



# Denton Town News

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**FREE**

## New Community Information Service

The Town of Denton is launching a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology.

This service, created by Nixle, LLC, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and cell phone.

Nixle is completely free, simple, and trusted.

Residents of Denton can now take advantage of Nixle! Nixle is a community information service that alerts you to public safety threats and community events via web, e-mail, and cell phone. Sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to register.

Register now and learn more at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Then share this new service with friends and neighbors to spread the word!

We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.

Nixle is a new community information service provider built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. Its

authenticated service connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and through Web access. Nixle is offered at no cost to all governments, their agencies and organizations, nongovernmental organizations and consumers.

For now, Denton residents will be able to receive police-related information and municipal government information via Nixle. Channels providing other kinds of information are expected to be introduced in the future.

Craig Mitnick, the founder and CEO of Nixle, said Nixle differs from current services such as Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter, which provide unauthenticated platforms for connections. Nixle solves that problem by providing a single standardized service for consumers to receive immediate and credible neighborhood-level public safety and community information.

"Nixle is a first-of-its-kind

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## Caroline Summerfest 2009 is a Swashbuckling Adventure

Pirates, patches, parrots, and more will be on-deck for the 21st annual free family festival located on the streets of downtown Denton, the courthouse green and the waterfront of G. Daniel Crouse Park.

The Main Stage entertainment is under construction, but early reports confirm the Pyrates Royale, The Reagan Years, Farafina Kan, and the Jones Boys. The original singing pirate band has been creating music and mayhem since 1986. Voted best music group in 2007 and 2005 among the hundreds of performers at the Maryland Renaissance Festival, watch for the Pyrates stage, strolling and riverfront performances all day Saturday. The Jones Boys' signature country music sound warms up the Saturday Main Stage and the Reagan Years, a premier 80's tribute band will get the "party started" on Friday evening. Farafina Kan earned fans accolades during the 2008 Summerfest event. This D.C. based drumming and dance troupe's name translates literally to "Sounds of Africa". You will catch them in the

Friday evening Pedestrian parade and on-stage Saturday evening not long before the fireworks.

For complete stage and strolling entertainment schedule, check out [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com)

And count on seeing a mix of the best local and regional talent around, thanks to the support of the Caroline County Council of Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council. Of course Caroline Summerfest is all about "You", but it's the music and the arts that give us the reason to celebrate.

Mark your family calendars for this Pre-Festival Movie event: Pirates of the Caribbean, of course!

Thursday night at Crouse Park under the big bridge on August 13, settle in for a pre-festival adventure. At dark the free "Pirates" movie begins on the new inflated big screen right on the waterfront. But you can also experience a special "pirate boat" excursion on the official Caroline Summerfest cruising vessel, the Dockside Express. Event begins

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## Denton Town News to be Published Online

During the June 1, 2009, Denton Town Council Meeting, the Council decided to no longer print and mail the Denton Town Newspaper to Denton residents. Instead, they will publish the paper online on the Denton website.

The Town paper will continue to have the same look as the printed version. However it will no longer have Police Department press releases or Town Council

meeting minutes included. The Town Council meeting minutes are now available online at [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com). Click on "minutes" to find current and past meeting minutes. To find current Police Department press releases visit [www.dentonmdpolice.com](http://www.dentonmdpolice.com) and click "press releases". Press releases are updated weekly.

The Denton Town Newspaper will continue to publish new online

papers bi-monthly. Check the website often for updated versions.

The Town Newspaper is produced to keep Denton residents informed about their local government, updates on policy, and local interests and events.

The deadline for the September - October 2009 issue is July 30th. Articles of interest may be submitted to [lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com).

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### Town Calendar

All meetings are held in the Denton Town Office Conference Room at 13 North Third Street, unless otherwise noted.

#### Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. Police Department

July 6  
August 3

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

July 28  
August 25

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

July 15  
August 19

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

July 9  
August 13

#### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

July 3  
August 17

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

Web Page Address:  
[www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)

## Water Bills Mailed Out July 1

Utility Bills will be mailed around July 1, 2009, and are to be paid by July 25, 2009. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on July 28, 2009.

Past due notices (red cards) will be mailed on July 28, 2009, for any account that has an overdue balance, this is the FINAL REMINDER prior to having the water service shut off.

Payments can be made during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or after hours by placing the payment in an envelope in

the night deposit box located to the right of the front door on the outside of the Town Office building.

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

As always, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner.

Landlords and property managers who have arrangements

for the tenants to pay the bills, please be sure to forward the bills to the tenants immediately upon receiving them to ensure prompt payment and to avoid shut off issues. In the past several tenants have stated that they do not receive the bill until the day it is due or when late notices have been sent.

Failure to receive the bill does not relieve the responsibility of the payment that is due. If a citizen is unable to make their payment by the due date, please contact the Finance Department at 410-479-2050 prior to July 25, 2009.

Water service will be shut

## DENTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHEREN Celebrating 100 Year's in Historic Denton

August 30th 2009

108 S. 7th St.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Program: 1:30 p.m.



### NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE..

Read the Denton Town Newspaper online anytime  
Visit [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) and click on Newsletter for Denton's latest news and archive issues.

#### September-October ISSUE DEADLINE...

Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: [lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com) or fax: 410-479-3534 by July 30th.  
Thank you.



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

Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050

# Calendar of Events

## July

**1st, 8th - Baby Steps Storytime & Giant Steps Storytime** 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Large meeting room, Central Library, Denton. Songs, stories, finger plays and a craft for children ages newborn to 2 1/2 years and their caregivers.

**2nd - Blood Pressure Testing**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Central Library, Denton  
Free Blood Pressure testing is provided by the Caroline County Health Department the first Thursday of each month.

**2nd - Ice Cream Social, Helping Hands Neighborhood Association**  
6 p.m. The social will be at the corner of Fifth and High Streets. Please join us and bring a friend!

**2nd & 9th - Fun Thursdays "Be Creative"**  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Large Meeting Room, Central Library, Denton. Environmental Concern brings us their "Books, Bogs & Bugs" program. This time a NEW wetlands story, ALL ABOUT DUCKS.

**4th - Independence Day**

**4th, 18th, 25th - Docent Guided Walks**

Saturdays, through November, 11 a.m. Adkins Arboretum Visitor's Center, Ridgely. Fee: Free with admission. Guided walks are free for members and are included with admission for the general public. All tours last approximately one hour. For more information, call 410-634-2847 ext. 0 or email [info@adkinsarboretum.org](mailto:info@adkinsarboretum.org).

**7th - Internet for Beginners**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Computer Lab, Central Library, Denton. Free class covers basics such as using the mouse, searching the library's online catalog and finding information on the Internet. Please call 410-479-1343 to register.

**10th - "Be Creative: CAMP"**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Library Car, Central Library, Denton. Children ages 5-7yrs. enjoy fun reading activities and special performances. Bring your lunch. Drink provided.

**10th - Otaku Club**  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Large meeting room, Central library, Denton. Come, hang out, watch new episodes of anime straight from Japan, talk about

otaku culture, have a snack.

**11th - Bird Watching: Summer Birds**  
\$8 members, \$10 general public. 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely. Join birder Karen Harris on walks through the Arboretum's rich landscape of woods, meadows, streams, and wetland. Bring binoculars and field guide.

**15th - Twilight Tunes at the Denton Farmers Market. Greg Meisner.** 5:30 p.m. Caroline Co. Courthouse Green. Bring your own lawn chair and settle in for some "Homegrown Music on the Green." Presented by Denton's Main Street Program and Caroline County Council of Arts. Offered in partnership with the Denton Farmers Market

**18th - Community Arts Block Party**  
Corner of Market St. and 4th St., 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Free, Downtown Denton. Live entertainment, art demos, kids art activities, food and drink consession. Bring the family out for this fun event, rain or shine. Call 410-479-1009 for more details.

## August

**4th & 5th - DNR Duck Blind Licensing**  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Small meeting room, Central library, Denton. Offshore blind licensing.

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**11th - Internet Tutoring**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Maryland Room, Central Library, Denton. Personal 30 minute internet tutoring sessions. Registration required. Sign up at the Information Desk: 410-479-1343 ext. 1.

**12th - Puppet Show**  
10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Large meeting room, Central library, Denton. Puppet show presentation of "The Fisherman and His Wife" followed by a craft for children ages newborn to 5 years and their caregivers.

**14th & 15th - Caroline Summerfest "Swashbuckling Adventure"** Friday 5 p.m.-10 p.m. & Saturday 2 p.m.-10 p.m. rain or shine, Caroline Courthouse Green, Downtown Denton and Crouse Park. Free admission. Live entertainment, food, arts and crafts vendors, music, kidz art, boat rides, car show, Friday night pedestrain parade, Saturday night fireworks. For more info. visit [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com).

**19th - Twilight Tunes at the Denton Farmers Market. Thallamus, mellow jazz rock.** 5:30 p.m. Caroline Co. Courthouse Green. Bring your own lawn chair and settle in for some "Homegrown Music on the Green." Presented by Denton's Main Street Program and Caroline County Council of Arts. Offered in partnership with the Denton Farmers Market

**22nd - Back to School Fun Fest**  
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. corner of High and N. Fifth Streets. The Helping Hands Neighborhood Association with the assistance of the Denton Police Department will be hosting this annual event. Join us for fun activities for the children including a moon bounce, games, music, door prizes, and more. We invite you to come and be a part of this day with us.

# Denton Police Department . . .

## Bike Registration Drive

With the growing number of bicycle thefts, the Denton Police Department hosted a Bike Registration Drive on Friday, June 19, 2009. Denton Police took their Command Unit to different communities around the town throughout the day. The Police Department offers free bike registration. Residents are encouraged to register their bikes, giving the information on the form below.

The Police Department receives many calls about abandoned and stolen bicycles. In 2008 the Police Department received over 42 reports of stolen bikes.

Most of the bikes recovered

go unclaimed and are turned over to charity because owners cannot be identified. By registering your bike, you will receive a Denton Police Dept. sticker and your bike's information will be entered into the Police Department's database allowing the Police Department to reconnect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

If you did not have a chance to register your bike at the June event, please fill out the form below and return in to the Police Department.

Denton Police continue to ask residents to lock and secure your bikes and do not leave them lying around.

## Helping Hands Neighborhood Association Summer Events



Thursday, July 2 at 6 P.M.

The social will be at the corner of Fifth and High Streets. Please join us and bring a friend.

With the assistance of the Denton Police Department, Helping Hands Neighborhood Association

will be having their annual Back To School Fun Fest on August 22, 2009, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.. The event will be held at the corner of High and N. Fifth Streets. There will be fun activities for the children including a moon bounce, games, music, door prizes, and more. We invite you to come and be a part of this day with us.



## Community Information Service *Continued from pg 1*

tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents," said Craig Mitnick, founder and CEO. "When it comes to public safety information, you

have to trust the source. Residents of Denton can rest easy that the local messages they receive are authentic."

### DENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BICYCLE REGISTRATION FORM

*With the increase in bicycle thefts, residents are encouraged to register their bikes with the Denton Police Department. Please fill out the form below and mail or return it to 13 N. Third St. Denton, MD 21629.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### BICYCLE DESCRIPTION

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECONDARY COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

VALUE WHEN PURCHASED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OBTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES/ACCESSORIES: \_\_\_\_\_



**Denton Police Department**

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



## Caroline Hospice Remembrance 5K & 2 Mile Walk

**Sat. September 26th**  
**9 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

Federsurg Marina Park, MD 313 and 308

Get a workout for a good cause at the Caroline Hospice Remembrance 5K and 2 mile walk. 5K through downtown Federsurg begins at 9:00 a.m., and the scenic 2 Mile walk along the Marshyhope begins at 9:15 a.m.

Register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or download application at [www.seashorestriders.com](http://www.seashorestriders.com). or call Tim Bamforth at 302-644-8952



All proceeds benefit the Caroline Hospice Foundation

## Take Crime Prevention to Work

Many people spend a good portion of their time at work. This means it's just as important to use crime prevention skills in the workplace as it is at home and in the neighborhood. Whether the place of business is corporate headquarters, a restaurant, a store, an auto repair shop, or a person's home, common-sense prevention skills can make the workday safer for everyone.

The manager or owner of a business will have additional concerns as he or she must be on the lookout for vandalism, shoplifting, fraud, and other problems. In addition, employers need to make sure their employees are safe not only from unauthorized "visitors" or angry customers but, at times, from each other. This means employers must be careful in hiring, verifying references and credentials, and doing background checks when appropriate. And every company, no matter how small, should have an emergency plan in place.

A simple list of things people can do to stay safe at work:

- Keep your purse, wallet, keys, or other valuables with you at all times or locked in a drawer or closet.
- Check the identity of any strangers who are in your office. If anyone makes you uncomfortable, inform security or management immediately.
- Don't stay late if you'll be alone in the office. Create a buddy system for walking to parking lots or public transportation after hours, or ask a security guard to escort you.
- Report any broken or flickering lights, dimly lit corridors, broken windows, and doors that don't lock properly.
- If you notice signs of potential violence in a fellow employee, report this to the

appropriate person. Immediately report any incidents of sexual harassment.

- Know your company's emergency plan. If your company does not have such a plan, volunteer to help develop one.

- If the company does not supply an emergency kit, keep your own emergency supplies (flashlight, walking shoes, water bottle, nonperishable food, etc.) in a desk drawer.

- If you work at home, in addition to making your home safe and secure, you should hang window treatments that obstruct the view into your office. You don't want to advertise your expensive office equipment.

- Review your insurance policy—almost all policies require an extra rider to cover a home office.

- Mark your equipment with identification numbers, and keep an updated inventory list (with photos, if possible) in a home safe or a bank safe-deposit box. It's a good idea to keep backups of your work in a secure, separate location as well.

- Follow the same caution with deliveries and pickups that businesses do. Anyone making a delivery to your home office should be properly identified before you open the door. Do not let the person enter your home. If you own the company, take a hard look at your business—physical layout, employees, hiring practices, operating procedures, and special security risks. Assess the company's vulnerability to all kinds of crime, from burglary to embezzlement. Follow basic crime prevention principles, and work with local law enforcement to protect your business.

## Available Police Department Services

The Denton Police Department offers many services, most of which are at no cost, to the citizens we



serve.

The Denton Police Department offers commercial and residential security surveys. Police will inspect your home or business and provide advice on how to better keep you safe, and secure your property. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

The Department has the ability to produce Child Identification Cards. These cards contain descriptive physical information about your child along with a photo

and parent contact information. Stop by the Denton Police Department to have one made. Having a community event? We can also bring this service to you. Call the office for more details.

Fingerprinting service is available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is a fee of \$10.00 per fingerprint card. This service has no cost to Town of Denton residents. Photo identification is required.



Going on vacation? The Denton Police Department will conduct premise checks on your residence while you are away. Call 410-479-1414 or stop by the office at 100 N. Third St. Denton, and we will be happy to provide this service.

## Neighborhood Safety Tips for Parents

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

Know where your children are. Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.

Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.

Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?

Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their

home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.

Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries, and police stations.

Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists. Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.

Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

This article and other helpful information is available at the following website: [www.ncpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety/neighborhood-safety](http://www.ncpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety/neighborhood-safety)



**9th Annual  
Denton Night Out**

**October 3, 2009  
4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

# Planning and Codes . . .

## Rental Property Ordinance

On Monday, June 1, 2009, the Denton Town Council adopted an ordinance to establish a licensing and inspection program for residential rental dwelling units. Its purpose is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town residents and to prevent deterioration of the housing stock in the Town.

Within sixty (60) days after June 11, 2009, owners on record are required to make written application to the Town for a rental unit license. Applications are to be submitted together with a non-refundable rental license fee of \$25.00 per dwelling unit. Applications may be picked up at the Denton Town Office, Department of Planning and Codes, or they may be downloaded from the Town's website ([www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)).

Licenses expire one year from the date of issuance and are renewable annually.

A residential rental dwelling unit is any building or portion of a building in which a person resides for which consideration of money or other goods or services are paid or provided to the owner of such building, or the owner's authorized representative or other tenant. This definition includes the rental of any single-family residential dwelling unit, multi-family residential dwelling unit, two family residences, boarding house, rooming house, lodging house, group home of any type, intermediate care home or institution, or handicapped or infirm home. This definition does not include owner-occupied single family residences in which no more than two rooms are let, provided the rooms do not have separate kitchen and bath facilities.

All residential rental properties are subject to periodic inspections by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer to determine if they are in conformance with the Town Code and applicable ordinances, laws, or other regulations.

If an inspection reveals a violation of an applicable provision of the Town Code, including any building code, property maintenance code, or minimum livability code in effect within the Town limits, the Code Enforcement Officer will provide written notification to the owner and to the occupant of the rental unit. The notice will indicate a time period within which the violation is to be corrected. The Code Enforcement Officer will re-inspect the premises to confirm that the violations have been corrected.

A license may be revoked or denied by the Code Enforcement Officer if an owner, after the passage of the notice period described in the previous section, fails to eliminate violations of the Town Code.

Any violation shall be considered a municipal infraction and any person violating any provision of the licensing and inspection program for residential rental dwelling units shall be assessed a fine of \$100 for the first infraction, and up to \$200 for each subsequent infraction. Each separate violation shall constitute a separate offense. Each day that any violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Please refer to Ordinance No. 576 for additional details. Questions may be directed to the Office of Planning and Codes, 13 North Third Street, Denton, or by calling to (410) 479-3625.

### GRASS CUTTING

Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to 10 inches or shorter. This reduces rodent and insect infestations. To avoid storm drain clogs, please keep the grass clippings out of the street.  
Thank you.

## Building Permits

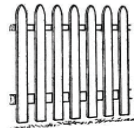
*The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between April and May:*

- Greenly, 304 1st St., Roof
- Downtown Denton Main Street, 3 N. 1st Street, Banner
- Brittingham, 221 S. 2nd St., Shed
- Phillips, 1208 Tuckahoe Ct., Deck
- Durham, 314 S. 5th St., Rehab
- Belknap, 113 N. 2nd St., Tree Removal
- Evans, 808 Market St., Fence
- Wesleyan Heritage Community Center, 425 Colonial Dr., Fence
- Crossling, 217 Market St., Sign
- Weaver, 113 S. 5th St., Rehab
- Hawkins, 409 Caroline St., Rehab
- Ireland, 1400 Cattail Commons Way, Deck
- Usilton, 921 Market St., Fence
- Jones, Wesleyan Camp Cottage #22, Roof
- Slate, Wesleyan Camp Cottage #98,

- Roof
- Jennings, 13 N. 6th St., Rehab & Fence
- Bloor, 201 N. 3rd St., Fence
- Bowman, 1611 Cattail Commons Way, Patio
- Powell, 1708 Cattail Commons Way, Deck
- Claytor, 119 Gay St., Roof
- Weaver, 113 S. 5th Ave., Tree Removal
- Earls, 510 N. 6th St., Deck
- Pascarello, 1112 Coursey Lane, Patio
- Wroe, 108 N. 6th St., Rehab
- Irwin, 110 Sunset Dr., Tree Removal
- Fearins, 14 N. 2nd St., Rehab
- Gornic, 206 S. 5th Ave., Roof
- Commissioners of Caroline County, 107 S. 4th St., Fence
- Ratcliffe, Wesleyan Camp Lot 13, Cottage

## Swimming Pool Fence Requirements

Don't let a water tragedy ruin your summer - make sure your pool is secured with a fence and gate. We want to keep you safe and it's a Town law. All pools require a permit, except wading pools. Every swimming pool shall be protected by a safety fence or barrier at least 4



feet in height and must be equipped with a self-latching closure mechanism with a lock at a height above the reach of toddlers. For more information please contact the Housing Office at 410-479-3625.



## Town of Denton Resident Volunteers Needed

for the

### Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

**Duties:** Assist Planning Commission and Town staff with setting goals and objectives for Denton's 2009 Comprehensive Plan

**Be informed, involved, and help influence our future.**

*If interested, please call the Denton Office of Planning and Codes 410-479-3625*

ORDINANCE NO. 576  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE  
TOWN OF DENTON TO AMEND  
THE DENTON TOWN CODE  
TO ADD CHAPTER 98 TITLED  
"RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
HOUSING LICENSE AND  
INSPECTION" TO ESTABLISH A  
LICENSING AND INSPECTION  
PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL  
RENTAL DWELLING UNITS  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF  
DENTON

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton is authorized by the Maryland Code Ann. Article 23A, § 2 to adopt such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, public general law, or public local law as it deems necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to preserve peace and order, to secure persons and property from damage and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton is authorized to provide for the publication and codification of all laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations adopted by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton desires to amend the Town Code by the addition of Chapter 98 to provide for a licensing and inspection program for all residential rental dwelling units within the Town of Denton.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Denton Town Council hereby ordains as follows: Section 1. The Denton Town Code is hereby amended to reflect the addition of Chapter 98 as follows:

Chapter 98

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
HOUSING LICENSE AND  
INSPECTION

§ 98-1. Residential housing licenses and inspection.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town residents and to prevent deterioration of the housing stock in the Town.

§ 98-2. Definitions and word usage.

As used in this chapter, the

following terms have the meanings indicated.

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DWELLING UNIT – Any building or portion of a building in which a person resides in which consideration of money or other goods or services are paid or provided to the owner of such building, or the owner’s authorized representative or other tenant. This definition shall include the letting or rental of the following structures as defined in the Denton Zoning Ordinance: any single-family residential dwelling unit, multi-family residential dwelling unit, two family residences, boarding house, rooming house, lodging house, group home of any type, intermediate care home or institution, or handicapped or infirm home. This definition does not include owner-occupied single family residences in which no more than two rooms are let, provided the rooms do not have separate kitchen and bath facilities.

PERSON – Any individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

§ 98-3. Rental operating license required.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to let any residential rental dwelling unit within the Town without first having obtained a license for said unit as hereinafter provided.

B. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this section, the legal owner of record shall make written application to the Town for a rental unit license upon such form or forms as the Town shall from time to time designate. Such application shall be submitted together with a non-refundable rental license fee, as approved and authorized by the Town Council.

§ 98-4. Inspections.

A. All residential rental properties shall be subject to periodic inspections by the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer, or other designee, to determine if they are in conformance with the Town Code and applicable ordinances, laws or other regulations.

B. If an inspection reveals a

violation of an applicable provision of the Town Code, including any building code, property maintenance code or minimum livability code in effect within the Town limits, the Code Enforcement Officer shall provide written notification to the owner and to the occupant of the rental unit. The notice shall contain a time period within which the violation is to be corrected which period shall be a minimum of ten (10) days unless the violation involves an immediate threat to health or safety, whereupon a shorter time frame may be specified by the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer shall reinspect the premises to confirm that the violations have been corrected.

§ 98-5. Revocation or Denial of License; Injunction.

A license may be revoked or denied by the Code Enforcement Officer if an owner, after the passage of the notice period described in the previous section, fails to eliminate violations of the Town Code. Revocation or denial of a license shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, such other penalties as may be provided for said violations elsewhere in this Code or by State law. In addition to any other remedy which may be available in the event of a violation of the provisions of this chapter, the Town’s designated Code Enforcement Officer may seek an injunction to prevent the renting, or offering to rent, of rental dwelling units in the Town which do not have a license issued under this chapter.

§ 98-6. License Renewal.

Licenses shall expire one year

from the date of issuance, and are renewable annually. Applications for renewal shall be made at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date.

§ 98-7. Display of licenses.

Licenses issued under this chapter shall be produced by the property owner, landlord on the demand of a tenant or prospective tenant and shall be made available at reasonable times for examination by an authorized agent of the Town.

§ 98-8. Fees.

The Town Council is hereby authorized to enact a resolution establishing a schedule of license, inspection, and reinspection fees pertaining to the administration of this chapter. Any unpaid license fee or reinspection fee shall be subject to interest and penalties as periodically established by the Town Council for unpaid sums due to the Town.

§ 98-9. Violations and Penalties.

Any violation of this chapter shall be considered a municipal infraction and any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be assessed a fine of \$100 for the first infraction, and up to \$200 for each subsequent infraction. Each separate violation shall constitute a separate offense. Each day that any violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. Section 2. This ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect seven (7) days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.



# Denton Public Works . . .

## Poster Contest Winners



Poster contest winners, Audrey Schirmer, Nicholas Koski, and Chase Koski, are pictured here with Denton Public Works employees: Bob Flanagan, John Lehman, and Mark Chandler

Denton Public Works sponsored their third annual Public Works Poster Contest. More than 131 students from Denton Elementary School participated. The posters depicted many aspects of the services provided by the public works employees. The first place poster submitted by Nicholas Koski shows the Public Works crews busy caring for our community by picking up trash, planting flowers, and purifying the water. Chase Koski placed second with a poster illustrating the Public Works employees treating the wastewater and making it safe to be returned to the river. Placing third

was Audrey Schirmer whose poster depicted many flowers beautifying a community, planted and cared for by Public Works personnel. The first, second, and third place winners each received a certificate and trophy. All participants received certificates.

The Public Works Department would like to thank all of the participants for the posters and the teachers at Denton Elementary School for encouraging their students to participate. Posters will be on display in the store-front window at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Market Streets. Stop by and take a look at the display of posters.

## Curbside Recycling

Are you interested in curbside recycling? We are seeking input from residents.

Many items present in household waste are recyclable. The Town of Denton is conducting a survey to determine the potential interest of Town residents in

developing a curbside recycling program. If interested, would you be willing to pay a fee for this service?

Please send your email responses to [bmumford@dentonmaryland.com](mailto:bmumford@dentonmaryland.com) or Call 410-479-5446.

## Thunder Storms and Lightning

Thunderstorms often come up suddenly and can present a variety of hazards, including power outages caused by lightning, heavy rains, hail, and wind. Such storms usually affect Maryland in the late spring, summer, or early fall, but can happen any time cold and warm air masses collide. Thunderstorms are sometimes even associated with snow showers. About 2,000 thunderstorms are in progress around the world at any given moment with lightning striking about 100 times every second. And yes, lightning can, and does, strike twice! Each year lightning kills 80-100 people and injures hundreds more.



Thunderstorms and lightning are very common for Maryland. Here's what you can do to protect yourself:

- Before a storm be aware of weather forecasts at all times.
- Watch for signs of approaching storms.
- Keep a battery operated radio handy.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely during

Remember, if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to get struck by lightning. Get to shelter immediately.

- Get out of boats and away from water.
- Unplug appliances, avoid using the telephone
- Do not bathe or shower.
- Get to higher ground if flash flooding is likely to occur from the storm.
- If out doors and shelter is not nearby, find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles.

If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, you are about to be struck by lightning! Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible, and minimize your contact with the ground.

The above information provided by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency website [www.mema.state.md.us](http://www.mema.state.md.us). For additional storm information log on to this website.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

The Denton Holiday Parade is Thursday December 3th

Applications now being accepted for parade participants. Please call the Denton Town Office at

410-479-2050 or [lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com)

### FREE MOVIES

**Kung Fu Panda**  
Friday July 17  
on the Caroline County Courthouse Green

**Pirates of the Caribbean**  
Friday August 14  
Crouse Park

*Movies begin at dark, roughly 8:30 p.m.*

An adult (age 21 or older) must accompany children under the age of 10. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase refreshments on site.

Sponsored by Caroline County Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camps



## Summertime Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

Is your water bill too high in the warmer months? Residential irrigation can account for 40% of domestic water consumption in a municipality. This can become a problem especially during the summer months when the majority of outdoor water use occurs. It can also be the time when there is likely to be a water shortage.

Tips to follow to conserve:

- Don't over-water your lawn. Most lawns need only an inch of water a week.
- Watering lawns in the early morning hours when the temperature and wind speed are the lowest reduces losses from evaporation.
- Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not on the street,

driveway, or sidewalk.

- Do not leave sprinklers unattended. Regularly check the systems to make sure they are operating properly. Turn them off when storms are approaching.
- Raising your mower blade to at least three inches encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better than closely clipped lawns.
- Mulching helps retain moisture in the soil and helps to control weeds that compete with desirable plants for moisture.
- Repair dripping faucets. Regularly check hoses, connectors, and spigots for leaks.
- Create an awareness of the need for water conservation among children. Avoid purchasing recreational water toys that require

a constant stream of water.

- Install a rain barrel to collect rooftop runoff to be used for activities such as lawn and garden watering, car washing, and even window cleaning.



Collecting rainwater from your rooftop during storms

by using a rain barrel can not only lower your water bills, but can also decrease water demand during the hot summer months. One inch of rain on a 1,000 square foot roof yields 623 gallons of water. This rooftop runoff provides an ample supply of "soft water" containing no chlorine or other chemicals. It is beneficial to the environment because the stored water would otherwise run

off into the storm sewers, bringing pollutants such as oil and grease from the roads and nutrients with it. Once water gets into a storm sewer, it eventually ends up in our streams and rivers. The more rainwater that is reused, the less need there is for chlorinated or chemically treated tap water. Rainwater diversion also decreases the burden on water treatment facilities and municipal drainage systems during storms. The storage of rain water is also recommended for general emergency preparedness or for areas prone to drought.

For information on purchasing or making your own rain barrels, log onto [www.composters.com](http://www.composters.com) or [www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com).

# THE FOUNDRY

## gallery & gifts

401 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629

410-479-1009 [ccartscouncil@verizon.net](mailto:ccartscouncil@verizon.net)



**Wednesdays 11-4**  
**Thursdays 12-5**  
**Fridays 12-5**  
**Saturdays 11-8**

**Fine art pieces & hand-crafted works by local artists.**

**Proceeds benefit the Caroline County Council of Arts.**

# Denton Main Street . . .

## Mid-Shore Agriculture Tour in Caroline Kicks Off Buy Local Week

With the arrival of spring, so comes the return of the growing season and fresh farm harvest for our tables. Farmers markets are open, and farm stands, groceries, wineries and restaurants are offering locally grown products. In celebration of the 2009 Buy Local Week during July 18 – 26, the Mid-Shore Regional Council is collaborating with Dockside Express Cruises and Tours to host three agricultural tours in Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot Counties.

The Caroline County Tour is set for Wednesday July 22 and will start the day at Oakland View Farm in Ridgely. Additional stops include Hidden Acres Farm in Denton with lunch prepared by the Chesapeake Culinary Center. A visit to Blades Orchard in Federalsburg and a final stop in Denton at the Downtown Denton Farmers Market and Shore Gourment Denton Market.

We see the beautiful fields and enjoy the region's rich rural heritage

every day, but not many of us get a chance to visit these working farms. Please bring your family and friends and join us for a rare opportunity to have behind-the-scene tours that highlight the diversity of our local farms. During the tours, you will visit with the farm families – some have been farming on the Eastern Shore for generations, and some just started their agriculture venture recently – and learn about how the foods are produced.

The cost for the tour will be \$45 per person and free for children under 12 and include four stops, transportation, and a lunch prepared by Chesapeake Culinary Center using fresh local ingredients. For more information or to sign up, please call Kelley Cox at Dockside Express (<http://www.docksideexpress.com/>) at 1-888-312-7847, 1-410-886-2643, or e-mail [info@docksideexpress.com](mailto:info@docksideexpress.com), or Wenfei Uva at the Mid-Shore Regional Council, 410-770-4798 or [wuva@midshore.org](mailto:wuva@midshore.org).



## Farmers Market Plein Air Wednesdays



Local artist Lisa Martin paints the Caroline County Courthouse during the Denton Farmers Market Plein Air Wednesday.

The Caroline County Council of Arts and Downtown Denton Main Street are inviting artists and spectators to the Denton Farmers' Market on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for "Plein Air Wednesday: Painting on the Green." The series will feature Plein Air painting on the Caroline County Courthouse Green, where spectators can see artists capture the vibrant colors and flavors of the Denton Farmers' Market.

Artwork from "Plein Air Wednesday" will be eligible for the October Plein Air Show at The Foundry, the new home of the Caroline County Council of Arts

and community arts gallery. The winning painting will be featured in Downtown Denton's new promotional campaign.

The Denton Farmers' Market takes place every Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Courthouse Green. Spend your Wednesday afternoons walking through the market to enjoy historic downtown Denton, talk to your neighbors, learn cooking tips, and get service advice from the farmers themselves. There will be a lot to see, to do and to savor. Get your daily dose of farm-fresh produce and art at the Denton Farmers' Market



## Community Arts Block Party!

**Free!** Saturday July 18th 5-9pm  
4th & Market streets, Denton

**Celebrate the Arts!**

BBQ Food, Drinks & other concessions will be available at the event. Proceeds benefit the CCCA!

Lots of Fun for the Whole Family!

- Live Entertainment
- Artist Demonstrations
- Kids Art Activities
- Art Raffle



**410-479-1009 for more info.**

## Plein Air Wednesdays Artists on the Green

**Free!** May-Sep., Fourth Wed. of the Month, 3-7pm

May 27th, Jun 24th, Jul 22nd, Aug 26th, & Sep 23rd

Downtown Denton Courthouse Green  
During the Denton Farmers Market

Artwork will be eligible for the October Plein Air Show at The Foundry gallery. The winning painting will be featured in Downtown Denton's new promotional campaign.



See paintings come to life at the Denton Farmers Market

Presented by the Caroline County Council of Arts & Downtown Denton Main Street. For more info. contact 410-479-1009.

## Denton Farmers Market Events

Head to the Courthouse Green from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday through September 30th for locally grown produce, eggs, pumpkin rolls, herbs, fresh-squeezed lemonade, baked goods and more at the Denton Farmer's Market. In addition to farm-fresh produce, this year's Farmer's Market also features special events, including live entertainment.

The Caroline County Council of Arts and Recreation and Parks host a musical series called, "Twilight Tunes: Homegrown Music on the Green," on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., artists capture the vibrant colors of the Farmers' Market in a series called, "Plain Air Wednesday: Painting on the Green." Both events are free and open to the public.

Make the Denton Downtown Farmers' Market your weekly destination to buy farm fresh foods directly from the source! You'll find the freshest fruits and vegetables throughout the season, including cantaloupe, watermelon, tomatoes,

blueberries, kale, lettuce, and sweet and hot peppers.

Bridge the gap of produce traveling an average of 1,500 miles to get to your table by supporting our local farmers and our downtown. It is good for your neighbor, your environment, your town, and you. Enjoy your shopping – and enjoy your meal! Savor the earth's bounty at the 2009 Season of The Denton Farmer's Market.

### Twilight Tunes: Homegrown Music on the Green Performance Schedule

Performances start at 5:30 and last about an hour. Bring your own lawn-chair. In the event of rain, performances will be postponed until the following week.

June 17: Summers Off: Five local teachers and one student making great jazz

July 15: Greg Meisner: Singer/songwriter, "playing it like he feels it"

August 19: Thallamus: Jazz influenced rock playing on

September 16: Jon Simmons and Friends: Bluegrass at its best!

## Spring Gala Photo Highlights



*Denton Spring Gala Guests enjoying local wine during the 3rd annual Denton Spring Gala held in downtown Denton May 2, 2009.*



*The Boys of Bay Hundred performing during the Gala event outside the Market Street Public House.*



*Event guest admiring local art in the newly opened Foundry Art Museum at 4th and Market St.*



**Wednesdays 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.**  
**May 20th - October 14th**

*Downtown Denton, Market & Second Street*

## All Good Things Opens in Denton

A new store is now open in Denton. All Good Things is located at 322 Market Street between Denton Hardware and Whats New Shop.

Items available at All Good Things include; Jewelry, pictures, wood working items, etc. It's

definitely worth coming to Denton for.

The next time you need a special gift for someone make sure to stop by All Good Things or any of the specialty shops located in Downtown Denton.

**SAVE THIS DATE**

**September 12, 2009**  
**Annual Crab Feast**



Chesapeake Culinary Center and DVFC Annual CRAB FEAST  
 Great food & Fun  
 More details to follow....

*Chesapeake Culinary Center*  
 5 S. Second St.  
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 Ph.410-479-0015 Fax. 410-479-0017  
[www.chesapeakeculinarycenter.com](http://www.chesapeakeculinarycenter.com)

## Caroline/Dorchester County Fair Set For August 5-9

This year's Caroline/Dorchester County Fair 5-day agricultural event is scheduled to take place August 5 - 9. Citizens from both counties as well as from other surrounding counties and the State of Delaware will enjoy the opportunity to exhibit their baked goods, photography, foods, handicrafts, vegetables, flowers, etc. in the Open Class Division. The merging of both counties into one Fair has proven to be very successful the past three years and this year is expected to be even better since youth and adults from Dorchester County have become more active and supportive. The fair continues to be the fastest growing little fair on the Eastern Shore. Held on the grounds of the Caroline County 4-H Park, it has become a main tradition during the summertime. The beautiful expansive 4-H Park, just south of Denton off Route 16 West on Detour Road, is considered one of the finest in the State.

From a humble beginning in the late 1940's with a 4-H Dairy Show, today's five day long agricultural extravaganza, promoting Caroline and Dorchester county's heritage, has become a tradition where both the agriculture and business community in both counties show off with pride and accomplishment.

The fair will officially open to the public on Wednesday, August 5 at 4 p.m. and continue through Sunday, August 9 till 5 p.m. The theme of this year's fair is "Caroline/Dorchester County Fair - Harvesting Traditions".

The fair is the result of many adult volunteers working practically year round to provide a high quality event celebrating a year long effort of 4-H'ers completing projects and Agriculture.

Many of the popular events of the past have been kept while adding some new attractions and events for youth and adults to enjoy.

This year a Homemade Ice Cream Contest has been added for Saturday at 3 p.m. Two new equine events have been added for Sunday. A Therapeutic Riding Show at 9 a.m. and an Open Horse Fun Show

starting at 11 a.m.

Returning to the Fair this year will be the "Mid-Shore Idol Contest" on Saturday, August 8th. Registration for the contest will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the contest will start at 5:00 p.m. and continue until every contestant has given his or her performance. The contest is divided into two age groups - Youth - 5-17 years of age and Adults - 18 years old & up. Prizes for each age group will be \$300.00 for 1st Place; \$200.00 for 2nd Place; and \$100.00 for 3rd Place. The contest is open to residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. Contestants may compete as an individual or as part of a group; however, contestants may only compete once; talents may include singing, dancing, gymnastics, playing instruments, and other family-friendly talents.

The "Dress a Goat Contest" will return for a third year on Friday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. Registration for this contest will begin at 5:30 p.m. Teams consisting of one adult (over 18) and one child will compete in heats against other families to catch a goat and dress it up. The fastest family to complete the challenge wins and moves on to the next round. The overall winner will be the team that can dress a goat the fastest in the final round. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each heat as well as the overall champion team.

Other favorite events returning include the Greased Pig Contest on Friday at 7:00 p.m.; the Banker's Rodeo on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; the Open Car Show on Sunday at 10 a.m. and the annual Jousting Tournament will start at 1 p.m. The amusement rides will open on Wednesday, August 5, with a Wristband night from 6-9 p.m.

You say that livestock judging, horse shows, tractor pulls, or talent shows are not your cup of tea? Just bring the family out for dinner.

On Wednesday, the first day of the fair, the Fair Board will offer a Fried Chicken dinner from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. A Crab Cake

dinner will be served on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; a Beef Dinner will be served on Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The annual Chicken BBQ dinner will be served on Saturday, from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. On Sunday, a Pig Roast will be offered from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Each meal includes two side dishes, roll, and a beverage. Each day a wide variety of other foods will be available such as breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, funnel cakes, ice cream, Italian ice, fries, pizza and more.

This year's live entertainment features "The Jones Boys," everyone's favorite local country music band, on Thursday evening from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; Mike Hines and the Look will perform on Friday evening from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. The "Mid-Shore Idol Contest" will be

held on Saturday evening with registration beginning at 4 p.m. and the contest starting at 5 p.m.

The best bargain in summertime entertainment for the family will be found at the Caroline County 4-H Park during this annual county fair.

Admission is only \$2.00 per person 13 and over (children 12 and under admitted free) and that includes free parking. The County Fair Board extends an invitation to all to attend the 2009 Caroline/Dorchester County Fair, an event you won't want to miss!

Take time and visit our web site at [www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org).

Surely you will find something you would enjoy at the fair. Bring the family, and for some real comfort, a lawn chair and enjoy a day at the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair.



**CAROLINE/DORCHESTER COUNTY FAIR**  
**August 5 - 9**  
 Caroline County 4-H Park  
 Route 16 West from MD Route 404  
 Detour Road, Denton, MD

**AMUSEMENT RIDES**  
 Wednesday Wristband Night 6-9 p.m.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**\*\* Special Events \*\***

**Banker's Rodeo**  
 Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Dress a Goat Contest**  
 Friday, 6 p.m.

**Mid-Shore Idol Contest**  
 Saturday, 5 p.m.

**Open Car Show**  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.

**Jousting Tournament**  
 Sunday, 1 p.m.

**FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES**

For a complete list of all activities visit our  
 Website: [www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org)

ADMISSION: Adults \$2.00  
 Children (12 and under accompanied by an adult) FREE

CALL FOR INFORMATION: Before the Fair 410-479-4030 During the Fair 410-479-4088



A Swashbuckling Adventure

**FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Pirate performances, people parades, boat adventures, live music, fireworks, classic cars, KidZart, fine arts and more.

*Caroline Summerfest*

**Friday, August 14, 5-10 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 15, 2-10 p.m.**

Downtown Denton and the Choptank Riverfront

[www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com)  
888-SUNFEST (888-786-3378)  
Or locally at 410-479-8120

Funded in part by the Maryland Tourism Development Board, Maryland State Arts Council and the Caroline County Council of Arts. Production support by the Town of Denton, Caroline County Recreation & Parks, local business contributors and countless volunteers.





***Pirates Royal will perform on the Main Stage during Caroline Summerfest's Swashbuckling Adventure***

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 at 7:00 p.m. with a 45 minute pirate river cruise. Families of four shipmates are welcome for \$14; individual tickets are \$4 each. Complimentary pirate patches for all seaworthy travelers. Movie begins at 8:15.

For cruise reservations, contact Caroline County Recreation & Parks directly at 410-479-8120.

**FOR THE BEST PARKING SPACES ....**

Consider being a part of the annual Caroline Summerfest Car Show and Cruize-In on Friday and Saturday evening. Sponsored by Denton businesses Ottey Automotive and the Hot Rod Garage, the Friday evening Cruize-In and Saturday judged Car Show puts you right in the

heart of the downtown festival with perfect seats for people watching.

Thanks to the expert organization of the Caroline Cruizers under the direction of Jan McMichael, automobile enthusiasts can display their cars for the two-day event for less than \$10 if pre-registered. Dash plaques awarded for the first 60 registrants and over 15 Choice awards.

Registration forms are posted on [carolinesummerfest.com](http://carolinesummerfest.com) under the How to Get Involved tab or contact festival headquarters at Caroline County Recreation and Parks at 410-479-8120.

**River Cruises:**

It is NOT a Swashbuckling Adventure and "all about pirates" if you cannot get on the water!! And

don't be surprised if a few of the evening cruises experience friendly attack by some local pirates.

Hertrich Chevy Dodge is proud to serve as the official 2009 Summerfest River Cruise sponsor. The Dockside Express vessel will explore areas of the beautiful Choptank River rarely seen from landward viewpoints.

Festival cruises operate on the hour from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Each cruise has a theme and features special entertainment by event performers or give-aways from the event radio station partners. Tickets can be purchased in advance and are \$4 each. Children fewer than 32 inches tall are free with a paying adult, but must be included in the

cruise reservation count.

Passenger capacity is limited to 45 passengers per cruise. For reservation information, contact 410-479-8120 or view cruise and theme schedule on the web at [carolinesummerfest.com](http://carolinesummerfest.com)

**PEOPLE PARADE:** Get into your pirate garb Friday evening!!

Enter to win a \$100 cash prize or a trophy by displaying the best dressed costume or creating the best shipwreck or alternate pirate themed "wagon float" in the sixth annual Caroline Summerfest Pedestrian Parade! You'll be accompanied by the Band of Blue from North Caroline High School, variety entertainers, step dancers, jugglers, strolling drummers, and musicians.

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***Car Show***



***Parade***

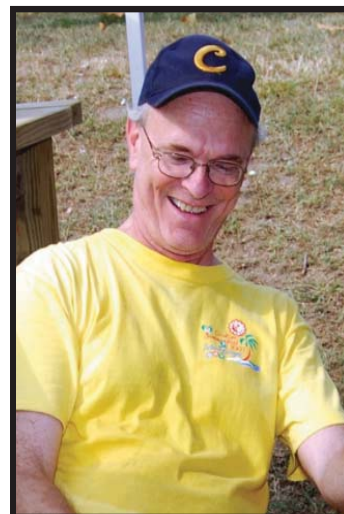




*Volunteer*



*Dockside Express Theme Cruises*



*Volunteer*

The Pedestrian parade is sponsored by MTS Broadcasting – home of some of the local favorite stations like WAAI 100.9 Country, ESPN Radio 1240, 107.9 THE DUCK, and 106.3 The HEAT. Parade registration is at 6:00 p.m. at the intersection of Third and Market Street with parade line up on Third Street at 6:30. Parade steps off promptly at 7 p.m., down Market St. finishing at the Crouse Memorial Park Waterfront. There is no registration fee and parade entries are limited to walking entries or a golf cart. Vehicles are not permitted.

**Choptank “Rivah” Run set Saturday, August 15**

The Choptank “Rivah” run originally sponsored by Boater’s

World and produced by Caroline County Recreation and Parks can be the perfect pre-festival Saturday event to combine fitness and fun. On-site registration and check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. at Martinak State Park located on Sharp Road in Denton. The typical 100 + participants are staged in 15 minute sections and paddle the two mile course at their own pace from the state park to the Choptank River Yacht Club. The Choptank is noted for its beauty and as one of the longest Eastern Shore tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

The “race” is a poker run. Each paddler stops at a series of checkpoints staffed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary #34 and the Choptank River Yacht Club flotilla. They receive a playing

card and at the finish, the best five-card poker hand wins the top prize- a canoe donated by Boaters World. Local businesses have also contributed many other prizes for distribution to other winning poker hands.

**New this year:** Pirate costumes welcomed and recognized with the first annual festival theme on-the-river-costume and boat competition.

Registration is recommended in advance, but will also be accepted on Friday, August 14 at the Caroline Summerfest event located in downtown Denton around the Caroline County Courthouse green and on-site the day of the event. Registration fees the day of

the event does increase to \$15 per person. Pre-registration is \$10 per person and includes a t-shirt for the first 100 registrants compliments of Impressive Printing in Hillsboro. A limited supply of canoes are available for rent and should be reserved prior to the day of the event.

For more information, contact Caroline County Recreation and Parks at (410) 479-8120 or visit the website to download the registration flyer at [www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org) or [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com) This event was created by the Old Harford Town Maritime Center. Visit their website at [www.riverheritage.org](http://www.riverheritage.org) for more information on other river based activities on the Choptank, Tuckahoe, and Marshyhope Rivers.

*Rivah Run*



*Sand Art*





# SUMMERFEST MAP

Summerfest Volunteers make this Festival happen! T-shirts compliments of **PNC BANK** For volunteer information, call 888-SUNFEST.

Air Conditioned Festival Hospitality at Christ Church open to the public.

Reserved Handicapped Parking at Municipal Lot located on third and Gay Street

Pet-free, Wheel-free and Alcohol Free Event. Kindly leave your pets and alcoholic beverages at home. Park your bicycle, scooters and skateboards on the bike racks located at 3rd and Gay St.

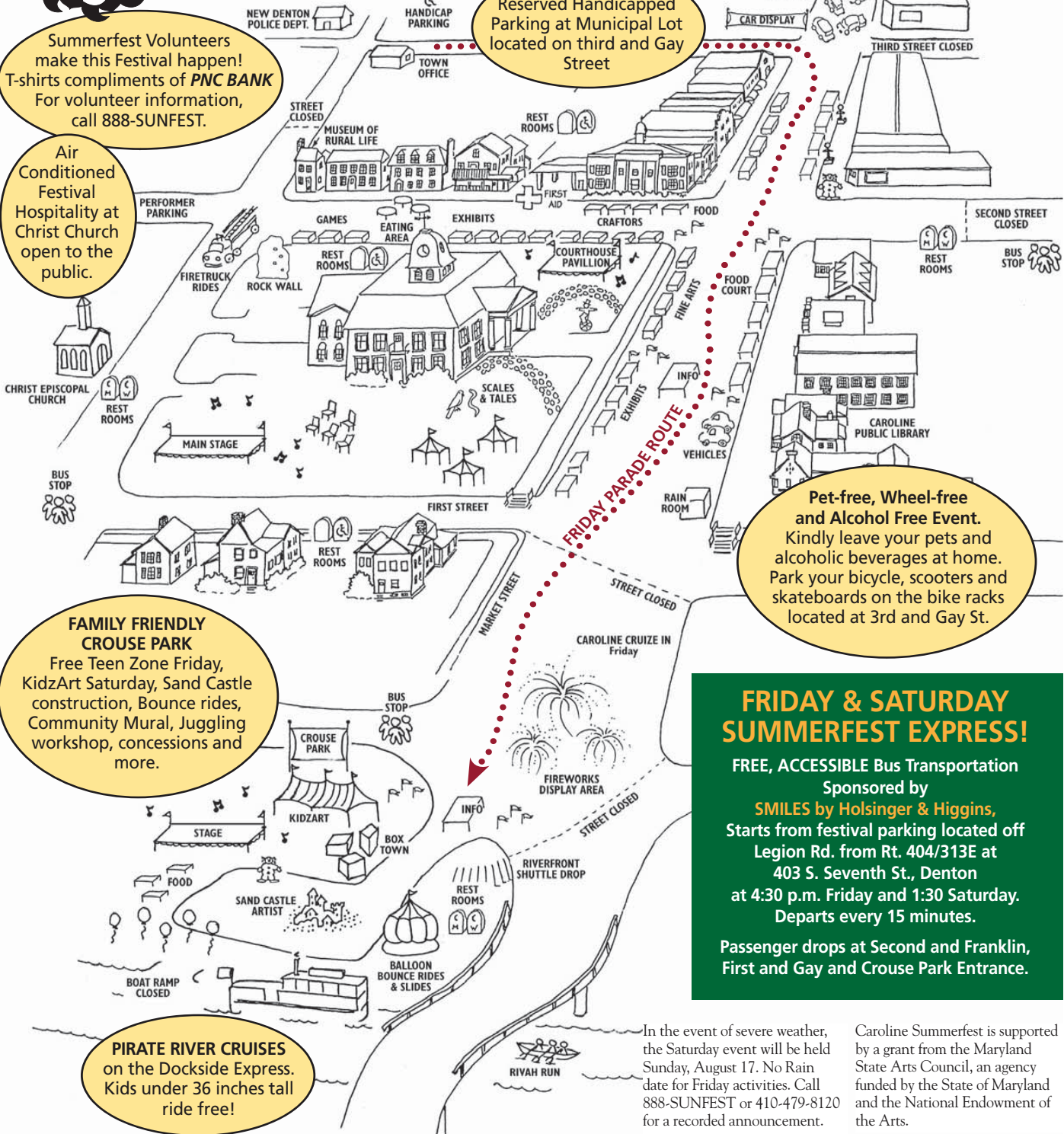
**FAMILY FRIENDLY CROUSE PARK**  
Free Teen Zone Friday, KidzArt Saturday, Sand Castle construction, Bounce rides, Community Mural, Juggling workshop, concessions and more.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY SUMMERFEST EXPRESS!**  
FREE, ACCESSIBLE Bus Transportation Sponsored by **SMILES by Holsinger & Higgins**, Starts from festival parking located off Legion Rd. from Rt. 404/313E at 403 S. Seventh St., Denton at 4:30 p.m. Friday and 1:30 Saturday. Departs every 15 minutes. Passenger drops at Second and Franklin, First and Gay and Crouse Park Entrance.

**PIRATE RIVER CRUISES** on the Dockside Express. Kids under 36 inches tall ride free!

In the event of severe weather, the Saturday event will be held Sunday, August 17. No Rain date for Friday activities. Call 888-SUNFEST or 410-479-8120 for a recorded announcement.

Caroline Summerfest is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland and the National Endowment of the Arts.





## Maryland Shakespeare Festival Coming to Denton July 26th



Right downtown off the steps of the Circuit Courthouse will mark a first ever this summer - a group of equity actors (rates them as professionals in theatre terms) are coming to Denton to perform one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies: The Taming of the Shrew.

The cost to the public? Nothing! but a little bug spray, a lawn chair, and sense of adventure. The performance is underwritten by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and individual contributions from a number of local civic organizations including the Denton Lions Club, Denton Rotary Club, Denton Main Street, and private citizens. Production support also provided by the Caroline County Council of Arts and Caroline County Recreation

& Parks.

The Performance will be preceded with a Kids and Family festival to orient the audience to the language, the story line, and the action that officially begins at 8:00 p.m. that Sunday. In the event of rain, the production will be shifted into the Second Floor performance space of the Caroline County Public Library.

Maryland Shakespeare Festival has been producing William's famous works through the State since 1999. Based in Frederick, this professional and innovative classical theater company has a reputation for delivering performances that are both engaging and entertaining.

For more information, visit [www.mdshakes.org](http://www.mdshakes.org) and look for posters!

## Upcoming Caroline Hospice Events



Caroline Hospice is holding a fundraising event at Pizza Hut. Have dinner and help to raise money for their special project. Stop by Pizza Hut Wednesday July 1, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Make sure to mention Caroline Hospice and Pizza Hut will donate 20% of your purchase to Caroline Chapter No. 62 Order of the Eastern Star for our special project.

For more information please contact Caroline Hospice at 410-479-3500.

Mark your calendars! Pit Beef and Pork BBQ are back on the Hospice lawn July 10 and August 14 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



Jerry Jones, a Gospel singer from Seaford will be performing July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Union United Methodist Church in Federalsburg. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children

12 and under free.

Have you ever considered becoming a Hospice volunteer? If so, Hospice is offering future volunteer training on Tuesday, July 28 and Tuesday, August 25. Training is at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Denton from 6 p.m. -9 p.m. For more information contact Linda Hayward at 410-479-3500.



Are you a wine and cheese buff? Make your way to the Foundry

Gallery of Art at 401 Market St. in Denton on Thursday August 6, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Join the Caroline Hospice Foundation for a fund raising event and enjoy good wine, great cheese and beautiful art. For ticket information contact 410-479-3500.



# Twilight Tunes

Homegrown Music on the Green

Free!  Wednesdays 5:30pm

- May 20: *DES Chorus & LMS Jazz Band*, our talented youth
- Jun 17: *Summers Off*, local teachers & student making great jazz
- Jul 15: *Greg Meisner*, singer songwriter, "playing it like he feels"
- Aug 19: *Thallamus*, jazz influenced rock 
- Sep 16: *Jon Simmons & Friends*, bluegrass at it's best

Farm fresh produce & feel good music at the Denton Farmers Market  
BYO Lawn Chairs. Rain Date = following Wednesday.  
Presented by CCCA & DDMS. Production support by CCRP. 410-479-1009 for more info.

## Last Chance to Paint Tiles!!!

Saturdays 12-4pm at The Foundry!

401 Market St. Proceeds benefit the Arts building & programs.

\$25

Over 75 tiles now on display!

## Nutrition Basics and Obesity Prevention

Obesity is a huge problem in Maryland for adults and children. Knowing what to eat and how much can be confusing. Priority Partners has a new presentation on:

Nutrition Basics and Obesity Prevention.

Participants will learn:

- How to make healthy food choices
- Make small steps to improve your diet and lifestyle
- Look at food serving sizes
- Look at obesity trends in the

country.

This class lasts approx 1 hour and can be given at your location if you have a group of 5 or more participants. This training is even great for PTA's, church groups, clubs, and countless other organizations. There is no charge for this class.

For more information or to schedule a class, please contact Jenny Schiltz, Community Health Advocate at 410-810-1025 or email at [jschiltz@jhhc.com](mailto:jschiltz@jhhc.com).

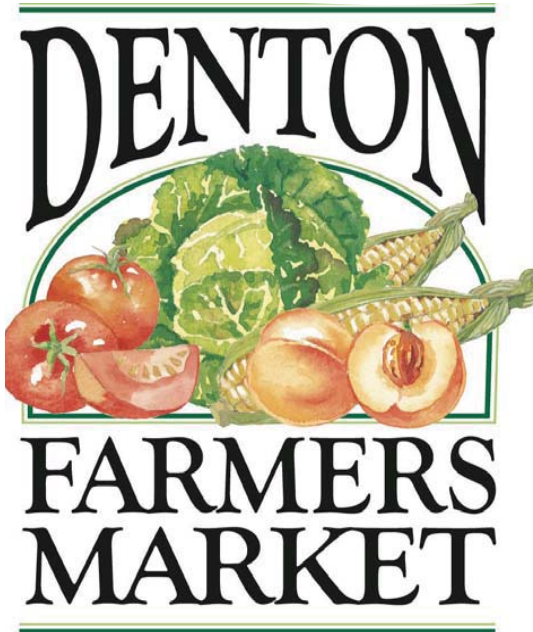
## Summer Adventures Program

Caroline County 4-H will host two Summer Adventures Programs at the Caroline County 4-H Park in Denton this summer. The programs will take place on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Each day's program will run from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The summer adventures program is a low cost, fun and educational program open to any youth ages 8 to 16. Many fun topics and projects will be explored. The program will also feature a fun scavenger hunt and visits from special guests. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided. There will be a small fee of \$5 per child, per day to cover material costs. Please contact the 4-H staff at (410) 479-4030 for more information or to register. Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Facilitators will include 4-H staff, 4-H trained volunteers and 4-H teen leaders. We suggest early registration as each program is limited to 30 youth. 4-H is an equal opportunity program. If you need special assistance to participate in this program, please contact Caroline County 4-H at least two weeks prior to the program.

# Twilight Tunes

## Homegrown Music on the Green

Farm-fresh produce  
and feel good music at the...



### Concert Schedule

Concerts start at 5:30 p.m. on Courthouse Green

June 17th: Summers Off, 5 local teachers and 1 student making great jazz

July 15th: Greg Meisner, singer songwriter, "playing it like he feels it!"

August 19th: Thallamus, jazz influenced rock

September 16th: Jon Simmons and Friends, bluegrass at it's best

Concerts are Free! Bring Your own Lawn Chair.



Twilight Tunes is presented by Denton's Main Street Program and the Caroline County Council of Arts. It's offered in partnership with the Denton Farmers Market located in front of the Courthouse every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. In the event of rain, performance will be postponed to next week. Production support by Caroline County Recreation & Parks.

## SUMMER CELEBRATION

# CRAB Feast



## Fundraiser

**Channel Marker, Inc.** 

Invites You to Celebrate With Us  
at The Easton Club Pavilion  
Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
for an All You Can Eat, mouth watering

### CRAB FEAST

If you love Maryland Crabs and helping a great cause, then you won't want to miss this event!

#### Menu

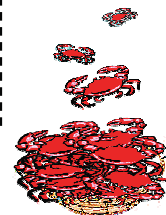
Steamed Crabs, Fried Chicken,  
Pulled Pork BBQ,  
Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad,  
Watermelon,  
Cookies and Brownies,  
Draft Beer and Iced Tea.

*Music will be provided by  
DJ Ground Hog (Erik Higgins).*

**THERE WILL BE A GREAT SELECTION OF ITEMS FOR AUCTION AND A 50/50 RAFFLE.**

*Advance Tickets are \$60.00 per person, \$65.00 at the door. Children ages 10 yrs. and under \$15.00. Tickets can be conveniently purchased via PayPal at [www.channelmarker.org](http://www.channelmarker.org) or can be purchased at 8626 Brooks Drive, Ste. 304, Easton, MD or by calling 410.822.4619. We gladly accept Visa, MasterCard and AMEX.*

All proceeds will benefit Channel Marker, Inc. If you would like to be a sponsor for this event, please contact us at 410.822.4619. Your Support is greatly needed. Channel Marker, Inc. is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that provides mental health support and rehabilitation services for children and adults. A copy of Channel Marker's current financial statement is available upon request by contacting the Executive Director at 8626 Brooks Drive, Unit 304, Easton, MD or by calling 410.822.4619. The Channel Marker, Inc. Federal I.D. number is: 52-1244067. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage. In addition, Channel Marker, Inc. is registered with the Maryland Secretary of State Office as a charitable organization. The ID number is: 1377. Registration is not and does not imply endorsement of any solicitation by the Secretary of State.



*Buffet will be served from  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

*There will be  
**OPEN SEATING**  
at this event however,  
table reservations can be  
made upon purchasing a  
group of 8 or 10 Tickets.*

**Reserve early as  
SEATING IS LIMITED!**

### Attention Settlement Attorneys

Reminder to all settlement attorneys and agencies to please contact the Denton Town Office for fees due to the Town when handling settlements for properties being sold or transferred within the Town limits. There may be water/sewer fees or miscellaneous charges that need to be collected at the time of settlement. This will keep the Town's records up to date and better serve the residents of the Town of Denton. This will also eliminate problems after settlement of any outstanding balances for the new property owner.

**Please note:** Any property that transfers ownership and the utility fees are not collected at settlement and forwarded to the town that result in the water being turned off for non-payment, the water turn on fee will still be charged. This charged may be passed on to the settlement attorney. Currently the fee to turn water service back on during regular business hours is \$50.00 and after 3:30 p.m., the fee is \$100.00. Forms are available to use when requesting information. Any questions, please call the Town of Denton at (410) 479-2050.

### Service Fees for Utility Calls

All calls for utility service for properties located in the Town of Denton are assessed the following service fee. This fee applies for all water shut off/turn ons, and other miscellaneous calls for service. Paying utility bills on time can help the property owner avoid these fees.

**Special Attention:** Any water that is turned off will be assessed this fee to have the water turned back on. Tenants will need to pay this fee before water service is turned back on. (This may not apply for emergency situations pending the nature of the call.)

**\$50.00 fee during normal business hours.  
\$100.00 fee after normal business hours.**

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAMPER WITH THE TOWN OF DENTON UTILITIES. DOING SO CARRIES UP TO A \$1,000 FINE AND POSSIBLE ARREST. PLEASE CONTACT THE DENTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. AT 410-479-2050 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

## Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

**Ordinance #575** - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Town Code by adding § 128-142.1 to adopt procedures for notifying the critical area commission of project approvals and denials and by amending § 128-159 and adding § 128-159.1 for the purpose of complying with house bill 1253 to ensure that non-conforming lots in the critical area are brought into conformance with the critical area program and generally relating to the consolidation or reconfiguration of existing lots of record in the critical area in the Town of Denton. Introduced 4/6/09, Adopted 5/4/2009.

**Ordinance #576** - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Denton Town Code to add Chapter 98 titled "Residential Rental Housing License and Inspection" to

establish a licensing and inspection program for residential rental dwelling units within the Town of Denton. Introduced 4/6/09, Adopted on 6/1/2009.

**Ordinance #577** - An Ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Introduced 4/6/09, Adopted 5/18/2009.

**Ordinance #578** - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Town Code Chapter 28, Section 128-8 to add a definition of "Lodging House." Introduced 5/4/09, Adopted on 6/1/09.

**Ordinance #579** - An Ordinance by the Denton Town Council revising the Water Rates for users of the Municipal Water System. Introduced 5/18/09, Adopted 6/1/09.

**Ordinance #580** - An Ordinance by the Town of Denton revising the Sewer Rates for users of the Municipal Sewer System. Introduced 5/18/09, Adopted 6/1/09.

**Resolution #713** - A Resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to establish a revolving working capital line of credit with PNC Bank in the amount of \$200,000. Renewing Annually. Adopted 5/4/09.

**Resolution #714** - The Denton Town Council authorizes the submission of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$403,276.00, for the completion of North Denton Phase I. Adopted 5/4/09.

**Resolution #715** - The Denton Town Council authorizes the submission of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$75,000.00, to address accessibility issues in the Denton Town Office. Adopted 5/4/09

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office of the Town of Denton, 13 North Third Street, Denton, Maryland, during normal working hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To inquire or obtain additional information regarding these amendments please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at (410) 479-2050.

### Special Collection Reminder

**Household Items:** All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays must be called in by 12 noon on Tues. Effective January 1, 2003, there is a \$5.00 collection fee for each item to be collected. This fee must be paid prior to pickup date.

**Yard Waste:** All bagged leaf and brush pickup requests must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup.

Call all requests in to the Town Office at  
410-479-2050.

Leave a message after normal business hours.

### Denton Town News

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## Community Arts Block Party!

**Free!** Saturday July 18th 5-9pm  
4th & Market streets, Denton

## Celebrate the Arts!

BBQ Food, Drinks  
& other concessions  
will be available at  
the event. Proceeds  
benefit the CCCA!

**Lots of Fun for the Whole Family!**

- *Live Entertainment*
- *Artist Demonstrations*
- *Kids Art Activities*
- *Art Raffle*



**410-479-1009 for more info.**

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