

Denton Town News

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FREE

Snow Shoveling Tips

Winter will soon be upon us bringing snow and ice on the roads and sidewalks. Millions of people will be shoveling to clear their sidewalks and driveways. Snow shoveling is great exercise and can be very demanding on the body. Heart attacks, back strain, and muscle soreness are just a few of the problems attributed to shoveling snow when overdone.

Even though snow shoveling can be good exercise, precautions should be taken to make it safer.

What makes shoveling more dangerous than other tasks around the house is the temperature. The heart rate and blood pressure increase during strenuous activity. That, along with the body's natural reflex to constrict arteries and blood vessels when exposed to the cold, is a recipe for a heart attack.

There are certain higher risk groups that should think twice before picking up that shovel. Anyone who has ever had a heart attack, heart disease, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol probably should not do the shoveling themselves. Smokers should be cautious since tobacco smoke constricts blood vessels just as cold air does. Strenuous snow shoveling could be dangerous for someone who has a sedentary lifestyle.

Following are some tips to make shoveling safer:

Shovel snow when an inch or so has accumulated. Shoveling smaller amounts more often is much easier than waiting until shoveling is a big chore.

Push the snow rather than lifting it up. Pushing the snow with

a curved shovel puts less strain on your arms and back.

If you must lift the snow up and over, use your legs. Squat with your legs apart, knees bent, and back straight. Do not bend at the waist. Scoop small amounts of snow onto the shovel and step in the direction that you are throwing it. This will help prevent the lower back from twisting and will help ease any back soreness that you might typically experience after a hard shoveling job.

Shovel the deepest spot at the end of the driveway where the snow plow dumps the snow first. Shovel or push the snow to the right side of the end of the driveway so that when the plow makes another pass, it will not fill your driveway back up.

Dress warmly in layers of clothing that breathe to allow perspiration to evaporate from your body. Do not wear raincoats or leather jackets. If your clothes do become wet, then change into dry clothes.

Take breaks every 15 minutes. The whole driveway or sidewalk does not have to be done in one shot.

Keep hydrated. Drink plenty of water. Go inside for some hot chocolate. Do not drink coffee as the caffeine may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict.

Grip the shovel handle with your hands at least 12 inches apart. This will give you more leverage and make it easier to lift snow. Change arm and hand positions frequently to use different muscles.

Remember that wet snow can

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

The Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit has tools available to help victims of identity theft address their problems, and to help all consumers protect themselves from identity thieves.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the country, affecting nearly ten million Americans a year, and Marylanders are not immune. Examples of identity theft include when a thief uses your personal identifying information to open credit accounts in your name or evade criminal liability. Identity thieves can obtain your personal information by:

- Stealing wallets and purses
- Stealing mail
- Completing a "change of address" form to divert your mail to another location
- "Dumpster Diving" for documents with personal information
- "Phishing" or sending e-mails that appear to be from legitimate businesses asking for consumer's personal information
- "Skimming" or using special

storage devices to steal your credit or debit card number when they process your card.

• "Pretexting" or using false pretenses to obtain your information from your bank, phone company, or even you.

• Stealing files from businesses where they are a customer or employee, or by hacking into electronic files.

The Identity Theft Unit can give you step-by-step advice on how to protect yourself from ID thieves using, or continuing to use, your personal information. We may also be able to help you to address some of the issues that identity theft causes, such as dealing with credit card companies or collection agencies.

You may contact the Identity Theft Unit by calling (410) 576-6491 or by sending an e-mail to idtheft@oag.state.md.us.

How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft:

• Review your credit report from each of the three credit reporting

be very heavy. One full shovel load can weigh as much as 25 pounds. It is best to shovel by sections, taking a few inches off at a time.

Take a break if your breathing becomes labored. Know the warning signs of a heart attack. These may include chest pain, shoulder, neck, or arm pain; dizziness, fainting, sweating or nausea; or shortness of breath.

More snow shoveling tips can be found at <http://landscaping.about.com> and orthoinfo.aaos.org.

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Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Police Department

January 5
February 2

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Denton Town Office

January 31
February 28

Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m. at Denton Town Office

January 18
February 15

Utility Commission Meeting Wastewater Treatment Plant Legion Road

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

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

January 2, 16
February 20

Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2011 - 2012 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, 2011 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 January 1, 2012. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by January 25, 2012. 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, 2012 and will be due in full by April 25, 2012.

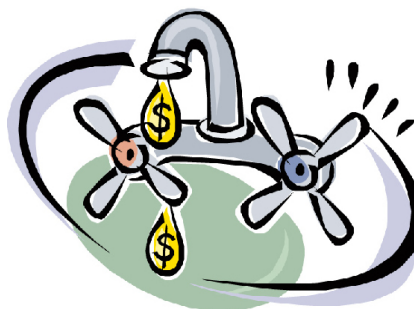
Town of Denton
410-479-2050

2011-2012 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	09/30/2011	10/25/2011	10/25/2011	11/07/2011
October - December	12/30/2011	01/25/2012	01/25/2012	02/06/2012
January - March	03/30/2012	04/25/2012	04/25/2012	05/07/2012
April - June	06/28/2012	07/25/2012	07/25/2012	08/06/2012

March - April 2012 ISSUE DEADLINE...

*Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by **February 10, 2012**. Thank you.*



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

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

January

1 - Happy New Year

2 - Town Office Closed

14 - 2nd Saturday at the Foundry

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

Free artist demonstrations and art activities for the whole family. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Town Office Closed

18 - Giant Steps Storytime

10:15a.m. & 11a.m. Central Library, Denton.

Stories, songs & a craft for ages 2 1/2 yrs & their parent/caregiver. No registration required.

21 - Annual Literary Supper featuring JRR

Tolkien 6p.m. Caroline Country Club. \$35. *limited seating.* Celebrate the life and works of English writer J.R.R. Tolkien with a fun filled themed evening of wit, music, words, and fine dining. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

23 thru Feb. 6 - Basket Weaving Class for Beginners.

6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. 11 years and up. \$125 Fretterd Community Center, Denton.

Learn to weave and dye three different baskets. All supplies provided along with games, and door prizes for perfect attendance. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

25 - Puppet Show

10:15a.m. Central Library, Denton

"Three Billy Goats Gruff" and a craft for ages Birth - 5 yrs. and their parent/caregiver.

27 - Otaku Club

5p.m.-10p.m. ages 13-18, Central Library Denton. Come have a snack and watch anime. Anime rated PG-13. For more information call 410.479.1343

28 - E-Reader Palooza

2p.m.-4p.m. Central Library, Denton.

Get training on how to use your e-reader with



the library's free lending service. For more information call 410.479.1343 ext 1.

29 - Extreme Couponing

6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. \$5, 18 years and up, Fretterd Community Center, Denton.

or 1/28 at Denton Elementary School. Learn how to make your money go farther at the store. Get the most from coupons, secrets to finding websites for coupons, and freebies. Fun facts from your favorite stores. Raffle. Bring a 3-ring binder, subject dividers, and trading card sleeves. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

30 - Friday Nites in Caroline

Featuring Bay Country Chorus. 7p.m. Central Library, Denton. Join us for barbershop classics. Free. Call 410-479-1009 for details.



February

3 - Friday Nites in Caroline

Featuring The Hedge Band. 7p.m. Central Library, Denton. Join us for Irish soulful bluegrass music. Free. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

7, 14, 21 - 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

6, 13, 27 - Tax Assistance at the Library

4:30p.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

10 - Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance

7p.m.-8:30p.m. Fretterd Community Center.

\$30 per couple, \$5 each additional. Ages 3-12 years old. Escort your princess to the 6th annual Daddy Daughter dance. Enjoy dancing, games,

refreshments, souvenir photos and great music. Registration deadline Feb. 1st. Call Stacy at 410-479-8120.

10 - NCHS Thespians

NCHS Auditorium, Ridgely

Stop by for a night of one acts. Presented by the Caroline County Council of Arts. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

11 - 2nd Saturday at the Foundry

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

Free artist demonstrations and art activities for the whole family. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

14 - Happy Valentine's Day

17 - UMES Jazz Ensemble

Col. Richardson High School Auditorium, Federalsburg. Caroline's favorite returns with Dr. Lamkin directing.

18 - Adkins Arboretum Soup n Walk Tour.

11a.m. - 1:30p.m. 12610 Eveland Rd. Ridgely. Track the changing landscape from winter to spring. Following a guided walk with a docent naturalist. Enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch along with

a brief lesson about the meal's nutritional value. Search out green plants that cherish the warm winter sun, and possibly snow-covered plants. Registration required. Fee: \$20 members, \$25 general public. Call 410-634-2847

20 - Town Office Closed

24 - Performing Artist Showcase

Central Library, Denton. Enjoy the talents of our very own Caroline County performing artists. Free. Call 410-479-1009 for details or to register to perform.

- Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

www.adkinsarboretum.org

- Caroline Co. Arts Council

#410-479-1009

www.carolinearts.org

- Caroline Co. Public Library

410-479-1343

www.caro.lib.md.us/library

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

Denton Police Department . . .

Marine Toys for Tot's Drive



The Denton Police Department collected toys for the Marine Toys for Tot's program again this year. They held a special event outside of Food Lion on Denton in December. Santa made a special appearance to hear what kids wanted for Christmas and to collect special holiday messages on scrolls for our U.S. Troops stationed overseas during the holidays.

Identity Theft from page 1

agencies twice per year. You can stagger them so you are looking at a fresh report every two months. Under Maryland and federal law, you are entitled to two FREE credit reports from each of the Credit Reporting Agencies each year. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228 to access your report through the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. You must contact each of the three Credit Reporting Agencies individually to access your credit report under Maryland law:

- Equifax: 1-800-685-1111
- Experian: 1-888-397-3742
- TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

• Use passwords and PIN numbers for your credit card, bank, and phone accounts.

• Use a safe to secure personal information in your home.

• Don't carry your social security card, bank account PIN or other sensitive information with you -- leave it at home in a secure place.

• Don't give out your Social Security number unless it is

absolutely necessary -- ask for a randomly generated ID number.

• Don't give out your personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you initiated the contact or know you can trust the person on the other side.

• Buy a shredder and destroy any documents that contain personal information instead of throwing them away. This includes credit card offers you receive in the mail, bank statements, phone bills, etc.

• Opt-out of pre-approved credit offers by calling 1-800-5-OPT-OUT (567-8688) and junk mail by writing to the direct marketing association at:

Mail Preference Service
Direct Marketing Association
P.O. Box 643
Carmel, NY 10512

• Use a locking mailbox to prevent mail theft.

• Be wary of e-mail scams. If you did not enter an international lottery, it is unlikely that you won anything... If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Holiday Gift Baskets



The Helping Hands Neighborhood Organization handed out food baskets for the holidays. Pictured here are members of the Denton Town Council and Denton Police Department.

Seasonal Flu Walk-In Vaccine Clinic

Monday & Friday.
9a.m. – 11a.m.

Caroline Co. Health Department
Cost: \$20

*While supplies last. Medicare Part B can be billed.
Please wear short sleeves.*



The Tenth Annual Short Story Contest

Entry Form and Rules

Eligibility: All residents of Caroline County may enter the contest.

<u>2012 Short Story Contest Categories</u>	<u>1st Prize</u>	<u>2nd Prize</u>
K, 1 st , 2 nd Grade	\$20.00	\$15.00
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Grade	\$25.00	\$20.00
6 th , 7 th , 8 th Grade	\$35.00	\$25.00
9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Grade	\$50.00	\$35.00
Adult	\$75.00	\$50.00

Rules:

- Stories should be less than 2500 words.
- Submit two copies of your story. Do not put your name anywhere on either copy. All stories should be typed, double-spaced on white paper with the **title and page number at the top of each page**.
- Complete the entry form below and paper clip it together with the copies of your story.
- Only one story per person.
- Each story must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant. Adults may assist children in the 8th grade or lower with spelling, punctuation and typing or word processing.
- All manuscripts become the property of the Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc. The authors retain all other rights. The authors agree to allow publication of their stories by the Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc. by signing the official entry form below.
- Winners will be notified as soon as judging is completed. All entrants will be invited to attend a reception in their honor at the Central Branch of the Caroline County Public Library in Denton. First prize winners will be asked to read their stories aloud.
- **Entries must be received at a branch of the Caroline County Public Library no later than 5:30 PM on Saturday, January 14, 2012.**

✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ Cut here and attach entry form to your short story ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂

Tenth Annual Short Story Contest Entry Form

Please fill out completely. Type or print, if possible.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email (*required*) address for notification _____

Students only: Parent's name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Title of story _____

No. of pages _____ Signature _____ Date _____

By signing this entry form I certify that the Short Story named above and attached to this entry form is my own work and no one else has helped me create it. I agree to allow the Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc. to publish this story.

Planning and Codes . . .

Walmart Project Update

RIV Construction Group, the general contractors for the construction of Walmart on 610 Legion Road, has requested special permission to perform work activities on Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8 in preparation for foundation work next week. At this time, the general contractor is scheduling

work activities for every Saturday until the project completion in the Fall 2012 to maintain the project schedule.

Additional news updates will be provided on the Denton town website as the information is made available. Visit www.dentonmaryland.com

New Fire Equipment for DVFC



Members of the Denton Vol. Fire Co. push in their newest piece of fire equipment. The equipment was also blessed during the ceremony.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October 2011 and December 2011:

- Hunting Creek Capital Group LLC, 207 S. Sixth Street, Porch Repair
- Steele's Refrigeration Heating & AC, Inc., 503 S. 5th Avenue, Sign
- Gregory, 144 Sunset Drive, Porch Addition
- Reinecke, 804 Market Street, Porch Repair
- Moran, 111 S. 5th Avenue, Porch Repair
- Market Street Public House, 200 Market Street, Sign
- Nier, 3 N. First Street, Chimney Repair
- Hastings, 303 Academy Street, Mechanical

- Heinlein, 518 Market Street, Roof Repair
- County Commissioners, 109 Market Street, Sign
- T. C. Slattery, 816 Camp Road, Roof Repair
- Midshore Exteriors, 1103 Market Street, Roof Repair
- Shandrowski, 1103 Trice Meadows Circle, Fence
- Dembe, 512 Gay Street, Roof Repair
- Hutson, 204 S. Third Street, Rehab
- Hildebran, 202 Market Street, Roof Repair
- Heath, 1208 Trice Meadows Circle, Accessory
- Moore's Funeral Home, 12 S. 2nd Street, Mechanical.

Winter Haven Shelter

Winter Haven is a local homeless shelter in Denton that is open from January 3 through March 30. Due to generous donations and volunteers they will be open again in 2012. Guests of the shelter are referred through Caroline County Social Services.

Recently the shelter received a \$1,000 grant from the Women & Girls Fund. The funds will be used to help fund an operations manager.

The Winter Haven board of directors is looking for an Operations Manager. This position will last for 20 weeks. The job description can be viewed on the Winter Haven website at www.winterhavencaroline.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 3:30p.m., the fee is \$100.00. Forms are available to use when requesting information. Any questions, please call the Town of Denton at (410) 479-2050.

Service Fees for Utility Calls

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.

Denton Public Works . . .

Snow Plowing Policy Reminder

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

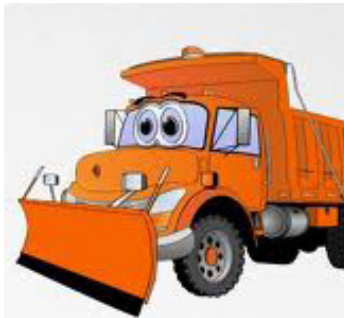
and others on the road. Remember that bridges and ramps freeze first and may be especially difficult to navigate.

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 the local radio stations or you can log on to the Department's website at www.dentonpublicworks.com.



2011 HOLIDAY PARADE TROPHY WINNERS

Youth Group

1st #35 Cub Scout Pack 265

2nd #14 Lockerman Honor Society

Dance Troop

1st #33 To the Pointe Dance Studio

2nd NA

Fire Equipment

1st #20 Denton VFC

2nd #28 1973 Aerial Fire Truck

Marching Band

1st #19 NCHS Band

2nd #13 LMS Band

Float

1st #16 4-H Archers

2nd #45 Wesleyan Christian School

Equestrian Unit

1st #44 Silver Steppers

2nd #37 Rough Riders

Classic Auto

1st #31 Chesapeake Classic Car Club

2nd NA

Antique Auto

1st #36 John Deere Tractor

2nd #30 51 Ford Sedan

Custom Auto

1st #10 Vietnam Veterans

2nd NA

Royalty

1st #22 Katelyn Tribbet

2nd #23 Cheyenne Stincomb

Best Use of Lights

4 H Archers

** If your organization won a trophy and were not at the Lighting of the Green event to pick it up, please stop by the Denton Town Office between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 4p.m. to pick up your trophy. The Town office is located at 13 N. Third St. Denton, MD 21629. Thank you and congratulations to all of the parade winners.*

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST 2012

AUGUST
17 & 18



DOWNTOWN DENTON

2011 Denton Holiday Parade Highlight photos courtesy of Christina Lippincott



Flag Bearers: Girl Scout Troop 872 Jr's



Denton Town Councilmember: Conway Gregory, Mayor Robert Clendaniel, Agnes Case, and Dean Danielson.



Shriners Club



1st Place Float and Best Use of Lights



To The Pointe Dancer - 1st Place Dance Troop



Cub Scouts



Relay for Life



Santa and Mrs. Claus



Away in a Manger



Antique John Deere Tractor

Denton Main Street . . .

Annual Literary Supper

Saturday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.
Caroline Country Club, Pealiquor Road, Denton presented by the Caroline County Council of Arts

Celebrate the life and works of English writer J.R.R. Tolkien on Saturday January 21, 2012 at the Caroline Country Club. The event kicks off at 6p.m. Guests will be treated to a fun-filled evening of good food, fellowship, music, words, and wit.

The principal speaker is local Tolkien enthusiast, E.J. Oesterle. In addition to being the band director for Lockerman Middle School, Mr. Oesterle has dedicated a good part of his life to the study of J.R.R.

Tolkien and his complete body of work. The evening will also include Tolkien-inspired toasts, songs, and trivia, as well as a ceremonial nod to the Scottish hero and poet, Robert Burns who was the subject of last year's Literary Supper.

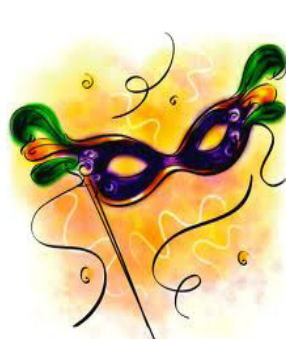
Tickets are \$35 and include a four-course Tolkien-inspired menu. Space is limited so be sure to reserve your seat today! For reservations and information, call the CCCA office (410) 479-1009, email ccartsCouncil@verizon.net, or visit carolinearts.org. Proceeds benefit arts council programs.

Masqued Ball Saturday March 3

The Rio Carnival Masqued Ball will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012, 7-11p.m. at the Fretterd Center, 4th Street, Denton, MD. Sponsored by the Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc.

A Rio Carnival Masqued Ball will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2011 at the Fretterd Center (The Armory) in Denton. This promises to be a fun and unique social event, with proceeds benefitting the Caroline County Council of Arts' (CCCA) programs and arts center. Highlights include live entertainment by Big Joe's Samba Dance Party band, catered Brazilian-inspired cuisine, dance demonstration and instruction, as well as a silent auction, mask contest, and more.

Let the fun begin with Big Joe Maher, WAMMIE Award Winner for Male Blues Vocalist in 2005 and 2009. One of the most versatile music performers in the business today, Big Joe brings down the house with his swinging brand of Rhythm and Blues. For this special event, he has put together a special "Samba Dance Party" band that will include some of the best area



musicians, www.bigjoem.com.

Dine on a Brazilian-inspired menu. Then, get out on the dance floor and learn some moves from the Dancing on the Shore instructors, and watch them in action as they perform a special dance demonstration.

Dress from semi-formal to formal/black tie attire or wear a costume. Whatever you prefer, but don't forget your mask! Masks will be available for sale at the door and one-of-a-kind hand-painted masks by Foundry artists are now available at The Foundry for the event. Foundry artists are also contributing to the event's art auction.

Tickets are now on sale for \$50. This event is for those 21 years and older. Tables of 8 are available for \$400. Tickets can be purchased at The Foundry, CCCA's community art gallery, at 401 Market Street, Denton or by calling 410-479-1009.

Proceeds will support CCCA programs and projects. Visit www.carolinearts.org to learn more about the CCCA.

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>.

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Enter MML's 2012 Mayor's Contest!

Challenges can be fun and rewarding – like daring a friend that you can beat them at a race or a game. Or pushing yourself to do well on a tough homework assignment. Every time you face a challenge, it means there's an opportunity for you to make something good happen.

Mayors find themselves facing challenges all the time. Finding the money to run a city or town is a challenge. And getting all the members of a city or town's council to agree on how to solve an issue can be challenging. If you were Mayor, you would have to make decisions, everyday, to help your community be a good place to live, work and play. But you wouldn't have to make them alone. Communities are all about people working together. So, think like a Mayor and share how you would handle your city/town's challenges.

Contest Rules

- ✿ The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2011-2012 school year.
- ✿ All essays must begin with the opening line: "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.

Contest Theme: Meeting the Challenge

Look around your community and identify interesting problems or tasks. If you were Mayor:

- 1. Of these problems or tasks, which would you address?**
- 2. How would you encourage your citizens to meet these challenges?**

✿ Essays must be received no later than March 30, 2012. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2012.

✿ Teachers see back for instructions and additional contest information.

Official Entry Form

School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

Name of Sponsoring Teacher: _____

Email Address: _____

Total number of essays submitted: _____

Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

ALL entry information mandatory

(For teachers' use only)



MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) founded in 1936, represents the 157 incorporated cities and towns in Maryland and several taxing districts throughout the state. A voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training, and the dissemination of information to its members.

Contest Sponsors

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Teachers Instruction & Additional Contest Information

- We are pleased that your students are participating in the essay contest. Each year we receive thousands of entries. Unfortunately, some essays are disqualified because the instructions or rules aren't followed. It's important that you follow the instructions so that your essays will not be disqualified.
- Please number each completed essay at the top and enter the total number of essays on the entry form.
 - You may use one form for any number of entries from your class.
 - Each teacher submitting essays must provide a completed entry form. No group forms, please!
 - Sometime during the month of May, the 11 regional winners along with their parents and teacher will be recognized during an awards ceremony in Annapolis. Only regional winners are notified directly. Four semi-finalists per region will receive a participation certificate.

You must mail your entries DIRECTLY to:

MAYORS' CONTEST
Maryland Municipal League
1212 West Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Note: To increase your students' chances of winning, use the Maryland Municipal Government Handbook enclosed with this mailing. The Handbook can also be downloaded from MML's website: www.md-municipal.org

(This contest is the sole initiative of the Maryland Municipal League and is not affiliated with any County Public School System in Maryland)

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #638 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Town of Denton to gift 414 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Introduced 10/06/11, adopted 11/03/11, effective 11/10/11.

Ordinance #639 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Town of Denton to gift 502 High Street to Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Introduced 10/06/11, adopted 11/03/11, effective 11/10/11.

Ordinance #640 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton closing the Bank Alley entrance and exit onto First Street in Downtown Denton. Died on 11/03/11 due to lack of support.

Ordinance #641 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Code of the Town of Denton, Maryland by adding a new Article IX, entitled “School Zones”, to establish School Zones within the Town and Maximum Speed Limits on Municipal Roads within those School Zones and a new Article X, entitled “Speed Monitoring Systems”, to provide for the authorization and use of Speed Monitoring Systems in School Zones in the Town. Introduced 10/06/11, adopted 11/03/11, effective 11/10/11.

Resolution #754 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving and accepting two deeds for “Fairfield Court” (formerly known as “Harmony Court”), “Chesapeake Drive”, and

four open space parcels in the Fairfield. Adopted 11/03/11.

Resolution #762 - A resolution of the Town of Denton adopting the 2011 Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Town 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Adopted 11/03/11.

Resolution #763 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for The Wharves of Choptank Community Legacy Project (the “Project”) further described in the Community Legacy Application (“The Application”), to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Tax Sale

Reminder

Resolution #764 - A resolution revising Building and Zoning Fees. Adopted 12/08/11.

Resolution #765 - A resolution of the Town of Denton, Denton Town Council terminating the Town of Denton Governmental 457 TDA Plan. Adopted 12/08/11.

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.

Seasonal Flu Walk-In Vaccine Clinic

Monday & Friday.

9a.m. – 11a.m.

Caroline Co. Health Department

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