or become a strong tree while going on a yoga journey. Children will learn relaxation techniques to carry with them for life. Call 410-479-8120 to

register.

**13 - 9th Annual Short Story Contest Entry Deadline 8p.m.** Entry forms available at any Caroline Co. Library branch.

**15 - 2nd Story Live presents Burning Bridget Cleary.** 7:30p.m. Central Library. Admission \$10/Students \$5/ CCCA members \$1 discount.

**17 - Town Office Closed**

**19 - Baby Steps Storytime**

10:15a.m. & 11a.m. Central Library, Denton. Storytime & craft program for ages birth to 2 yrs and caregivers. Call Library for details.

**19 - Giant Steps Storytime**

10:15a.m. & 11a.m. Central Library, Denton. Stories, songs & a craft for ages 2 1/2 yrs & their parent/caregiver.

**20 thru March 24 - Adventures in Knitting and Crocheting** 6p.m.-8p.m. \$60, Fretterd Comm. Ctr. Room 204. A course for knitters and

crocheters of all skill levels. Learn the basics or get help with a specific pattern or project. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

**20 - Computer Tutoring**

9:30a.m. Central Library, Denton. Free individual half hour computer tutoring sessions. Please call 410-482-2173 to make an appointment.

**22 - Robert Burns Supper, 10th Annual**

6p.m. Caroline Country Club. Fee. Celebration of the life and works of the great Scottish hero Robert Burns. Evening will include traditional toasts, poetry, music, wit, a four course buffet including Haggis. Call 410-479-1009 for tickets and details.

**26 - Puppet Show**

10:15a.m. & 11a.m. Central Library, Denton "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and a craft for ages Birth - 5 yrs. and their parent/caregiver.

**28 - Friday Nites in Caroline present Ann Sweeten.** Free. Central Library, Denton.

## February

**1, 8, 15, 22, - Tax Assistance at the Library**

12p.m. Central Library, Denton. This service is provided for taxpayers of all ages with low to middle income with special attention to those aged 60 and older. Call for appointment. Walk-ins received as time is available. 410-479-1343

**2, 9, 16 - Baby Steps Storytime**

10:15a.m. & 11a.m. Central Library, Denton. Storytime & craft program for ages birth to 2 yrs and caregivers. Call library for details 410-479-1343.

**2, 9, 16 - Giant Steps Storytime**

10:15a.m. & 11a.m. Central Library, Denton. Stories, songs & a craft for ages 2 1/2 yrs & their parent/caregiver.

**5 - 2nd Story Live presents Toby Walker**

7:30p.m. Central Library, Denton. Admission \$10/Students \$5/ CCCA members \$1 discount.

**7, 14, 28 - Tax Assistance at the Library**

4:30p.m. Central Library, Denton. The AARP Tax-Aid program has trained and certified volunteers who will prepare and file (electronically) your Federal, MD, and DE

income tax return free of charge. This service is provided for taxpayers of all ages with low to middle income with special attention to those aged 60 and older. Call for appointment. Walk-ins received as time is available. 410-479-1343

**11 - Friday Nites in Caroline UMES Jazz Ensemble.** NCHS Auditorium. Back by popular demand, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore jazz band. Free. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

**11 - Daddy/Daughter "Sweetheart" Dance**

7p.m.-8:30p.m. Gen. James F. Fretterd Comm. Ctr. \$30 per couple, \$5 additional child. Escort your princess to a special evening full of smiles, dancing, games, refreshments, souvenir photos, and great music. Register early, registration deadline is Feb. 3. Call 410-479-8120 for details.

**12 - 2nd Saturday at the Foundry**

Free. 2p.m.-4p.m. 401 Market St. Local Artist will demonstrate their craft. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

**14 - Happy Valentines Day!**

**21 - Town Office Closed**

**25 - Friday Nites in Caroline - CCCA Performing Arts Showcase.** Central Library, Denton. Enjoy local talents of our very own Caroline Co. Free. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

**26 - Maryland Tax Day**

10a.m.-4p.m. Central Library, Denton. Special tax prep. day. No appointment needed. Call 410-479-1343 x1 for info.

**- Adkins Arboretum**

**#410-634-2847**

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

**- Caroline Co. Arts Council**

**#410-479-1009**

**[www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org)**

**- Caroline Co. Public Library**

**# 410-479-1343**

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

**- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks**

**#410-479- 8120**

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

# Denton Police Department . . .

## Santa Visits Food Lion



Left to right: Cpl. B. Korisher, Cpl. R. Starkey, Patti Wood, Admin., Pfc T. Scott and Food Lion Manager Darrell Millman. Center: Santa Claus

On Friday, December 10, 2010, The Denton Police Department with the help of Santa collected toys for Marines Toys for Tots at Food Lion in Denton.

collected to be given to local Churches that have food pantries for those in need. Pictures with Santa were taken and can be found on the Denton Police Dept. website. Dentonmdpolice.com.

Food Donations were also

## Holiday Senior Gift Bags



The Helping Hands Neighborhood Association again this year distributed gift bags to local Senior Citizens. The Association would like to thank all those who donated items for the gift bags.

From left to right: JoAnne Clanton, Joan Fountain, Betty Brown, Phyllis Groce, Sharon Brown and Annette Rich. Not pictured- Larry DeShields and Eunice Ryans.

## Seasonal Flu Vaccines Still Available

Monday, Tuesday, Friday.  
8:30a.m. – 12p.m.  
Caroline Co. Health Department  
Cost: \$20

While supplies last. Medicare will be billed.  
Please wear short sleeves.

## Public Landing Permit Reminder

As of April 1, 2009, a permit is required for launching any vessel, via boat trailer, at all county boat ramps and public landings.

Per Caroline County Code Chapter 148, annual permits are valid only when displayed on the drivers side of the vehicle or trailer tongue within 12" of the hitch. Daily permits must be hung on inside mirror facing windshield.

Landings are open from dawn to dusk. Park in designated spaces only. No overnight parking. Do not block ramps, parked vehicles, public roads or private driveways. No camping or open fires. Obey county officials and regulation signs where posted. Do not leave boats, trailers, equipment or supplies at any landing, pier, or marina. All trash must be taken with you or placed in a trash receptacle.

Permit fees and violations are as follows:

- Maryland Resident One Day \$5.00
- Maryland Resident Annually \$20.00

- Out of State One Day \$10.00
- Out of State Annually \$50.00
- Permit Violation First Offense \$50.00. Permit Violation Second Offense \$100.00. Fees collected will be used for the maintenance of these boating facilities.



Boat Ramp Permits are available in Denton at the following

locations:

- Caroline County Rec & Parks 410-479-8120
- Caroline County Planning, & Codes 410-479-8100
- Denton Town Office 410-479-2050
- Cindy's Country Store 410-479-0088
- Bullocks 410-479-0270
- Denton Pharmacy 410-479-1100
- Caroline Co. Tax Office 410-479-0410
- Denton Hardware 410-479-2525

For additional information please visit the following website [http://www.carolinerecreation.org/pdfs/public\\_landing\\_guide\\_101206.pdf](http://www.carolinerecreation.org/pdfs/public_landing_guide_101206.pdf)

## Helping Hands Delivers Food



On Monday, December 20, 2010 Members of the Helping Hands Neighborhood Association, with the assistance of the Denton Police Dept. delivered donations of food to citizens in Denton. Pictured are Joan Fountain and Betty Brown .

## Denton Police Department

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



# 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.

## Habitat Neighborhood Revitalization

Caroline Co. Habitat for Humanity, Inc. has been selected as one of 163 affiliates nationwide to participate in Habitat for Humanity International's initial phase of its Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. That effort will focus on improving housing conditions while partnering with other community organizations to provide services that enhance the overall quality of life across struggling neighborhoods.

Caroline Habitat is honored and excited to be one of the few affiliates in Maryland to be chosen. The needs of the community have increased greatly over the past few years, and we're looking forward to the opportunities that we know will come to us to help families in our county.

As part of the first phase Caroline Co. Habitat for Humanity, Inc. will receive training and guidance on how to revitalize communities through a variety of housing solutions and community development efforts.

In 2009, Habitat International announced the formal launch of the Neighborhood Revitalization

Initiative. The initiative encourages affiliates to serve more families and to create more resilient and sustainable communities by offering a variety of services in addition to new house construction.

The affiliates selected to take part in the first phase of the Initiative are a diverse group so that we can learn how NRI will work in as many different affiliate situations as possible.

Through the Initiative, Caroline County habitat will work with other community organizations to determine the projects that will be carried out locally. Habitat services may include new house construction, rehabilitation of vacant and foreclosed properties, house repairs for low-income homeowners, and weatherization to make homes more energy-efficient and affordable.

For more information about this and other Habitat programs please visit [http://www.carolinehabitat.org/Caroline\\_Habitat\\_for\\_Humanity/Home.html](http://www.carolinehabitat.org/Caroline_Habitat_for_Humanity/Home.html).

Article and more information and news available at Caroline Co. Habitat for Humanity website.



## Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between September 2010 and December 2010:

- Powell, 1708 Cattail Commons Way, Fence
- Bullock's Deli, 422 North Sixth Street, Sign
- Fuller, 1402 Cattail Commons Way, Sign
- YMCA, 40 Denton Plaza, Sign
- Jennings, 13 North Sixth Street, Sign

- Marvel Construction, 109 South Sixth Street, Roof
- Cranfield, 1203 Fairfield Court, Accessory
- Perry, 207 North 4th Street, Demolition
- Perez, 107 South 5th Avenue, Porch
- Ortagae, 103 Riverton Ave, Porch
- Fowler, 508 Market Street, Fence
- Ricketts, 427 North Sixth Street, Roof

If I were MAYOR I would...

Enter 's 2011 Mayor's Contest!

Being mayor is a big job, but mayors don't get the job done by themselves. City and town governments work with citizens, businesses and community groups as well as other municipalities to provide services and improve the lives of their citizens.

Whether it's recovering from a natural disaster, like last year's blizzards, or planning a town fair to celebrate the community's history, citizens and local government must work together to help make their city or town a better place to live, work and play.

Contest Theme: Working Together Works

Look around your community. If you were mayor:

1. What things would you improve or change to make your city or town a better place to live?
2. How would you encourage your citizens to work together to make these improvements or changes?
3. How would you recognize your citizens for working together to achieve a common goal?

- ✦ 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, 2011. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2011.
- ✦ 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.

Official Entry Form

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

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

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Don't Get Stuck!

Snow plowing starts shortly after snowfall begins

Please park your vehicle off the street.

Thank you, Denton Public Works

# 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).



## 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.

## Living a Healthier Lifestyle in 2011

Many people at the beginning of each year make their New Year's Resolutions. If you read books on what people want to change at the beginning of a New Year, it is usually related to their health! In taking a small poll here at the Health Department co-workers want in 2011 to lose weight and to exercise more. Authors who write on this subject say that people's resolutions last for on average 3 months into a New Year.

Even though the odds are against us, I am still going to try and make a couple of resolutions for 2011 and try to keep them past 3 months! Trying to exercise is so important for our overall health. It does not have to be a full workout and expensive equipment bought in order to see a difference, for instance with your blood pressure or your cholesterol level, after exercising. Walking is something that is great for improving your health and does not cost you anything, you just need to take the time!

Another resolution that you might want to consider if you have not done this is to make sure with your doctor that you have had any cancer screenings that you are of age for. For instance, women ages 40 and over should get a mammogram done each year. As I have written

many times before in these articles, EARLY DETECTION is KEY to CURE!!!! Men and women ages 50 and above should ask their doctor about getting a colonoscopy. Certain types of polyps can turn cancerous and a colonoscopy may just SAVE your life!!! For men 50 and above, have you gotten your prostate cancer screening done?

As with Breast Cancer, EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES. Lastly, if you smoke, please quit for the New Year. Smoking not only hurts your health but the health of everyone around you. Also remember, Smoking= Cancer.

The Health Department offers many cancer screening programs to those who are uninsured or underinsured and meet our State income guidelines. If you are interested in any of the programs above, please call 410-479-8080. Let us challenge ourselves to make a resolution and try and keep it!!! Happy Holidays and I hope you and your family have a great NEW YEAR!

*Deciding for 2011 to live a Healthier Lifestyle*

*By Laura Patrick RN, MS  
Wellness Director*

*Caroline County Health  
Department*

## Winter Weather Pet Tips from Caroline County Humane Society

Remember last winter, the bitter cold and record snowfalls? It's time to prepare outside pets for the coming cold weather. It is recommended that all pets are brought indoors during the colder months, but even indoor dogs must spend some of their day outside.

Here are some helpful hints to ensure your pet gets through the colder months healthy and safe.

Dogs kept outside should have at-will access to a dry shelter. A small, insulated doghouse is best. Bigger is NOT better! The house should be small enough to hold the animal's body heat which will keep them warm. It should be large enough for them to stand up, turn around, and lie down comfortably in. Place the doghouse in a location out of the wind and place it on a raised platform to keep it off the ground. There should also be an access door with a heavy flap or plastic to prevent drafts. Suitable bedding should be used inside such as hay, straw, or wood chips, to retain warmth. Blankets and quilts should not be used as bedding because they trap moisture and can cause your dog to become damp and chilly.

Since humidity is much lower in the winter your pet is very susceptible to dehydration.

Providing a constant water supply is the best solution. Check water bowls at least twice a day to be sure the water is not frozen. Dark dishes will absorb heat from the sun and help prevent freezing. Using plastic instead of metal is best. Dogs tongues may freeze and stick to a metal bowl. Outside



dogs require a higher caloric intake during the colder months. This is because of the energy needed to keep warm. More frequent feedings or increasing the amount of food will help. Dogs and cats are susceptible to frostbite during the winter. Typical areas are the tips of the ears, paws, tails and scrotum. Look for redness in these areas and if noticeable seek immediate veterinary care.

Hypothermia is a life threatening condition caused by the lowering of your pet's body temperature. The first reaction of your pet to a lower body temperature is to shiver which increases muscle activity and heat production. If your pet seems lethargic or unresponsive, seek emergency vet care.

*This article courtesy of the Caroline Co. Humane Society Winter Newsletter. This article along with additional information can be accessed online at <http://www.carolinehumane.org/newsletter.pdf>.*

### 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

12:00p.m. 1, 8, 15, 22.  
4:30p.m. 7, 14, 28.

#### MARCH

12:00p.m. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.  
4:30p.m. 7, 14, 21, 28.

#### APRIL

12:00p.m. 5, 12.  
4:30p.m. 4, 11.

### Habitat for Humanity

Brighten your smile and help Caroline Co. Habitat for Humanity.

Smiles by Holsinger & Higgins will brighten your smile for \$200 (payable to Habitat for Humanity) This procedure normally costs \$558.

For more info.  
call 410-479-3644

### Year Round White-a-thon





## Denton Main Street . . .

### Burning Bridget Cleary Performs January 15 at Central Library



Burning Bridget Cleary, named after the "last witch burned in Ireland," features Genna Gillespie on fiddle, Rose Baldino on fiddle and Lou Baldino on guitar, keyboards and bass. The band prides itself on serving up a sprightly blend of traditional and original Celtic music with the primary goal of working audiences into a toe-tapping, hand-clapping frenzy.

For while the girls obviously enjoy displaying a more electric, boundary-blurring musicianship, they also are adept at evocative ballads that brim with quiet mystery and plangent beauty. They sing in English and in Gaelic, though Lou occasionally takes the vocal lead.

The band has been a fan favorite at area festivals as well as venues such as the Tin Angel and Colonial Theater since forming on St. Patrick's Day 2006.

"What separates them from other Celtic bands that is the fact that they're young and when you see

them live, they're not just standing there. There's lots of movement and they get into the crowd," says Trezzi, a newcomer to the group in the last year.

Weaving in some choice vocal numbers and building the energy with some spirited stepdancing, Burning Bridget Cleary has wowed packed audiences for years! [www.burningbridgetcleary.com](http://www.burningbridgetcleary.com)

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10; students \$5: \$1 discount for members. Tickets are available at the door starting at 6:45 pm. Coffee, tea and desserts are on sale and benefit the Friends of the Library. The atmosphere is friendly, casual and intimate. Performers are available for autographs and conversations with the audience after the show.

Second Story Live is produced by the Caroline County Council of Arts. For ticket and series information, go to [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org) or call 410-479-1009.

### Mardi Gras Ball March 5

A Mardi Gras Masqued Ball will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Fretterd Center (The Armory) in Denton. This promises to be a fun and unique social event; proceeds will support the Caroline County Council of Arts' (CCCA) programs and arts center. Highlights include live entertainment by Big Joe's New Orleans Dance Band, catered Creole-inspired cuisine, live art auction, as well as a silent auction, mask contest, and cash bar.

Tickets are on sale now for \$50 in advance, \$60 at door (if tickets are still available).

This event is for those 18 years and older. Tables of 8 are available for \$400. Tickets can be purchased at The Foundry, C C C A ' s community art gallery, 401 Market St, Denton or by contacting the CCCA office 410-479-1009, [ccartscouncil@verizon.net](mailto:ccartscouncil@verizon.net).

Menu Louisiana Fruit & Cheese Display - Fruit & cheeses local to Louisiana, artistically arranged. Served with homemade yeast Breads, Jams, and Jellies Raw Oyster Bar - Large Oysters shucked to order and served with an assortment of sauces; Steamed Jumbo Shrimp Platters - Steamed Shrimp Served with Lemon & Cocktail sauce; Steamed Craw Fish with Etouffee Gravy - Steamed Craw fish with a traditional New Orleans style brown Roux Gravy; Smoked Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya - Smoked chicken, sausage, fresh vegetables & zesty rice all stewed together to create a staple of New Orleans cuisine, Seafood Gumbo - Seasonal vegetables, Gulf Shrimp,

Crab & Craw fish stewed together & finished with Fresh Okra; Smoked Sausage with Caramelized peppers & Onions - Tender smoked sausage cooked with mixed peppers & Vidalia onions; Louisiana Fried Chicken - Golden Brown fried Chicken with a Southern bite; Blackened Catfish - Farm Raised catfish lightly dusted with corn meal & Cajun Seasonings then pan seared in French butter; Red Beans & Rice - A traditional Louisiana dish of seasoned rice with tender red beans; Craw Fish Fritters - Fresh craw fish & Hushpuppy batter fried



to a golden brown & Served with a seafood aioli for dipping; S q u a s h Acadien - A southern style squash casserole with

fresh squash, peppers, onions, & gruyere cheese all roasted together with corn bread crumbs; Collard Greens - Tender braised collard greens seasoned to perfection; Deep Dish Corn Bread - You can't do New Orleans without it; Beignets Bar - French Powdered dough drops... Served with powdered sugar & assorted sauces for dipping; King Cake - No Mardi Gras party is complete without King Cake. This cake also known as 12th night cake is actually sweetened yeast bread baked in a ring shape and is frosted with green, gold, & purple Icing representing order, power, faith & justice. The colors of the King cake date back to 1872. The maker of each King cake hides a token within the cake. The tokens used are a dried red bean or a figurine of a baby. The finder of the hidden treasure is said to enjoy good luck for the year

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410-479-4315 \* [www.downtowndenton.com](http://www.downtowndenton.com)

# Downtown Banner Installation



November 27th, Tim Glass, Chair of the Downtown Denton Main Street Design Committee, after months of navigating through the required paperwork to use the Delmarva light poles, installed new street banners from the 100 block up to the 400 block of Market Street. Tim was assisted by Tom Batchelor, of the Town of Denton Planning and

Codes Department, Jake Jacobs and Robert Jacobs. The banner project was conceived in 2006 by Abigail McNinch of Denton Development Corp, Kathy Mackel, Director of Caroline County Tourism and then Main Street Manager Linda Redfern-Socks who organized the original Spring Gala events to raise money for the purchase of banners.

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FOR MORE DETAILS.

# Humane Society Animal Care Fund

The Caroline County Humane Society is seeing more and more of the animals that are brought to the shelter having significant medical or injury issues. Often times the severity of medical condition or injury is not apparent until the evaluation by a veterinarian. CCHS maintains an Animal Care Fund that is funded solely by donations and is used strictly for medical care for the animals at the shelter. With an increasing number of animals entering the shelter requiring medical care, the Animal Care Fund is becoming depleted. One example of the use of the Animal Care Fund, involves "Buck", a one and half year old male lab mix that came to the shelter earlier in the year. "Buck" was an easy-going dog who was just looking for someone to give him some love and attention. "Buck" spent several months at the shelter, and the staff noticed he was experiencing pain in his hip area. An evaluation/xray by the veterinarian indicated that "Buck" had severe hip dysplasia and needed surgery right away. But who would adopt a dog that suffered from hip dysplasia before the age of two?

We appealed to the rescue organizations that have been very helpful to CCHS with special needs animals. The Animal Resource Foundation (ARF) came through for us, and even found a forever home for "Buck". CCHS paid for the hip dysplasia surgery using funds from the Animal Care Fund. The surgery involved removing femoral head on the femur bone where it fits in the socket of the pelvis. "Buck" is now in his forever home recovering from the surgery. "Buck" was given a second chance because of the donations that you give, because of the support of the rescue organizations that assist CCHS every day, and because of the commitment and compassion of one individual who is willing to provide the special care needed for a very special dog. This is just one incident, and there are many more like it throughout the year. Our sincere appreciation goes out to everyone who helps us with the often difficult cases, with not giving up, and understanding that it is "worth it" to make a sacrifice to save an animal's life. Please give to the Animal Care Fund.

# 2010 Denton Holiday Parade Highlight

*parade photos courtesy of Kathy Mackel*



Goldwing Road Riders Association



Santa Claus Wishing Denton a Merry Christmas



Next Generation Church, Gospel at a Glance



Girl Scout Troop 905

# Attention



We have funds available to do Energy Audits, Energy Upgrades & Weatherization for low to moderate income families who own their homes in Caroline County.

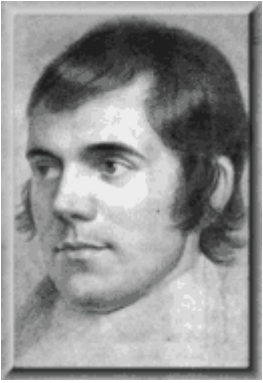
At no cost to the family!

(This may include— weather-stripping, CFL Lighting, heating & a/c, appliances, insulation, windows, storm doors, etc.)

For more information or to receive an application— call: 410.479.9200 or email: [cchfh@verizon.net](mailto:cchfh@verizon.net)

Moderate income for a family of 4 is \$55,500.00

## Robert Burns Supper January 22



The 10th Annual Robert Burns Supper will take place on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at the Caroline County

Club in Denton. This will be, once again, an authentic, historically accurate Scottish function which will accurately duplicate that Scottish tradition now more than 200 years old. Highlights include the Toast to the Immortal Memory, the Toast to the Lassies followed by a Reply from the Lassies. Of course, the Haggis will be duly honored.

The Immortal Memory will be proposed by Rod McCaslin. A noted Burns enthusiast, Mr. McCaslin is an active member of the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis. His father, Lou McCaslin was one its founding members. Rod McCaslin gave the immortal memory at the CCCA's second annual Robert Burns Supper and has been invited back for this special tenth anniversary celebration. With advance degrees in history, Mr. McCaslin teaches and lives in Anne Arundel County.

The Haggis will be piped into the hall with much pomp and ceremony and will be suitably addressed and toasted by Cdr. Andrew Mackel, USN, Ret. It will be served with neeps and tatties and perhaps a wee drap o' guid whiskey. Piper Randy Welch will perform the ceremonial piping as well as some of the evening's musical entertainment.

This year, prior speakers will have their revenge as the long time host and founder of the CCCA's annual Robert Burns Supper, James McPherson will finally have the honor, along with his wife Elina, of performing the Toast to and the Reply from the Lassies, a traditional tongue-in-cheek roasting of the opposite gender.

Guests will also be treated to Scottish songs and music as well as some great Burns poetry, wit, and much, much more! There will be a cash bar and an all you care to eat four-course buffet. Space is limited so be sure to reserve your seat today! Tickets are \$37. For reservations and information, call the CCCA office (410) 479-1009, email [ccartsCouncil@verizon.net](mailto:ccartsCouncil@verizon.net), or visit [carolinearts.org](http://carolinearts.org). Proceeds benefit arts council programs.

## Free Artist Demo. at Foundry

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 2-4p.m., The Foundry will host a free artist demonstration by Foundry artist, Sharon Malley, as part of the Second Saturday series offered at The Foundry, Caroline County Council of Arts' (CCCA) community art gallery at 401 Market Street in Denton.

Sharon Malley grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, as did her ancestors for many generations before her. After drawing and painting her way through high school, she earned an undergraduate degree in art education. After a rewarding career in the field of intellectual disabilities using creative arts therapies, she now considers herself a "re-emerging" artist and is enjoying a second life! Most of Sharon's art is symbolic of her personal stories, inner life, and spirituality. Her primary desire is to share the voice, the experience, in

a way that others might relate, and delight in the interpretation.

She works mainly in oils, building on layers and often incorporating a variety of media



with the paint to create texture, depth, and an element of whimsy. Some of her happiest moments are when painting, and she hopes you enjoy her work!

Over 40 Caroline County artists' works are now on display at The Foundry which is open

Tuesday through Saturday 11-5. Free demonstrations and activities from a variety of artists are held the second Saturday of every month from 2-4 p.m. Coming next month...Second Saturdays presents Mardi Gras mask making with Foundry artists on February 12. For more information please contact the CCCA office at 410-479-1009 or visit [carolinearts.org](http://carolinearts.org).

### 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 3:30 p.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

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 YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

# Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

**Ordinance #614** - An ordinance of the town of Denton (the "Town") approving the form and authorizing the execution, issuance, sale and delivery by the town of one or more general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$428,000) pursuant to the authority of sections 31 to 37, inclusive, of article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 replacement volume), the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Act (codified as sections 9-1601 to 9-1622, inclusive, of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended), and section c20 and c21 of the charter of the Town of Denton, each such bond to be designated "Town of Denton Wastewater Enhanced Nutrient Removal

Upgrade Bond Series 2010" and by series or by such other designation as provided in this Ordinance, the net proceeds of the sale thereof to be used and applied for the public purpose of financing all or a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping one or more waste water treatment facilities as more particularly described herein, including the development of property, the acquisition and installation of equipment and furnishings and any related architectural, financial, legal, planning and engineering expenses; to authorize the execution of two loan agreements between the Town and the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration; to prescribe the form and tenor of the bonds and the terms and conditions for the issuance and sale thereof at

private sale to the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration; to provide for the prompt payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; to covenant to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds; and to provide generally for the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds. Introduced 10/04/10, adopted 11/1/10, effective 11/21/10.

**Ordinance #615** - An ordinance to amend the official Use Table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit "Restaurant, Riverfront" use in the Recreation and Parks (RP) District as a conditional use and to add a definition of Restaurant, Riverfront. Introduced 11/01/11, adopted 12/06/10, effective 12/16/10.

**Resolution #741** - A resolution that the Town of Denton, Mayor and Council authorize the acceptance of the approved Community Development Block Grant MD-05-ED-77, from Caroline County, and the Town of Denton be responsible for the funds in the amount of \$600,000 and for compliance with all applicable State and Federal

requirements and regulations for the Crouse Park - Restaurant Project. Adopted 12/06/10.

**Resolution #746** - A resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to borrow funds from Provident State Bank to provide interim financing for the 5th Avenue Infrastructure project. Adopted 11/01/10.

**Resolution #747** - A resolution approving the Form of Note of the Town of Denton payable to Provident State Bank, Inc. with respect to the Interim Financing for the 5th Avenue Infrastructure Project. Adopted 12/06/10.

*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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