



Denton Town News

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FREE

Friday Nites in Caroline Kicks Off January 22



Mickey Justice & Friends on
January 22 at 7p.m. at the Second
Story Stage of the Caroline County

Public Library, 100 Market Street,
Denton. Enjoy progressive bluegrass
& acoustic adventures.

Pay Your Bills at our Drive Thru

Did you know the Town Office
has a drive thru for bill paying?

When the Town Office moved
to its new location at 4N. Second
Street, it took over a building that
was previously a bank. That building
had a drive thru attached to the back
of it. So to add convenience for our
town residents, the drive thru is
open to accomodate all that wish to
pay a town bill without getting out
of their cars.

If you have more detailed
questions about bills and other
services the Town Office provides,
please stop by the lobby and inquire
at the front desk.

The drive thru is open Monday
- Friday 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. and
closed on holidays when the main
lobby is closed.

So the next time you need to
pay a bill at the Town Office, try
paying it at the drive thru window

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March January 18

Come out with the family for
the annual Dr. Martin Luther King
Jr. March January 18 at 9a.m. The
march starts at Lockerman Middle
School, ends at the Courthouse.
Open to everyone, march from
Lockerman Middle School to the
Caroline Co. Courthouse. After the

march everyone is invited to Union
Bethel AME Church on Lincoln St.
to see MLK displays, participate
in health and wellness checks,
and enjoy hot soup and healthy
refreshments. For more information
call Janet at 410-829-2844 or Wanda
at 410-829-7338.

Third Thursdays in Downtown Denton



Have you been driving by that
downtown business saying "I should
really stop by there sometime" or "I

wish they were open so I could stop
in after work", well now you can.
The third Thursday of each month
between 5p.m.-7p.m. downtown
businesses stay open later and offer
specials. From 5th Street to 1st
Street, specials can be found.

Check the Main Street website
at www.downtowndenton.com, the
Denton Facebook page, or the Town
website for the upcoming specials
for each month.

The downtown businesses look
forward to seeing you. They have
many hidden treasures in town, so
take time to stop in and shop local.

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed April 1, 2016. To avoid having your water
turned off payment must be received by April 25, 2016. 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 left of the
front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money
order or cashier check. The next utility bill will be mailed around
July 1, 2016 and will be due in full by July 25, 2016.

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Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Town Office

January 7
February 4

Council Working Sessions 6p.m. at Town Office

January 25
February 22

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Office

January 26
February 23

Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Office

January 20
February 17

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 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 6a.m.

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2015 - 2016 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, 2015 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 2016 Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050

<u>Months of Service</u>	<u>Billing Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>1% Interest Added</u>	<u>Shut Off</u>
July - September	10/01/2015	10/25/2015	10/27/15	11/05/2015
October- December	01/01/2016	01/25/2016	01/26/2016	02/05/2016
January - March	04/01/2016	04/25/2016	04/26/2016	05/05/2016
April - June	07/01/2016	07/25/2016	07/26/2016	08/05/2016

March 2016
ISSUE
DEADLINE

Feb 10, 2016



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

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

January 2016

1 - Happy New Year, the town office will be closed today

2 - Fiber Arts Bazaar (last day)

7 N. Fourth St. Denton 12p.m.-4p.m.

This is your last chance to stop in and shop for handmade items created by local artisans. Quilts, knitted items, crocheted items, embroidered and more. Fundraiser to help support FACES. Call 410-479-1009 for info.

TRIVIA
Night

4, 11, 18, 25 - Monday Night Trivia

7:30-9:30p.m. Market St. Pub, Denton

Join host Norm Amorose every Monday at the Market Street Public House for a fun-filled evening of trivia! For more info, contact the pub at 410-479-4720.

9 - Second Saturday at the Artsway

2-4p.m. Foundry Building 401 Market St.

The Foundry community art gallery will offer a painted burlap activity by featured Foundry artist, Janice Knauss. Materials will be provided to stencil and paint a 4x6 or 6x6 burlap piece that you can take home to mat and frame. This activity is free and open to all ages. Call 410-479-1009 for more info.

9 - FACES Second Saturday Sit and Sew

7 N. Fourth St.

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) kicks off their Second Saturday Sit and Sew with FACES instructor Lynn Davis. Participants will learn how to make a jewelry pouch. Materials will be provided for attendees to make and take home a completed item. \$10/ members, \$15/non-members; for ages 16 and up. Drop-ins welcome to observe, but you must register in advance to participate in the class at



fiberartscenter.com/category/current-classes/.

21 - Third Thursday

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



22 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Mickey Justice & Friends 7-9p.m. Central Library, Denton

Free evening of music featuring progressive bluegrass and acoustic adventures. Call 410-479-1009 or www.carolinearts.org for more info.

February 2016

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5 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Family entertainment by Mark Lohr

7-9p.m. Greensboro Elem. School

Come out and enjoy a FREE evening of entertainment by Mark Lohr featuring juggling, stilt walking, spinning plates, stumbling and tumbling, all while delivering laughs and guffaws in the universal language of physical comedy. Contact: 410-479-1009 or www.carolinearts.org



12 - Chocolat: A Decadent Evening to benefit the Chesapeake Culinary Center

7-9p.m. 512 Franklin St. Denton

Indulge your senses at Chocolat, a decadent evening to benefit the Chesapeake Culinary

Center featuring a chocolate-inspired gourmet menu and cocktails. Tickets are \$40 and include two drink tickets. Contact: 410-479-2144 or ChesapeakeCulinaryCenter.com

14 - Daddy Daughter Dance

Escort your princess to a special evening full of smiles, dancing, and fun at the 10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Dad and daughters ages 3-12 will enjoy dancing, refreshments, souvenir photos and great music! New this year is an Italian style dinner option at St. Luke's Church. Deadline to register is February 5. Also, you can avoid the picture line by getting your pictures taken early from 3-5 p.m. at the Fretterd Community Center. Dance only is \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Dinner and dance is \$55 per couple and \$15 for each additional daughter. Dinner seating is at 3:30 and dance is 5-7 p.m.

18 - Third Thursday

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

26 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Back Porch

Blue 7-9p.m. Central Library, Denton

Come out and enjoy a FREE evening of music by Back Porch Blues as they perform acoustic blues from the Piedmont to the swamp. Contact: 410-479-1009 or www.carolinearts.org



- 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.carolib.org

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

- Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore

(FACES)

#410-479-1009

www.fiberartscenter.com

Denton Police Department . . .

Cub Scout Pack 265 Visits Denton PD



Officer Starkey and Officer Hall met with Cub Scout Troop from Pack 265 on December 2. They were given a tour and spoke with the scouts about the importance of teamwork and the working relationship all the police departments have in the county.

Toys for Tots Drive



The Denton Police Department collected toys for the Toys for Tots Program at Denton Walmart. The Police Department would like to thank Walmart for their participation and allowing the Police Department to use their locations and a special thank you to the community for donating toys to the program and to children in need.

Speak up.

you might just save a life.



Steps to stop texting and driving:

1. Awareness. Know the risks.

Texting while driving is involved in 200,000+ vehicle crashes each year, often involving injuries and death.¹

2. Commitment. Take the pledge.

Make a *lifelong commitment* never to text and drive.

Go to ItCanWait.com and take the pledge with a loved one.

3. Ritual. Change your behavior.

Create a routine that reminds you before you drive.

4. Influence. Speak up.

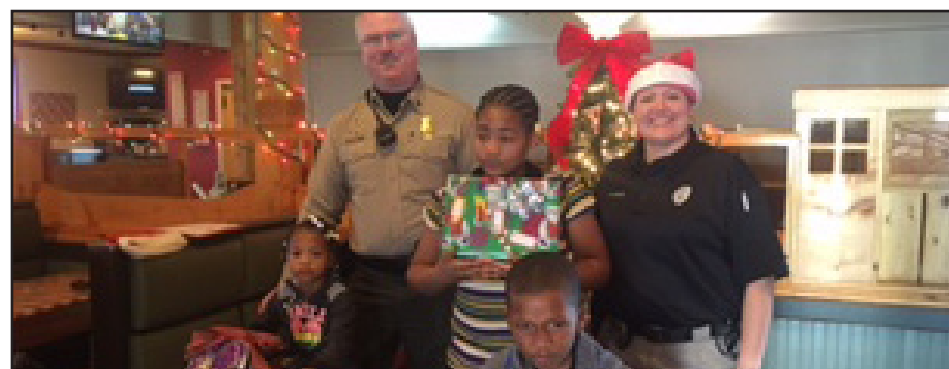
90% say they'd stop if a friend in the car asked them to.²

78% of teen drivers say they're likely not to text and drive if friends tell them it's wrong or stupid.³

93% would stop if a parent in the car asked them to.⁴

44% say that they would be thankful if a passenger complained about their texting while driving.⁵

Shop With a Cop



Local law enforcement agencies held their annual "Shop with a Cop" event in Denton. Denton Police Officer Charity Parris participated in this year's event.

Denton Police Department

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

Planning and Codes . . .

Temporary Suspension of Regulations

The Department of Planning and Codes has suspended the regulatory requirements of Town Code Chapter 94, Denton Property Maintenance, Section 310, related to unsafe, abandoned, vacant, and foreclosed properties.

This directive suspends the requirements for persons, legal entities, and vested parties to register,

obtain licenses, and make payment of fees for properties identified and qualifying under the provisions of this code. The effective date of the suspension of the referenced provision is 17 December 2015 until 30 April 2016. REFER to the town website for additional details. www.dentonmaryland.com.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October 2015 and December 2015:

- Federalburg Square LLC, 301 South 8th Street, Renovations
- Shirley, 1140 Osprey Lane, Accessory Structure
- Loweth, 9685 Foy Road, Mechanical
- BOP Denton Plaza, 21 Denton

- Plaza, Banner Levine, 105 Briarwood Circle, Solar Panels
- B & B Market Street LLC, 200 Market Street, Demolition
- Leslie, 319 Kerr Avenue, Mechanical
- Dulin, 526 North 6th Street, Roof
- 406 Market Street LLC, 406 Market Street, Roof
- Porter, 406 South 2nd Street, Roof
- Hewitt, 1141 Osprey Lane, Solar Panels & Accessory Structure
- Mahon, 1162 Osprey Lane, Solar Panels
- Caroline County, 403 South 7th Street, Signs
- Phillips, 1124 Market Street, Addition
- Wesleyan Heritage, 1139 Lakeview Drive, Roof
- My Lord's Gift, 9659 New Bridge Road, Mechanical
- Hohenstein, 1107 Ruddy Duck Court, Solar Panels
- Caroline County, 103 Gay Street, Sign
- Pitts, 322 South 4th Street, Mechanical
- Semenuk, 1219 Painted Fern Road, Mechanical
- Sorce, 133 Butler Drive, Solar Panels

PLANNING & CODES 2015 - 2016 Strategic Goals

Strategy Component	Tactical Activity	Purpose or Reason	Estimated Timeframe for Implementation
Organizational Strategy	1. Simplify the Residential and Commercial Building applications.	Optimizing review and processing times	1-Feb-16
	2. Create detailed checklist of information required for completed applications (Residential, Nonresidential, and atypical or small projects)	Minimizing requests for additional information/delays in review	1-Feb-16
	3. Consolidate small or atypical projects into one permit application	Optimizing review and processing times	1-Feb-16
	4. Consolidate Certificate of Occupancy applications in Central Business Commercial (CBC) Zoning Districts to include Sign and Design Historic and Architectural Review Commission applications	Optimizing review and processing times	1-Feb-16
	5. Standardize and establish timeframe for permit application reviews (i.e. 24-hour permit reviews, 14-day reviews, 30-day reviews, and 45-day reviews.	Establishing accountability	1-Jun-16
	6. Establish standards for enforcement of the codes (Rule of 3's)	Consistency in enforcement	1-Jun-16
	7. Establish standards for timeframes to remedy code violations	Consistency in enforcement	1-Jun-16
	8. 'Bolton-up' department organizational structure	Optimize department efficacy	Immediate / In progress as of 7 Dec 2015
Community Development Strategy	1. Coordinate with other agencies (State, Federal, County) on shared interest activities	Mitigate problems that arise from miscommunication and avoid duplication of effort.	Immediate / In Progress as of 7 Dec 2015
	2. Connect with other departments and coordinate activities to facilitate resolutions to problematic areas or permit reviews	Streamline our department's issues when addressing problems, minimizing delays on permit review (eliminating 'compartmentalization' of departments), and minimize mistakes and duplication of effort	Immediate / In Progress as of 7 Dec 2015
Operations Strategy	1. Performance standards based on 'outcome' vs. 'output'	Improve enforcement efficacy	1-Jun-16
	2. Policy manual incorporated into 'Standard Operating Procedures'	Optimize department efficacy	1-Apr-16
	3. Implementation of Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)	Establishing accountability	1-Jun-16
Social Responsibility	1. Connect with nonprofit groups to provide alternative pathways to code compliance.	Alternative means of code compliance based on economic	1-Jun-16
	2. Establish a mediation board to mitigate property maintenance complaints	Establishing accountability	1-Apr-16
	3. Publish guides for code enforcement	Improve public awareness and mitigate intensity of code enforcement activities	1-Feb-16
	4. Publish Policy Manual for public reference	Improve public awareness	1-Apr-16
<p>DOCUMENT NOTES</p> <p>1. Last document update: 7 December 2015.</p> <p>2. This document is free for distribution, Public or Private, published by the Town of Denton Department of Planning and Codes.</p> <p>3. This document may be edited, reprinted, or added to in future updates to track implementation of tactical activities and achievement of strategic goals.</p>			



www.dentonmaryland.com (910)
 4 N 2nd Street, Denton MD 21555
 (910) 479-3625 phone

Permit Reminder

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

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 or visit the Town Facebook page.



Preventing Frozen Pipes

During the winter months, the Public Works Department experiences many calls from residents to turn off water after pipes have frozen and broken. In the time that it takes for us to respond much damage could have taken place.

When water freezes, it expands up to ten percent in volume. That is why a can of soda explodes if it is put into a freezer to chill quickly and forgotten. When water freezes, it expands the same way putting tremendous pressure on whatever is containing it, including metal or plastic pipes. If it expands enough, the pipe bursts, water escapes, and serious damage results. It is important to note that fire sprinkler pipes tend to freeze before other water pipes because the water is not moving. When water freezes in a sprinkler pipe, it creates an obstruction that can make the system inoperable during a fire. As ice in the pipe expands, added pressure can cause the pipe to burst.

What is the solution?

Prior to cold weather, locate any pipes, equipment, and processes that are dependent upon heat or above freezing temperatures for safety and proper operation. This may include sprinkler piping, water piping, swimming pool supply lines, sewer piping, and any process that contains a liquid vulnerable to freezing. Drain liquids from any idle equipment and piping. Insulate pipes that are in unheated areas such as basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

Disconnect garden hoses from all outdoor faucets. Turn off outside water lines, and then open the outside spigots to drain any water still in the pipes. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

During cold weather, keep windows, vents, and doors closed where possible. Maintain an inside temperature about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Portable heaters may be used in areas subject to freezing. Routine inspections of portable heaters should be conducted. When using a portable heater, make sure the heater carries the Underwriters

Laboratories listed label. Temporary heaters should have standard safety controls, such as high-temperature cut-outs, flame supervision, flame failure and preset safety regulators. Heaters must be placed away from combustible materials and operated according to manufacturers' instructions.

Thawing frozen pipes

If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. The likely place for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation. Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe. Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use open flames to thaw frozen pipes or other equipment. If the frozen pipe is part of a fire sprinkler system, Fire Impairment Procedures should be implemented.

Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber. Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes because if one pipe freezes, others may freeze also.

Having a water shutoff valve installed inside your home is recommended. In the event of an emergency, a shutoff valve will provide the means to immediately shut off the water, preventing a catastrophe if you are not at home.

A local plumber can perform this installation. Once installed it is important to make sure that everyone in your household is aware of the location of the valve. The valve should be operated periodically to prevent it from seizing up. If your home is already equipped with a shutoff valve, verify its location and ensure that it works.

For more information, log on to www.weather.com or www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm/preventing-thawing-freezing-pipes.

Denton Main Street . . .

Upcoming Fiber Arts Center Exhibits

Knitting: The Everyday Art, January 15 – March 26, 2016. Let's celebrate this most noble of fiber arts! Knitting is such a common presence in our everyday that we forget just how amazing it really is.

The women and men that knit today are artists with yarn and create warmth and beauty in everything that comes off their needles. We are honored to present a few of these local artists and showcase the diversity of the world of knitting.

Downton Abbey Mystery Quilts, January 15 – March 26, 2016. Opening reception: Saturday, January 16, 2-4 p.m. Inspired by the hit PBS series and the fun of making

a mystery quilt, a group of local quilters met at FACES this summer and individually completed their own versions of a Downton Abbey Quilt. See the results on display at FACES.

Visit the current exhibits Thursday to Saturday from 12-4p.m.

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) is a program of the Caroline County Council of Arts and is located at 7 N. Fourth Street, Denton. For more information visit www.fiberarts.com, call 410-479-1009 or email info@fiberartscenter.com.

Learn Something New at the Fiber Arts Center



Have you always wanted to learn to quilt? Are you a seasoned quilter but want to learn something new? Do you have unfinished projects at home and want to get them done uninterrupted? If so the Fiber Arts Center is the place for you. Here are some upcoming classes and special events that will get you out of the house and learning something new.

FACES First Saturday Applique Bee; Saturday, January 2, 9a.m.-12p.m.; \$5 /members, \$10/non-members; for adults. Follow up on former applique classes and complete your projects. Led by FACES applique instructor, Kay Butler.

FACES First Sunday Meet & Sew; Sunday, January 3, 1 p.m.-

4p.m.; \$5 /members, \$10/non-members; for 16 and up. Do you have a sewing or quilting project that's just not getting done at home? Want to reduce the items in your mending basket, finish that quilt, sew the final bit of that dress? Meet like-minded individuals, help each other, and have fun finishing your projects!

Beginning Hand Quilting; Tuesday, January 5, 10a.m.-2p.m.; Instructor – Kay Butler; \$25 /members, \$30/non-members; for adults. Start the new year by learning a sewing skill of yesteryear. There's much to be learned including the use of proper tools, basting and quilting stitches, types of batting, thimbles, marking tools, thread, hoops and

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"IF I WERE MAYOR, I WOULD..."

You make choices every day. What shoes to wear, how to fix your hair. Whether to do homework right away or later. Some of the most important choices you make are those that help you stay healthy and fit – eating an apple instead of potato chips or taking the stairs instead of an elevator. But did you know that being healthy depends on more than what you eat? Elected officials think about the health of their residents, all the time. Many times the laws they create are to make sure their residents can live safe and healthy lives. But what if your city wasn't very good for your health? Share how you would handle this challenge.

It's a sad day in Happy Town. They have been put on the "Worst Towns" list because of unhealthy habits such as eating poorly, not getting enough physical activity and smoking. The residents want the town's elected officials to help Happy Town become a healthier city. The town has exactly one year to make things better so they won't end up on the Worst list again.

CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2015-2016 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.
- Essays must be received no later than March 31, 2016.
- Winners will be notified by late April. Runners up will be notified late May. Check www.municipal.org for a full list of finalists (winning student) and semi-finalists anytime late April.

ESSAY CONTEST

THEME: RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

If you were Mayor...

1. What new programs or services would you create to help citizens lead a healthier life/ make the town a healthier place to live?
2. How would you get citizens to participate?
3. What things would you do to make sure the town stays off this list?

BE CREATIVE!

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Name of Sponsoring Teacher: _____

Tel: (____) _____ Email: _____

Total number of essays submitted: _____

All entry information is mandatory.

frames as you stitch a lovely 18" wholecloth quilt.

Sit & Sew at FACES; Instructor led sewing projects on the second Saturday of every month from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m. (NEW DATE & TIME); Instructor Lynn Davis; \$10/members, \$15/non-members; for ages 16 and up; supplies included. Drop-ins welcome to observe.

- Saturday, January 9, Jewelry Pouch
- Saturday, February 13, Memory Shirt Pillow
- Saturday, March 12, Zippered Wristlet/Crossbody
- Saturday, April 9, Wine Tote
- Saturday, May 14, Tote Bag
- Saturday, June 11, Pillow Case

Hundred Good Wishes Quilt Throw; Sundays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31; 1-5p.m.; Instructor – Lynn Davis; \$40/members; \$45/non-members; for ages 16 and up. Learn beginner patchwork and the quilt-as-you-go method to complete this throw.

Second Saturday at the Artsway January 9

On Saturday, January 9, 2-4p.m., there are several activities at The Artsway!

- The Foundry community art gallery will offer a painted burlap activity by featured Foundry artist, Janice Knuss. Materials will be provided to stencil and paint a 4x6 or 6x6 burlap piece that you can take home to mat and frame. This activity is free and open to all ages.

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Beginning/Intermediate Applique – Rebecca's Fancy Quilt; Tuesday, January 12, 10a.m.-4p.m. & Wednesday, January 20, 10a.m.-1p.m. The same class is also offered Tuesday, January 26, 10a.m.-4p.m. & Wednesday, February 3, 10a.m.-1p.m. Instructor – Kay Butler; \$35/members, \$40 non-members; for adults. Learn to needle turn hand applique the easy and perfect way using the back basting method. Get smooth, round edges, stems and leaves with points. Learn all the steps from tracing your pattern to sewing the block by hand. No sewing machine necessary.

Little House on the Prairie Mystery Quilt Along; Every other Tuesdays, starting January 12th: 6:30-8:30p.m.; Visit www.fiberartscenter.com for more details.

For more information and to register for classes visit www.fiberartscenter.com or contact (410) 479-1009, info@fiberartscenter.com.

ages 16 and up. Drop-ins welcome to observe, but you must register in advance to participate in the class at fiberartscenter.com/category/current-classes/.

The Artsway is located on Fourth Street, between Market and Gay Streets in Denton. Demonstrations and activities from a variety of artists are typically held either at The Foundry community arts gallery (401 Market St.), FACES (7 N. Fourth St.) or at the Community Demonstration Garden (behind FACES). For more information please contact the Caroline County Council of Arts at 410-479-1009 or visit www.carolinearts.org. Sign up for the CCCA e-newsletter at carolinearts.org, or friend us on facebook for more details.

Mid-Shore Community Band



The Mid-Shore Community Band concluded its 2015 season with a bang. The band performed its annual Christmas concert at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton, MD on December 6, 2015. This is the band's sixth Christmas concert which benefits the Star Democrat's Brighter Christmas Fund. The band performed to a packed house and was able to raise a total of \$616. The band could not have had this success without the continued support of the Talbot County Arts Council, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and the members of the community, who support the band year after year. The MSCB played a second concert on Tuesday December 8, 2015 in the auditorium of North Carolina High School in Ridgely, MD. For this concert, the band invited some of North Carolina's band students on stage to perform several Christmas carols. The MSCB was

able to raise \$716 at the concert, all of which was given to the North Carolina High School Band of Blue music program. This second concert was made possible with the generous help of several Caroline County sponsors. The MSCB sends a special thank you to Towers Concrete, Bargain Beverage, Combined Technology Solutions, Blueprint Home Inspections, Blue Heron Christmas Tree Farm, and Smiles by Holsinger and Higgins for their sponsorship. The Mid-Shore Community Band is dedicated to enriching the mid-shore counties through music and welcomes the opportunity to perform in a variety of venues. The MSCB will take a break for the remainder of the holidays and will resume in 2016 under new leadership. Please visit www.msbc.org for updates regarding upcoming performances in the new year.



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND SHORE CONVENIENT CARE AT DENTON

Providing medical care and diagnostic services to patients in need of treatment for minor illnesses and injuries including:

- Respiratory Infections
- Colds
- Allergies
- Sprains, strains and broken bones
- Bruises and contusions
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Flu and flu-like symptoms
- Headaches
- Lacerations and cuts
- Insect and animal bites

Laboratory and X-ray services are also available.

**836 South 5th Avenue
Denton, MD 21629**

Located in the plaza adjacent to Food Lion

Open Monday - Friday, Noon - 8 p.m.

No Appointment Necessary — Walk-Ins Welcomed!

For additional information about University of Maryland Shore Convenient Care at Denton or services provided at this location, call 410-479-5905.

Patients experiencing life-threatening illnesses or injuries, including but not limited to severe chest pain, loss of consciousness, severe or uncontrolled bleeding or large surface burns to the body should call 911.

This is not a substitute for medical advice.

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.

Caroline County Public Library

410-479-1343; www.carolib.org



Holiday Closing: New Years Day, Friday January 1, 2016

Martin Luther King Day, Monday January 18, 2016

President's Day, Monday February 15, 2016



Friday, Jan 22, 2016

Mickey Justice & Friends

Friday, Feb 26, 2016

Back Porch Blues

7:00-9:30 pm

Central Library Denton

STEM Storytime

Join us for a morning of excitement and discovery with your child as we bring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) elements to story time

For ages 3 to 6. Registration required.

Call 410-479-1343 to register.

Thursday January 21, 2016 10:30am – 11:30pm

Denton



Wednesdays 10:15 & 11:00

Winter 2016

January 13 – February 24

Register for GED Classes

Chesapeake College representatives will be at the Denton Library from 10am-1pm on Wednesdays in January and February.

Interested parties can contact Danielle Thomas at 410-829-6043 or email daniellethomas926@skipjack.chesapeake.edu

Mega Lego Thon @ Denton

Come build amazing LEGO creations @ the library. Grades K-8 welcome. LEGOs provided!

Thursdays Jan 21 & Feb 18
6:00-7:00 pm

Biblobop:

Dance Party Storytime

Join us for a fun, active 30 minutes of dancing and singing! For ages 3 to 6. Registration required.

Call 410-479-1343 to register.

10:30-11:30 Thursday February 18, 2016

If you need assistance to use the library, please let us know.

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #821 - A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Denton, Maryland, adopting a Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Adopted 11/05/15.

Resolution #823 - A resolution of the Town of Denton supporting Caroline County Habitat for Humanity's application and receipt of funds for technical assistance for design, survey work, and technical needs for the Gay Street project titled Together We Stand – Denton/ Aging In Place development, in Denton, Maryland to be funded

either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Adopted 11/05/15.

Resolution #824 - A resolution of the Town of Denton supporting Caroline County Habitat for Humanity's application and receipt of funds for Non-Profit assistance for startup costs for a restore in Denton, Maryland to be funded either directly by the Department

of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Adopted 11/05/15.

Resolution #825 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of Community Legacy Financing for FY2016 funds in Denton, Maryland to be funded either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State

of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Adopted 11/05/15.

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office of the Town of Denton, 4 N. Second St., Denton, Maryland, during normal working hours 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.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.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day March

January 18, 2016

9a.m.

*March from Lockerman Middle School to
Caroline Co. Courthouse.*

Everyone Welcome.

**Come celebrate the life and message of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

After the march everyone is invited to Union Bethel AME Church on Lincoln St. to see MLK displays, participate in health and wellness checks, and enjoy hot soup and healthy refreshments.

**For more information call Janet at 410-829-2844 or
Wanda at 410-829-7338.**

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