



Denton Town News

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FREE

Toys For Tots Collected



On Sunday December 18 members of the Denton Police Department collected Toys For Tots at the Denton Walmart.

This annual event helps the police department collect hundred of toys for this worthwhile

organization.

The police department would like to thank everyone that donated toys, money, and food for the local food pantry.

Happy Holidays from the Denton Police Department.



18th Annual Denton Holiday Parade



Photo by Dustin Holt

The 18th annual Denton Holiday Parade and Lighting of the Green was held Thursday December 1st. There were over 40 parade entries that included local and state dignitaries, marching bands, local fire departments, equestrian units, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and more.

Our local celebrity judges this year were Teacher of the Year Marcia Porter, Joanne Reedy from the Town office, and County

Corrections Department Worden, Ruth Colbourn.

The parade could not happen without the support of many volunteers from the Tourism Department, Town Office, Planning and Codes office, Public Works, and Police Department.

Thank you for coming out to the parade. Mark your calendar, the 2017 Denton Holiday Parade is scheduled for Thursday December 7, 2017.

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2017. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received **by January 25, 2017**. 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 bills will be mailed April 1, 2017 and will be due in full by April 25, 2017.

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Town Calendar

**Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Town Office**

January 5
February 2

**Council Working Sessions
6p.m. at Town Office**

January 23
January 30

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

January 31
February 28

**Historic Review Meeting
6 p.m. at 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 2016 - 2017 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, 2016** 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 - 2017 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 Date.</u>
July - September	10/01/2016	10/25/2016	10/26/16	11/08/2016
October- December	01/03/2017	01/27/2017	01/30/2017	02/09/2017
January - March	04/03/2017	04/27/2017	04/27/2017	05/09/2017
April - June	06/30/2017	07/25/2017	07/26/2017	08/08/2017

**March - April
ISSUE
DEADLINE**

February 10, 2017



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

January 2017

1 - Happy New Year



2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Monday Night Trivia

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

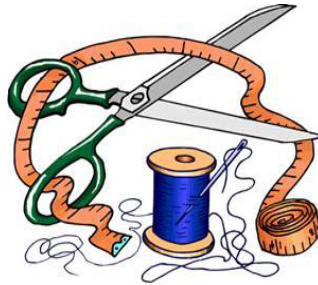
Join host Norm Amorose every Monday at the Market Street Public House for a fun-filled evening of trivia! For more info, contact the pub at 410-479-4720.

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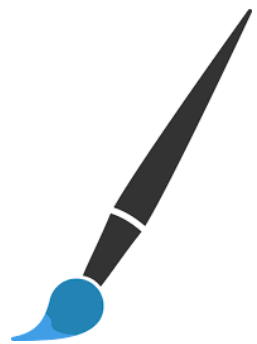
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5p.m.-7p.m. Come shop and dine in downtown Denton. Businesses will have extended hours and specials during this event. Not to be missed.

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February 2017

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19 - Daddy Daughter Dance

5-7p.m. ages 3-12. \$35 per couple / \$5 per additional guest. Escort your princes to a spacial evening full of smiles, dancing, and fun at the 11th annual Daddy - Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, couvenir photos and great music. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

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- 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 . . .

Denton PD Receives Grant



Chief Rodney Cox accepts grant funding from LGIT Executive Director for additional camera's for police personnel.

Firearm Licensing Portal



In accordance with the Firearms Safety Act of 2013, the Maryland State Police have developed a web accessible Licensing Portal where citizens will submit, and Maryland firearms dealers will process,

firearms applications. The Portal is a web 'dashboard' that provides citizens the ability to submit and track multiple application types. It gives firearms dealers the ability to access and submit 77R applications to MSP on behalf of their customers, and MSP Licensing Division the ability to receive, process and report on multiple application types via a single system. The Licensing Portal will be available to the public January 1, 2017. Visit <http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Documents/News%20Release.pdf> for additional information.

Planning and Codes . . .

Special Event Permits



Planning a special event that will close off a street in Denton? Make sure to fill out a Special Event form 60 days before your event. The forms may be found at the town office or online at <http://www.dentonpublicworks.com/uploads/file/pdf/Special%20Events%20Request%20Form.pdf>.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October 2016 and December 2016:

- Walker, 1100 Cattail Commons Way, Solar Panels
- Mattress Firm, 20 Denton Plaza, Signs
- Larios, 110 North 5th Street, Solar Panels
- Redden, 104 South 2nd Street, Accessory Structure & Fence
- Naseer, 1211 Painted Fern Road, Solar Panels
- King's Apostle Holy Temple, 300

- North 4th Street, Mechanical
- Main Street Housing, Inc., Market Street, Banner
- Hippert, 208 North 6th Street, Windows & Roof Repair
- Hadair, 700 Market Street, Mechanical
- Mathis, 6 South 8th Street, Accessory Deck
- Peterson, 209 South 5th Avenue, Accessory Structure
- Cruickshank, 901 Market Street, Roof Repair
- Fluharty, 207 North 6th Street, Roof Repair

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 . . .

Winter Weather

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

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

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



To prevent water damage in your home, so you don't experience a burst pipe, locate all the water shut off valves. Don't wait for someone else to turn it off. The delay could cause major water damage.

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

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

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

Caroline County Public Library

419-479-1343; www.carolib.org

Holiday Closings: New Year's Jan 1- 2 ,
Martin Luther King's Birthday Jan 16, President's Day Feb 20



Denton Storytime

Wednesdays 10:15 & 11:00
Winter/Spring Storytime
Jan 11- Feb 22

Friends of the Library 2nd Annual Mini-Golf!

Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26
Central Library, Denton - details coming soon.



AARP Tax Aide begins in February

Call to schedule your appointment beginning in late January.



Friday Nites in Caroline 2017

Free concerts at your library!


Friday, Jan 13-7pm
Breath of Fresh Air- Denton

Friday, Jan 27-7pm
Broadway Melodies with
Maureen Federalsburg

Friday, Feb 10-7pm
Ken & Brad Kolodner 7pm-
Denton

Friday, Feb 24-7pm
Todd Marcus Duo

Veterans' Representative



Sharon Egerson
Every Thursday at 1:00pm
Central Library, Denton

Teen Tech Mentor

Get one-on-one expert help from our staff and teen tech mentors!



Jan 6th 4-5:00 pm
Jan 7th 10-11:00am
Jan 27th 4-5:00 pm
Jan 28th 10-11:00am
Feb 17th 4-5pm
Feb 18th 10-12:00pm

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

SNOW PLOW POLICY INFORMATION

Planning for a winter storm event can be difficult. The variations in rate of snowfall, moisture content, air/surface temperatures, time of day, and wind velocity make each storm unique.

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and describe the Town's snow plowing and sanding priorities and the level of service that is intended to be provided by Town forces. The Town does not guarantee that streets will be free of snow and ice after plowing and/or sanding. Bare, dry pavement should not be expected. The Town will attempt to maintain adequate traction for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions.

It is the goal of this effort to establish general policies and procedures that help make travel within the Town as safe as possible and to minimize economic hardship.

Visit http://www.dentonpublicworks.com/streets/snow_plowing_policy.asp for the list of street priority.



Questions About Your Water Bill?
Contact 410-479-2050

Denton Main Street . . .

Arts Council Survey

The Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA) is updating its grant program and plans to award mini grants this coming year to help expand the arts in Caroline County. A survey has been developed to gather ideas and to determine the grant needs within our community.

The public is being asked to participate by completing the brief survey online at carolinearts.org. Paper versions will also be available at all Caroline County Public library branches during opening hours and

at The Foundry community art gallery, 401 Market St, Denton, MD 21629 during the hours of 12-5pm, Wednesday – Saturday.

Surveys should be submitted by January 31, 2017. The results of the survey will be published in February along with the new CCCA grant guidelines and application process.

For more information please email ccartsCouncil@verizon.net or call 410-479-1009.

Arts Council Featured Artist Barbara Martin



The Caroline County Council of Arts features an artist every month, this month its Barbara Martin.

“I guess you could say I blossomed creatively later in life. That’s not to say that I didn’t dabble. I must have tried every hand craft known to woman in my late teens and early twenties. But as my personal and professional life got busier, I had less and less time for these pursuits. Flash forward 30+ years and suddenly time opened up again. I took my first jewelry class and my life changed.”

After taking her first jewelry class, Barbara became addicted to beads. She began selling her jewelry when she realized she

could never wear all that would be generated by her ever-growing bead stash. In the ten years plus since then, she has learned new skills and been introduced to different media. Barbara has learned from several different masters in the jewelry world, including metal textiles expert Arlene Fisch, polymer clay artist Louise Fischer Cozzi, and enamel artist Barbara Lewis. Each has informed her work with new textures, colors, and materials. She is always being pulled in new directions, exploring different media and learning new techniques. Her customers say that they are always interested to see what’s new in Barbara Martin’s world.

Fiber Arts Center Happenings

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.

Visit the current exhibit Thursday to Saturday from 12-4pm.

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

Exhibit Information

Winter Wonders: Colors of the Season on display until January 25th, 2017. Fiber Arts Bazaar 2016: A Celebration of the Craft until January 7th, 2017.

Class Information

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More Zentangle; Saturday, January 21, 9 am-11 am; Instructor – Charlotte Jordan; \$20 /members, \$25non-members; Intergenerational – open to all ages. Ages 15 & under must be accompanied by a paying adult. Must have attended beginner class. Continue to learn the easy,

relaxing, and fun, Zentangle art form. Attendees will each receive five new tiles and a Graphic 1 pen. Bring your tools that you received from your beginner class.

Snowflake Blessings; Friday, January 13, 10am – 3pm. Instructor - Kay Butler. Deck the halls with this lovely quilted snowflake wallhanging and learn how to hand



aplique this wintry wonder! In this class you will learn how to hand applique using the back basting method eliminating the need for templates! This gives you an easy-to-sew portable project. The results will be beautiful and of heirloom quality. This class is appropriate for beginner/intermediate-level

quilters. Ages 16 and up.

Stitching Stories of Freedom Quilt Along; starting Tuesday, March 7, 6pm-8:30pm, every other Tuesday through July 11; Create a commemorative quilt based on the Harriet Tubman Byway Quilt Trail, using the Byway Quilt Trail Kit. FACES instructor, Kay L. Butler will be on hand to assist and give guidance; \$50/members, \$75/non-members.

Volunteers Needed! Complete our Volunteer Sign Up Form at fiberartscenter.com/get-involved.

FACES is seeking volunteers to help with the following:

- Coverage & Inventory - help us organize and utilize our donated fiber arts supplies and materials, during our opening hours.
- Class Administration - help us schedule and administer our classes.
- Volunteer Coordination - help us recruit and schedule our volunteers.
- Outreach Support- help us update our website, online events calendar, and regional directory.

Second Saturday at the Artsway January 14

On Saturday, January 14, 2-4pm, The Foundry community art gallery will offer a steampunk pin making activity directed by Foundry artist, Barbara Martin. This activity is free and open to all ages. The Artsway is located in downtown Denton. Demonstrations and activities from



a variety of artists are typically held at The Foundry community arts gallery (401 Market St.), FACES (7 N. Fourth St.) and/or at the Community Demonstration Garden (behind FACES).



Friday Nites in Caroline

Fridays 7pm, Denton Library Stage (unless otherwise noted)*

Jan. 13, Breath of Fresh Air: A local favorite with smooth jazz and R&B sounds.

Jan. 27, Maureen Curtin: Broadway melodies. *Federalsburg Library

Feb. 10, Ken & Brad Kolodner: Traditional and original tunes and songs.

Feb. 24, Todd Marcus Duo: Bass clarinetist, composer and band leader.

Mar. 3, Flatland Drive: Influenced by the patriarchs of bluegrass music.

Mar. 17, Ocean Celtic Quartet: Music packed with Pan-Celtic pizzazz.

Mar. 31, Synetic Theater: The Miraculous Magic Balloon. *Greensboro Elementary



Third Thursday Art Night January 19 6-9p.m.



Paint Night at The Foundry! Enjoy an evening of painting with Foundry artist, Janice Knauss. All materials will be provided to paint a sailboat scene on canvas. Cost: \$25 CCCA Members, \$30 Non-members.

Caroline County Artists Add Your Name to Our Registry

If you are an artist in Caroline County, we would love to add you to our Artist Registry! Please visit <http://carolinearts.org/artist-registry-form/> to submit your information and be listed on our website. Visual, performing, and literary artists who live or work in Caroline County are encouraged to register.

For more info and to register for classes: visit carolinearts.org, email ccartsCouncil@verizon.net or call 410-479-1009. For the most up to date news and info: sign up for the CCCA e-newsletter and friend us on facebook.



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.

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #682 - An ordinance of the Denton Town Council to repeal and reenact a new official Critical Area Map for the Town of Denton. Introduced 10/06/16, passed 11/03/16, effective 11/10/16.

Resolution # 836 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for a Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) Grant from the Rural Maryland Council. Adopted 11/03/16.

Resolution # 837 - A resolution of the Town of Denton assessing the

cost to remove and store personal property declared to be rubbish as a Lien against Real Property known as 700 Gay Street, Denton, Maryland and directing the Clerk/Treasurer to advise the Caroline County Finance/Tax Office of the Lien which is to be collected in the same manner as Property Tax due to the Town. Adopted 12/05/16.

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

Friday, except holidays. To inquire or obtain additional information regarding these amendments please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at (410) 479-2050.



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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