



# Denton Town News

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## 2009 Planning Commission Report

The Town of Denton with a population of approximately 4,000 residents is home to the county seat of Caroline County, Maryland. Denton has an elected board of five Council members, an appointed board of six Planning Commission members (five regular and one alternate), four Board of Appeals members (three regular and one alternate), and five members on the Historic and Architectural Review Commission.

This Annual Report is compiled by the Planning Commission to provide data on current building trends as well as a historical perspective. A combination of charts and graphs are included to aid in understanding the development and building activity within the municipal limits. References to projects that have been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission are also included.

The Town hired a full-time planner in 2008 to manage the newly created office of Planning and Codes, which succeeded the office of Housing and Community Development wherein the planning and code enforcement activities previously took place.

The Town of Denton adopted the International Building Code 2006, International Residential Code 2006, International Mechanical Code 2006, and the International Property Maintenance Code 2006 editions in 2008 and will be adopting the 2009 editions in 2010 as mandated by the State.

The Department of Planning and Codes issues all permits for properties within the Town of Denton's incorporated limits. Denton has one full time and one part-time

building code inspector who review plans, approve permits, and conduct on-site inspections. Additionally, the Town has a part time property maintenance inspector to evaluate existing structures and parcels, and to investigate complaints of alleged violations.

The Town Council, at the behest of the planning staff and recommended by the Planning Commission, created one alternate position on the Planning Commission. The vacancy was filled by an individual who was very active in community affairs.

The planning staff took over the responsibility of water and sewer allocations. It revisited the water and sewer allocation process to insure adherence to the codes and policies. It was determined that certain allocations had lapsed. The process will be communicated to all applicants to ensure their understanding of the requirements for necessary approvals.

Denton undertook its first ever Critical Area growth allocation associated with the Denton Planning Commission approval of a 41-lot subdivision in 2008. The Critical Area Commission approved the growth allocation in 2009, which changed the designation for nearly 10-acres from Limited Developed Area (LDA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA). The subdivision approval and growth allocation were consistent with the currently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Staff created a new Official Zoning Map to replace the one approved in May 1999 (Map 1). The Town Council adopted the revised Official Zoning Map (Map

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## Town Council to Consider Rate Increases for Water and Sewer

In 2009 the Denton Utility Commission undertook an extensive study of the water and sewer rate structure of the Town. Included in the study were administrative and operational costs as well as comparisons to comparable communities in the area. The result was a recommendation by the Utility Commission to the Town Council for rate increases that took effect July 1, 2009.

Why is another rate increase necessary? A significant factor supporting the decision to increase rates in FY10 was the long-term outlook for the fund balances. Prior to the increase, the combined water and sewer operation were projected to be out of balance sometime during fiscal year 2012, but restoring the financial health also required subsequent rate increases in FY11, FY12, and FY13.

The FY09 Audited Financial Statement reflected the assets and liabilities for the Water and Sewer Funds in which the Water Fund had no cash and about half of the unrestricted net assets of the Sewer Fund were made up of debt from the Water Fund.

The Utility Commission went back to the study, updated the year end figures and recently advised the Council that a sufficient water and sewer rate increase was necessary to cover the cost to continue providing these services. The Water and Sewer Funds are required by law to be self sufficient.

Rate increases are never popular, but several reasons impacted the decision:

- higher operational costs

allowing the continuance of providing clean, safe water;

- higher electric and fuel costs;
- increased cost of chemicals used to treat the water to keep it safe;
- maintaining aging infrastructure including pipes, pumps, and treatment systems;
- along with the revenue shortfall from fewer new connections.

*The table on page 2* shows the rate structure that would be required to support the capital projects and begin to rebuild cash reserves in the out-years. Essentially the Town is working towards a \$200 per year administrative fee to provide water and sewer capacity to Town customers. That fee will produce 27% of the \$1,200,000 real fixed costs of operating water and sewer facilities, and puts both the water and sewer operations back on a sustainable financial projection.

A public hearing is scheduled

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## Town Calendar

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

July 12  
August 2

### Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Police Department

July 27  
August 31

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

July 21  
August 18

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

July 8  
August 12

### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

July 5  
August 23

### 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

# Water Bills Mailed July 1

Utility Bills will be mailed around July 1, 2010 and are due to be paid by July 25, 2010. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on July 25, 2010.

Past due notices (red cards) will be mailed on July 27, 2010 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.

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, 2010.

Water service will be shut off for non-payment.

### Water Rates from page 1

for July 12, 2010 at the Denton Police Dept. during the Town Council's regular monthly meeting at 7:00 PM, at which time the Council will accept public comments on the ordinances proposing the water and sewer rate increases. Consideration for adoption of the water and sewer rate increase Ordinance's will follow the public hearing.

WATER	Recommended April 2010			
	FY10	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Connection Charge	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Consumption Rate PRICE per 1000 gallons	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.45
Quarterly Administrative Rate	\$ 10.35	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00
Sewer				
Connection Charge	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Consumption Rate PRICE per 1000 gallon	\$ 5.66	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.41	\$ 6.41
Quarterly Administrative Rate	\$ 9.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00

Town of Denton  
410-479-2050

### 2011 Utility Billing Schedule

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

### 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 August 24, 2010. Thank you.



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

Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050

# Calendar of Events

## July

**7,14,21,28 - Downtown Denton's Farmers' Market, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Courthouse Green Wednesday's through October 13.** Farm-fresh local produce, live music every 3rd Wednesday. Free! Call (410) 479-4315 for info.



### 8 - Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the Helping Hands Neighborhood Association. For time and location contact the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414



### 9 - Friday Night Cruise-In

6:00p.m. until dark, Downtown

Denton

Step back in time with a Friday Night Cruise-In. Stroll the streets of Downtown Denton and enjoying the classic cars parked along Market Street. There will also be DJ spinning oldies



tunes. Free! Contact: Dean Danielson at (410) 479-1545 or (410) 479-1198.

### 17 - Community Arts Block Party

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. *The Foundry, 401 Market Street, Denton.* Celebrate the arts with



live entertainment, art activities, artist demonstrations, and lots of fun for the whole family. Free! Call (410) 479-1009 for more info.

### 18 - Romeo and Juliet: The Maryland Shakespeare Festival Comes to Caroline

*County, 6:30 p.m. Caroline County Courthouse Green, Denton.* The Maryland Shakespeare Festival will be presenting Romeo and Juliet on the Courthouse Green in historic Denton! Heart-stopping swordfights, audience interaction, live music, choreographed dances, and unbeatable storytelling make this timeless tale of forbidden love come alive. Free! Call (410) 479-8120.

**18 - Caroline County Haunted Heritage Tour**  
1:00 p.m. *Tour begins at the Museum of Rural*

*Life in Denton.* Join Mindie Burgoyne, author of "Haunted Eastern Shore," for a haunted tour of Caroline County. Guests will meet at the Caroline Museum of Rural Life for a 30-minute presentation on historic heritage sites to be toured. Then all will board a luxury tour bus and traverse 80 miles of beautiful Caroline County. Sites on the tour include the graves of Marshall Price and Annie Belle Carter, the Denton Jail (believed to be haunted by Wish Sheppard), the Sallie Dean House, the Patty Cannon House, the Riverside Inn, Athol and more. Guests will return to the Rural Life Museum by 5:00 pm and have the option of dinner (advanced reservation required) The cost of the tour is \$30 and dinner is an additional \$15. Advanced, paid registration secures your spot on the tour. For more information, please visit [www.writingthevision.com](http://www.writingthevision.com), email [esghosttours@gmail.com](mailto:esghosttours@gmail.com) or call (301) 648-2010.



## August

**4 thru 8 - The Caroline-Dorchester County Fair.** *Caroline County 4H Park, Detour Rd, Denton.* Fun for the whole

family, including the Dress a Goat Contest, the Greased Pig Contest, amusement rides, pet shows, live entertainment, food, and much more! \$2 for adults/

Free for children under 13. Contact: [www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org).

### 13 - Friday Night Cruise-In

6:00 PM until dark, Downtown Denton.

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This family-friendly event features live musical performances, pedestrian parade, games and activities for kids, great food, vendors, arts and crafts, fireworks and more! This year's theme is Superheroes! Rain date is Sunday, August 22. Free! Visit [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com). For applications, event maps, and headliner info.

### 21 - Choptank Rivah Run

9:00 a.m. *Martinak State Park, Denton.*

Come experience a fun, two-mile paddling event for children and adults. Any type of paddle craft is eligible for the poker run. Each paddler stops at a series of checkpoints to receive a playing card and at the finish, the best five-card poker hand wins the top prize, a Mackinaw Canoe. A limited number of canoes are available for rent. Pre-registration cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a t-shirt for everyone registered by July 30. Advanced registration is suggested. Registration fee the day of the event is \$15.00 per person. Visit [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com) for more info.



### 28 - Back to School Funfest

For additional information, times and locations, please call the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414 or visit their website at [www.dentonmdpolice.com](http://www.dentonmdpolice.com)



#### - Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847  
[www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org)

#### - Caroline Co. Public Library

# 410-479-1343  
[www.caro.lib.md.us/library](http://www.caro.lib.md.us/library)

#### - Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120  
[www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org)

### 20 & 21 - Caroline Summerfest

Friday, August 20 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
and Saturday, August 21 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *Downtown Denton.* Discover your inner Superhero at the 2010 Caroline Summerfest!

# Denton Police Department . . .

## Police Receive Community Award



Denton Police Chief Rodney Cox, Denton Mayor Conway Gregory and Denton Police Lt. George Bacorn pictured here at the awards reception.

The Denton Police Department received a Community Award from the Mid Shore Council on Family Violence. They were presented the award at the MSCFV awards banquet held at the Krystal Q Reception Hall in Easton. On hand to receive the award was Chief Rodney Cox, Lt. George Bacorn and Denton Mayor Conway Gregory.

## Life Saving Commendation



Ptl. Thomas R. Scott and Denton Police Chief Rodney Cox.

Ptl. Thomas R. Scott receives Life Saving Commendation from Chief Rodney Cox for saving a man's life in April.

## Ice Cream Social and School Funfest

The Helping Hands Neighborhood Association would like to invite you to their annual Ice Cream Social Thursday, July 8. The Back to School Fest will be Saturday August 28. For additional information, times and locations, please call the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414 or visit their website at www.dentonmdpolice.com

## Register Your Bike Today

Protect your investment in your bicycles by registering them with us. Your bikes and your information will be stored in our database so in the event your bike is stolen we will have accurate information which will assist us in recovering your bike. Fill out the registration form (to the left) or call 410-479-1414 for more info.

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



## Property Checks for Citizens on Vacation

Going on Vacation? The Denton Police Department can conduct premise checks on your residence while you are away. Call 410-479-1414 or stop by the Police Dept. for more information.

**Denton Police Department**

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

## Visit The Caroline-Dorchester County Fair August 4 - 8

Country Fresh Family Fun at the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair.

The Caroline/Dorchester County Fair, the fastest growing little Fair on the Shore, will offer an array of family fun activities during the 5 days of its operation – August 4 through August 8.

The Caroline/Dorchester County Fair Board extends an invitation to all to attend the 2010 County Fair, an event you won't want to miss!

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 Caroline and Dorchester 4-H'ers completing projects and Agriculture – the #1 industry of both counties.

Held at the 4-H & Youth Park on Detour Road, off Route 16 West, South of Denton, the fair offers an opportunity for Caroline and Dorchester 4-H'ers as well as other youth and adults from the surrounding communities to showcase their accomplishments

over the past year as well as for all people of the area to come out and just enjoy a pleasant day with their neighbors.

The fair will officially open on Wednesday, August 4 at 4 p.m. and continue through Sunday, August 8 5 p.m. The public will be allowed in FREE on Opening Night. **The theme of this year's fair is "Country Fresh Family Fun at the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair."**

Some new attractions and events have been added this year for youth and adults to enjoy. A "CHILDREN'S DAY" will be held on Thursday, August 5 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for all youth 12 and under. All Day Care Providers along with the children they care for will be admitted FREE with a special pass or a copy of their day care license. Many special activities including a Magic Show and Farmer for a Day are planned. Other new events added to this year's schedule include a "Kiss A Pig Contest"; a 4-H and Open Cavy Show on Saturday, August 7 and

an Open Obedience Dog Show is also scheduled for Sunday, August 8. Of course, there will be many traditional farmyard animals on display all week for youngsters and their parents to enjoy.

Returning to the Fair this year will be "The Cutest Kids Contest." The contest will run from Wednesday at 4 p.m. through Sunday at noon. The Mid-Shore Idol Contest will also return with a new youth division being added this year. There will now be 3 divisions of competition: Youth 5-12 years old; Youth 13-17 years old, and Adults 18 years and up. The contest is open to residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

Other favorite events returning include the "Dress A Goat Contest" and "Greased Pig Contest" both scheduled for Friday, August 6. On Sunday, the Open Car Show, Jousting Tournament, and Baby Contest will take place.

This year's Midway will again be provided by Stine Amusements and will feature amusement rides and game booths. Wristband nights will be offered on both Wednesday and Thursday from 5 – 9 p.m. and again on Saturday from 2-5 p.m. Many children's activities are planned throughout the 5 days of the fair which are free. Awards, ribbons, and prizes are awarded for all activities.

This year's live entertainment features everyone's favorite country

### Scenic Byway Meeting July 15

The next advisory committee meeting for the Michener's Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway is now confirmed. The meeting will take place: July 15, 2010, 2-4 p.m. at Robbins Heritage Center at the Dorchester County Historical Society/LaGrange Plantation & Museums, 1003 Greenway Drive, Cambridge. For directions and

music band "The Jones Boys" on Thursday evening from 7-10 p.m. On Friday evening "Divided Highway" will appear in concert starting at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, the "Mid-Shore Idol Contest" will take place starting at 6 p.m. On Sunday afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. will be "Kindred Spirits."

For the entire family there will be an abundant menu of foods for all tastes. The Fair Board will serve a Fried Chicken Dinner on Wednesday, August 4 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.; a Crab Cake Dinner on Thursday, August 5 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.; a Beef Dinner on Friday, August 6 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.; the annual Chicken BBQ Dinner prepared by the Hurlock Lions Club will be held on Saturday, August 7

### "Country Fresh Family Fun at the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair."

from 3-7 p.m.; and a Pig Roast will be provided on Sunday, August 8 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. A wide variety of other foods will be available for Breakfast, Lunch

and Dinner.

Visit our web site: [www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org) for a complete Schedule of Events. Surely you will find something you would enjoy at the fair.

With admission of just \$2.00 for adults (children 12 and under free), the Caroline-Dorchester County Fair is not just fun; it's a family outing that's affordable.

Bring the family and for some real comfort a lawn chair and enjoy a day at the Caroline-Dorchester County Fair.

parking info visit their website at [www.dorchesterhistory.org](http://www.dorchesterhistory.org)

The topic of the meeting will be Preservation and Conservation Strategies for the Byway.

If you have any questions or need more information about the meeting please call Jim Klein 1-800-337-1370.



## FIREWORKS DISPLAY

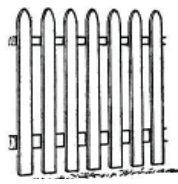
CAROLINE SUMMERFEST  
SATURDAY AUGUST 21TH  
10 P.M.

DOWNTOWN DENTON, BY THE COURTHOUSE GREEN

# Planning and Codes . . .

## 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.



## 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
- 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.

## Permits

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

Wilburt, 1107 Weeping Willow Court, Fence  
 Kelley, 1612 Cattail Commons Way, Pool  
 Weaver, 1120 Foster Holly Court, Fence  
 Moore, 12 S. Second Street, Ramp  
 Market Street Public House, 200 Market Street, Sign  
 Peterson, 209 S. Fifth Avenue, Fence  
 Suire, 1709 Cattail Commons Way, Fence & Deck  
 Manois, 119 Briarwood Circle, Pool  
 Gornic, 206 S. Fifth Avenue, Accessory Building  
 Raga, 1115 Foster Holly Court, Fence  
 Cephus, 906 Old Camp Road, Demolition  
 Eberhard, 309 Carter Avenue, Roof & Siding  
 Linder, 1168 Osprey Lane, Fence  
 Moore, 12 S. Second Street, Fence  
 Owens, 224 Market Street, Sign  
 Brickhouse, 222 Market Street, Sign  
 Barnes, 1210 Cattail Commons Way, Fence  
 Chamber of Commerce, 601 Legion Road, Banner

Schlotzhauer Sign Crafters, 862 S. Fifth Avenue, Sign  
 Linder, 1168 Osprey Lane, Accessory Building  
 Edgewater, LLC, 1112 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD  
 Thomas, 1200 Foster Holly Court, Fence & Deck  
 Edgewater, LLC, 1112 Trice Meadows Circle, Mechanical  
 406 Market Street, LLC, 406 Market Street, Rehab  
 Higgins, 104 Briarwood Circle, Fence  
 Denton Restoration Properties, 605 Market Street, Roof  
 County Village, Village Circle, Siding  
 Wells, 1108 Camp Road, Roof  
 Reed, 1104 Foster Holly Court, Accessory Building  
 Crowder, Wesleyan Camp Lot 73B, Rehab  
 Bailey, 1202 Painted Fern Road, Fence & Deck  
 Chaney, 301 S. Seventh Street, Pool  
 Heinsohn, 415 N. Sixth Street, Fence  
 Denton Hardware, LLC, 328 Market Street, Trim Repairs  
 Mayo, 1101 Cypress Court, Patio  
 Lewis, 606 Sunnyside Avenue, Siding  
 Trice, 106 N. Seventh Street, Fence & Accessory Building

### Denton Board of Appeals Vacancy

The Board of Appeals consists of three individuals and one alternate who are appointed by the Town Council to hear and decide appeals for special exceptions, variances, and alleged errors or determinations.

Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Denton and be able to attend meetings the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. as needed.

Persons interested in serving on the Denton Board of Appeals should submit letters of interest to the Director of Planning and Codes, 13 North Third Street, Denton, MD 21629 by July 31, 2010. Call (410) 479-3625 for additional information.

### 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.

*From front page.*

2) in April 2009 which corrected errors and included all annexations since 1999. The official map adoption was consistent with the currently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

During the 2009 calendar year, 123 permits were issued, of which 2 were for new residential units. This represents a 30% decrease in total permits from 2008. Total dollar amount for all construction, including renovations and new for this period, was \$3,794,808. This 2009 year's construction of approximately \$3.8 million decreased 62% from the prior 2008 year's total of approximately \$10 million. All approvals were consistent with the currently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

In 2009, at the behest of the Planning Commission, the Town Council adopted two ordinances that changed the Table of Density and Dimensional Regulations. These changes were consistent with the currently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

**The following projects are ongoing:**

- Denton Development Corporation development of Crouse Park waterfront visitor's center and restaurant – approval stage
- Savannah Overlook (Cattail Commons) 161 unit residential subdivision completely built; approved phase IV of two lots is not yet under construction
- Mallard Landing 187 unit residential subdivision – 98 percent built
- Trice 49 Lot Residential Subdivision – 36 percent built
- Sandy Meadows 58 Dwelling Unit Residential Subdivision – 79 percent built
- Parkview Estates 26 unit residential subdivision – 27 percent built
- Gannon's Purchase / Village at Watts Creek 257 unit Planned Neighborhood (PN) preliminary site plan with approved Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement – not yet under construction
- The Gardens 62 unit residential subdivision (final plat recorded in 2006) – not yet under construction
- Fearins Crossing I 60 lot residential subdivision – not yet under construction
- Fearins Crossing II 12 lot residential subdivision – final plat recorded in 2009 – not yet under construction
- Glenfield 41 lot residential subdivision – final approval with growth allocation (Map 3)
- Gay Street Redevelopment 24 residential unit subdivision – preliminary subdivision approval
- West Denton – 3,000 Dwelling Unit Planned Neighborhood (PN) Concept Plan without approved findings of fact
- Walmart – Final site plan approved
- Chesapeake Culinary Center – Concept plan approved
- Top Orchid – Final site plan approved

To address the demand for new dwelling units, and to protect the integrity of architecture common to the area, the Town hired a firm to design a pattern book. Through a series of public meetings with residents and community stakeholders, the desire to eliminate architectural monotony in new residential communities was solidified. The Denton Town Council reviewed and approved the final draft of the Pattern Book. Although they considered a formal adoption of an ordinance which would provide for the application of the Pattern Book to all residential subdivisions, site plans, and individual residential lots; the Council approved the book as a resource guide for individual property owners. However, the Denton Planning Commission shall utilize the Pattern Book for all Planned Neighborhood development projects. In 2009, an ordinance was approved that applied the

Pattern Book to Townhouses, duplexes, and apartments as well.

An additional tool available to the Planning Commission is the Planned Neighborhood District (PN). The PN offers an opportunity for a planned mixed use neighborhood through a floating zone. All newly annexed parcels of land in excess of 50 acres are required to develop as a PN as part of their annexation agreement. The PN offers increased density opportunities in exchange for a variety of housing types, central neighborhood areas, cohesiveness with adjoining properties, extension, implementation of pedestrian walkways, and design criteria that mimic the architecture of the Eastern Shore.

The Planning Commission remains vigilant in its role to direct growth and development appropriately and offers the following recommendations for consideration by the Town Council:

- Adopt the Draft 2010 Comprehensive Plan, including the new State required growth and water resources elements, by May 25, 2010.
- Adopt a Comprehensive Rezoning Ordinance, for Land Use and Zoning which is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan, by June 30, 2010.
- Incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan robust transportation, economic redevelopment, and recreation components.
- Revise zoning and land use codes as appropriate throughout the 2010 year based upon Planning Commission and planning staff recommendations.
- Adopt Stormwater Management Ordinance by May 4, 2010, in accordance with MDE requirements (completed, however to be amended to address HB 1125 emergency regulations).
- Continue any and all activities, plans, processes, and/or procedures that encourage infill and redevelopment opportunities.
- Insure that quality of life considerations for health, safety, and welfare of Town residents are appropriately addressed.
- Support the enforcement of the sidewalk policy ordinance and require sidewalks or a pedestrian / bicycle trail on at least one side of every street.
- Continue requesting SHA approval for access onto MD Route 404 at Gay Street intersection, which allows access via Commerce Drive, from Legion Road.

During the last half of the recent decade, the Town of Denton has received a significant increase in residential development with little corresponding commercial growth. While a number of commercial development projects are in the planning stages, the Planning Commission remains concerned about this trend and recommends that the Council implement policies that will encourage balanced growth going forward. The ultimate goal should be to foster local job growth to complement and support our growing population. The Draft 2010 Comprehensive Plan increases land area for commercial, reduces land area for residential, and addresses economic development opportunities for Denton overall and in the downtown, which is experiencing a high vacancy rate.

The Planning Commission has focused on the need for connectivity within the Town between government offices, parks, and residential areas. As a result, a sidewalk / bicycle policy was developed into an ordinance that requires all government owned properties within the Town limits to construct public sidewalks at all abutting streets within two years. If the sidewalks are not constructed by the property owner, the Ordinance directs

# Denton Public Works . . .

## Outdoor Water Conservation

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).

## Maryland Tree Program

The Marylanders Plant Trees Program is continuing through the end of the year. The State of Maryland is partnering with

businesses, communities, and citizens to help fund and plant new tree cover. The

goal is to have planted one million trees by 2011. Private citizens are encouraged to join in by planting 50,000 trees by 2010.

Trees are beneficial in protecting water quality, cleaning our air, and providing wildlife habitat. They also enhance our quality of life, beautify

## Ticks and Lyme Disease

Maryland has one of the highest rates of Lyme disease in the United States. Lyme disease, caused by the bite of an infected black-legged tick, was named because the first reported case in the United States was in the town of Old Lyme, Connecticut. Most parts of the United States have reported cases with the most occurring in the Northeast, upper Midwest, and along the Pacific coast. Lyme disease is usually seen during the late spring, summer, and early fall when participation in outside activities such as gardening, hiking, hunting, and walking is high.

Most people bitten by a tick do not get Lyme disease. The tick must be attached to the skin for at least 24 hours for transmission to occur. However, everyone who has been bitten by a tick should be closely monitored for at least 30 days for symptoms resembling the flu including chills, fever, headache, lethargy, and muscle pain. There may be a "bull's eye" rash, a flat or slightly raised red spot at the site of the tick bite often with a clear center area.

The risk of a tick bite when walking or hiking in wooded or grassy areas can be reduced by following these tips:

• Wear light-colored long pants, long sleeves, and long socks to help keep ticks off your skin and to more easily locate them if they do crawl onto you.

• Tuck your pant legs into your socks, and tuck your shirt into your pants to help keep ticks on the

outside of clothing.

• Insect repellent containing 20-50% DEET sprayed on all exposed skin and your clothing is recommended for use on adults to prevent tick bites. Repellents with up to 30% DEET can safely be used on children over 2 months of age.

• Treat clothes with permethrin, but do not use permethrin directly on the skin.

• Try to avoid wooded or brushy area with tall grass and leaf litter.

• Perform daily tick checks after being outdoors, even in your own yard. Inspect all parts of your body including armpits and scalp. Remove ticks immediately using fine-tipped tweezers.

• If a tick is attached to your skin for less than 24 hours, your chance of getting Lyme disease is extremely small. But just to be safe, monitor your health closely after a tick bite and be alert for any signs and symptoms of tick-borne illness.

To safely remove a tick, use fine-tipped tweezers and protect your hands with a tissue or gloves. Grab the tick close to the skin, pulling straight up until all parts of the tick are removed. Do not twist or jerk. Wash the tick bite with soap and warm water or an antiseptic. Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based gel. DO NOT use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or any other products to remove ticks.

For more information go to [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme).



our neighborhoods and highways, provide sound barriers and shade, and help increase property values. Well-placed trees can help reduce energy costs by 15 – 35 percent.

Learn more about the Maryland Tree Program by visiting the website at [www.green.maryland](http://www.green.maryland).

gov. Information on this website includes advice on where, how, and what type of trees to plant, and discount coupons for your tree purchases. Once planted, the trees should be registered on the interactive map and their benefits to you and our planet calculated.



**Ordinance No. 601****AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND ESTIMATE INCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011.**

Be it Ordained and Enacted by the Denton Town Council, Maryland, that the following tax rates and fees, revenue and expenditure estimates are enacted for Fiscal Year 2011:

- Sec. 1 General Fund  
 Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property  
 Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Corporation  
 Sec. 4 Rate of Taxation on Railroad and Utility Property

**Sec. 1 General Fund**

A. That the following amounts shall be and hereby are appropriated for the expenditures designated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 for the General Fund:

Activity Title	Approved Budget and Appropriation
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
General Government	46,233
General Administration	109,421
Town Council	23,616
Election	2,495
Municipal Building	36,220
Financial Administration	201,474
<b>General Government - Total</b>	<b>419,459</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Police Department	1,262,736
Volunteer Fire Co.	95,500
Planning & Codes	388,170
<b>Public Safety - Total</b>	<b>1,746,406</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Community Development	52,438
Main Street	42,500
Forest Conservation	700
Summerfest	5,000
<b>Community Development - Total</b>	<b>100,638</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Street Sanitation	108,208
Street Lighting	73,500
Trash Collection	160,300
Mosquito Spraying	1,000
Parks	80,715
Tennis Courts	600
<b>Public Works Department - Total</b>	<b>424,323</b>
<b>Highway Fund Contribution</b>	<b>144,426</b>
<b>General Fund Debt</b>	<b>88,112</b>
<b>General Fund Reserve</b>	<b>101,774</b>
<b>Retirement Fund Debt</b>	<b>15,184</b>
<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>3,040,321</b>

B. That the following revenues are, in the considered judgment of the Town Council, a fair appraisal and estimate of the revenues available to finance this budget and these appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Source	Estimated Revenues
Taxes	2,749,952
Licenses and Permits	45,000
Revenue from Other Agencies	106,174
Miscellaneous Income	139,195
General Fund Balance Forward	0
<b>Total FY 2011 Revenues</b>	<b>3,040,321</b>

**Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property**

That the rate of taxation on real property to be taxed within the boundaries of the Town of Denton, Maryland shall be and hereby is established as:

Sixty-four cents (\$.64)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of value for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and including June 30, 2011.

**Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Business Personal Property**

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and including June 30, 2011, on any personal property to be taxed by the Town of Denton, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Sec. 4 Rate of Taxation on Railroad and Utility Property**

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and including June 30, 2011 on any railroad and utility property to be taxed by the Town of Denton, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and Seventy cents (\$1.70)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Sec. 5 Service and Administration Fee Collected by Caroline County Tax Office**

That the rate of service and administrative fees on semi-annual billings assessed by the Caroline County Tax Office shall be and hereby is established as:

.44% Service Fee and 10% Administrative Fee for 2010-2011. The fee and charge amount to .45%. This is computed at 1.76% annual interest divided by twelve months times three months, October, November & December.

# Denton Main Street . . .

## Block Party Set For July 17



The Caroline County Council of Arts, Inc. invites the public to attend their 4th annual Community Arts Block Party. Attendees will enjoy a free celebration of the arts with live entertainment, artist demonstrations, art activities for all ages and lots of fun for the whole family. There will be dancing in the streets with music by Dave Hawkins. Dave is an accomplished musician who sings vocals, plays the guitar, the violin, and the harmonica. Food and drink concessions will be available, including pit beef, pork BBQ, and hot dogs from Grills on Wheels.

Participants can explore the restored historic Wilson's Foundry Dwelling at 401 Market Street, Denton home of the Caroline County Council of Arts and The Foundry community art gallery where over

35 local artists have their artwork on display. Also on display in The Foundry are over 75 glazed tiles from the Community Tile project. Back by popular demand, attendees will have one more opportunity to paint tiles at the event.

The event will be held Saturday, July 17 from 5-9 p.m. on Fourth Street between Market and Gay streets at the site of the 401 Market Street building. The event is free this year. Proceeds from gallery sales and food concessions will benefit the Caroline County Council of Arts. The community is encouraged to come out, have fun, show support, and find out more about the Arts Council and its many programs. For more information, contact the CCA office at 410-479-1009, [ccartscouncil@verizon.net](mailto:ccartscouncil@verizon.net).



## Just Yesterday Opens June 30th

Main Street is pleased to announce the opening of a new "used" furniture and consignment business located at the 218/220 Market Street in Downtown Denton.

Please begin saving all your "gently-used" furniture, home furnishings, collectibles, clothing and accessories, for others to purchase and enjoy.

Initially, they will specialize in:

- \* Gently-used quality furniture, and home decorator accessories
  - \* Women's, children's and men's quality clothing
  - \* Jewelry, belts, shoes and other accessories
  - \* Crystal, china, and silver
  - \* Collectibles
- All clothing items should be

current styles, clean, on hangers and pressed.

They will be available 5 days a week to showcase your items in a stylish, safe and professional manner to ensure the highest prices. You will receive a monthly check for 50% of the proceeds.

Downtown Denton has several new businesses with scheduled openings over the next few weeks. We are excited about the new opportunities these businesses will bring. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 443-448-4150 during regular business hours. (10 - 6, Wed, Thurs, Sat; 10 - 8, Fri; Noon - 5, Sun) Drop-off Appointments are available for deliveries Wed. and Thurs. Please call in advance to schedule a time to bring in your items.

## Tourism Office New Location

Starting July 1 the Caroline County Office of Tourism will be moving to a new location from Third Street in Denton to the Choptank River Heritage Center & Joppa

Wharf Museum. The museum is located at 10215 River Landing Rd. West Denton, Maryland 21629. Stop by and say hello and visit the museum.

## Black Anchor Hosts Blues Player

Black Anchor Tattoo will again be presenting blues great Jake LaBotz July 21 at 9 p.m. at the

Market Street Public House. For more information on Jake Labotz visit [www.jakelabotz.com](http://www.jakelabotz.com)

### Denton Spring Gala Questionnaire

- 1) The current Spring Gala ticket price is: a. too high b. too low c. just right
- 2) I would consider paying more for a Spring Gala ticket if it included a meal. a. yes b. no
- 3) If yes, how much additional cost would be adequate? a. \$10 b. \$15 c. \$20
- 4) Would it be preferable to have two levels of ticket sales, one that includes the Spring Gala activities as currently provided and one that also includes a meal? a. yes b. no
- 5) My favorite part of Spring Gala is:
  - a. live music                      b. art showcase                      c. local business participation
  - d. silent auction                      e. wine/beer sampling                      f. other \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Is the current time frame of 5 - 9 p.m. for Spring Gala appropriate? a. yes b. no  
What is your preferred timeframe? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) What other activities would you like to see included in Spring Gala?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8) General comments or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Yacht Launched From Crouse Park



Detting Yacht Co. launched at 71 foot Yacht headed to Boston MA in May from the Crouse Park boat ramp.

## Caroline Hospice Foundation Events

### JULY

**1st - Military Salute**

**9th - Chicken Dinners** start at 12p.m. \$10 includes 1/2 Chicken, baked beans, potato salad and dinner roll.

**17th - Dinner Evening Sunset Cruise.** 7-10 p.m. Suiside Bridge. \$55.00 per person.

**21st - Annual Volunteer Luncheon**

**29th - Bereavement Gathering** at 6p.m.

### AUGUST

**5th - Wine & Cheese Reception** 5 - 8p.m. at the Foundry Building 4th and Market St. \$10 donation.

**13th - Pit Beef** 10:30am - 2p.m. \$8 includes sandwich, chips and drink. Located on the Hospice Lawn.

**14th - Jerry Jones Gospel Concert,** 7-9p.m. Union Bethel UMC 302 N. Main St. Federalsburg. \$10 per person.

**20 & - 21st - Annual Caroline Summerfest.** Visit our booth at Caroline Summerfest by the Courthouse Green.

The Caroline Hospice Foundation is selling memorial Garden Bricks. Each 4"x8"brick is a \$50 donation. The bricks can be engraved with a personal message.

"I support Caroline Hospice" t-shirts are available for sale. The shirts come in purple or red. Contact hospice at 410-479-3500 for details.

The Hospice Home has an immediate need for the following items from their "Wish List":

- Swiffer Wet Jet Pads
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Mops
- Pinesol
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Ensure
- Wheelchairs with Leg Rests
- Hospital Gowns

If you can provide any of the above items, please drop off at the Caroline Home for Hospice on 5th Ave. in Denton or call 410-479-3500. Thank you for your continued support.



# Friday Night Cruise-In



June 11th • July 9th • August 13th • September 10th  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Downtown Denton

Step back in time with a Friday Night Cruise-In, which will take place one Friday a month in Downtown Denton. Spend a summer evening strolling the streets of historic Denton while enjoying the classic cars parked along Market Street. There will be a DJ spinning Oldies tunes, food vendors and more!

**For more information, please contact Dean Danielson at (410) 479-1545 or (410) 479-1198.**

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the Council to establish a special taxing district for this purpose.

**Infrastructure completed in 2009 or in progress**

- Fifth Avenue infrastructure improvements design complete with project commencement scheduled for 2010.
- Construction of Well #6 on Camp Road design complete; project pending need assessment and / or funding
- Expansion of the lift station at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is under design
- North Denton Phase I infrastructure rebuild of Third and High Streets is complete. Phase II for rebuild of Lockerman Street scheduled to begin in spring of 2010.
- Public Works facility garage will be relocated to a new facility purchase of which is pending.

**Pending Infrastructure**

- Wastewater Treatment Facility ENR upgrade design is 95% complete and under review by MDE. Project scheduled to begin in 2010 and be operational in mid-2011.

The following are descriptions of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Historic and Architectural Review Commission. Charts and graphs breaking down data of permits issued and historical construction dollars spent are included at the end of the report.

**Town of Denton  
Planning Commission  
Planning Commission Members, 2009**

- Doris Walls, Chairperson
- Valerie Miller
- Dean Danielson
- William Quick
- Ummu Bradley Thomas
- Agnes Case, Alternate (resigned 8/2009)
- Sue Cruickshank, Alternate (appointed 9/2009)

The five regular members and one alternate of the Planning Commission are appointed by the Town Council and serve as a citizen review board for Denton planning issues. The Planning Commission holds regularly scheduled meetings the last Tuesday of every month except December, at 6:00 p.m., at the Denton Police Facility, 100 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland. Special meetings, workshops, and public hearings to discuss keynote issues are held as necessary at an agreed upon time and location.

Two members have completed an Urban Planning Certification through the University of Maryland. Training is strongly recommended for anyone interested in local planning, however, the UMD training program is currently unavailable. Staff is researching alternative training opportunities and once identified will schedule member training for the four new members.

**The duties of the Planning Commission include but are not necessarily limited to:**

- Review, evaluate, and approve or disapprove plans for subdivisions, and mobile home subdivisions in accordance with the Denton Zoning and Denton Subdivision Codes.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed changes or amendments to the Denton Comprehensive Plan.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code.

- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed rezoning.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed changes or amendments to the Subdivision Code.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed acquisition and development of lands for Town open space or recreation purposes.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed changes in land use or development arising from local, State, or federal programs or policies.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding development site plans required by Article XXIII of the Denton Town Code.

**The following represents action taken by the Planning Commission during calendar year, 2009:**

Subdivision/Site Plan Approval: The Planning Commission reviewed eight (8) site plans and three (3) major subdivisions. Major subdivisions cannot proceed to final subdivision approval until the water/sewer allocation is reviewed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (coordinated through Caroline County). Two (2) major subdivisions were granted final approval and one (1) major subdivision was granted preliminary subdivision approval. In addition, four (4) concept plans and five (5) Board of Appeals applications were reviewed.

There were seven (7) administrative site plans and three (3) administrative line revisions approved at staff level. Concept plans that age more than four months before returning to the Planning Commission for preliminary review are required to resubmit as concept plans before moving forward. Administrative site plans and line revisions are handled at staff level and reviewed at Planning Commission level at the discretion of the Director of Planning and Codes.

An annexation petition for 25.35 acres was reviewed by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Denton Town Council which became effective December 17, 2009. The entire annexation was zoned Highway Commercial (Map 4). This annexation was consistent with the current adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The first de-annexation petition for 29.293 acres was filed during 2009. No action was taken by the Town Council during 2009.

Meetings: There were eleven (11) regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings and ten (10) training or working sessions.

**Town of Denton  
Board of Appeals  
2009 Members**

- Florence Doherty, Chairperson
- Scott Brewster
- Frank Fluharty (resigned 3/2009)
- Michelle Wasson
- Troy Livingstone, Alternate (appointed 6/2009)

The three regular members and one alternate of the Board of Appeals are appointed by the Town Council. They serve as a citizen review board for special exceptions, variances, and appeals cases. The Board of Appeals holds public hearings and open meetings at the call of the Chairperson and at other times, as deemed necessary by the members of the Board. Hearings and meetings are both held in the Town of Denton's Hearing Room at 13 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland.

**The duties of the Board of Appeals include but are not necessarily limited to:**

- Conduct public hearings and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Administrator in the enforcement of the Denton Zoning Ordinance.
- Conduct public hearings and decide special exceptions to the terms of the Denton Zoning Ordinance upon which such Board is specifically authorized to pass under the Denton Zoning Ordinance.
- To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the specific terms of this Ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance will result in unwarranted hardship, and injustice, but which will most nearly accomplish the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.
- To determine, in cases of uncertainty, the classifications as to district of any use not specifically named in this Ordinance; provided, however, such use shall be in keeping with uses specifically named in the district regulations.

In 2009, the Board of Appeals scheduled five (5) public hearings. These cases consisted of three (3) requests for variances and two (2) special exception requests.

**Town of Denton Historic and Architectural Review Commission  
2009 Members**

- Kathy A. Mackel, Chairperson
- Richard Peterson
- Melissa Jones
- Damian Dowdall
- Ray Claytor

The five members are appointed to serve by the Town Council. They serve as a citizen review board regarding properties that lie within the Denton Historic District, make recommendations to the Town Council regarding designation or removal of the Historic Overlay Zone, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding land subdivision within the historic Overlay Zone when historic resources are involved. Open meetings are held at least once every three months or by the call of the Chairperson. Typically meetings are held monthly, on the third Wednesday evening, to review applications for permits. All meetings and/or hearings are held at the Denton Town Office, 13 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland unless otherwise advertised.

***Duties of the Historic and Architectural Review Commission include but are not limited to:***

- To maintain and update an inventory of historic resources within the Town.
- To review applications for designation of or removal of Historic Overlay Zones, and to forward recommendations to the Mayor and Council who will approve or disapprove the designation of or removal of a Historic Overlay Zone.
- To review and process applications for Historic Area Work Permits.
- To make recommendations to the Planning Commission on courses of action in the event of subdivision of land within a Historic Overlay Zone as it relates to the preservation of

the historic resource, of the architectural setting, and of the environmental setting in which the resource is located.

- To review any legislation and proposal affecting historic preservation, including preparation of master plans, and to make recommendations on said legislation and proposals to the appropriate authorities.
- To research Town historic resources and recommend applicable sites and structures to the Mayor and Council for designation as Historic Overlay Zone(s).
- To serve as a clearinghouse for information on historic preservation for Town government, individuals, citizens' associations, historical societies, and local advisory committees; to provide information and educational materials for the public; and, to undertake activities to advance the goals of historic preservation in the Town of Denton.
- To regularly inform the Maryland Historical Trust of addition or removal of Town Historic Overlay Zones and of new information or data found or researched regarding historic sites or structures in the town.
- To employ consultants or other temporary personnel, consistent with Town contract provisions, as deemed necessary to assist the Commission in the accomplishment of its functions.

The Historic & Architectural Review Commission held nine (9) regular meetings in 2009. The board reviewed twenty-one (21) applications for various exterior improvements and signage.

**Map Amendments  
(Rezoning Petitions and Critical Area Map Amendments)**

A land use change or reclassification initiates a map amendment, as does a change in the critical area boundary or buffer exemption area. A proposal for amendment of the Official Town Zoning Map may be filed by any governmental agency or by a person with a committed financial, contractual, or proprietary interest in the property affected by the proposed amendment. The request is submitted to the Town Council which forwards it to the Planning Commission for an investigation and recommendation. The Planning Commission submits its recommendation to the Town Council within sixty days. After receiving the recommendations of the Planning Commission concerning any map amendment, the Town Council introduces legislation for a proposed change and holds a public hearing. If the proposed amendment is a critical area map amendment, the proposed amendment is sent to the Critical Area Commission for review and approval. Both agencies hold a public hearing, sometimes jointly, regarding the amendment. If approved by the Critical Area Commission, the Town Council can consider approval of the map amendment. Prior to voting on any reclassification of land, a visit to the site in question must be made by a majority of the Town Council to inspect the physical features of the property and to determine the character of the surrounding area. A site visit is not required for sectional or comprehensive reclassification. The Town Council may not approve a reclassification without a finding of facts: That there was a substantial change in the character of the area where the property is located; or that there was a mistake in the existing zoning classification.

- With respect to critical area map amendments the Town Council can:
1. Elect to amend the critical area boundary or classification when it is found that there was a mistake in the original classification, or the site will be granted the Growth Allocation (GA) floating zone district classification.

2. Elect to add land to the critical area district.
- The findings of fact that the Town Council will consider include but are not limited to:
1. Population change
  2. Availability of public facilities
  3. Present and future transportation patterns
  4. Compatibility with existing and proposed development
  5. Compatibility with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan

SP-09-019	WalMart* Stores, Inc.	Final Site Plan
SP-09-020	Town of Denton/DDC/Hardee House	Administrative Site Plan
SP-09-021	Freddie Bell Jones Modeling & Finishing School	Administrative Site Plan/Relocation

**Planning Commission Subdivision Hearings**

SD-09-001	Dixon Brothers, Denton, LLC	Fearins Crossing Phase II/Final
SD-09-002	CIII Builders	Gay Street Redevelopment/Preliminary
SD-09-003	Robert Dale Palmer & Ruth Hynson-Palmer	Administrative Line Revision
SD-09-004	Dixon Brothers, Denton, LLC	Fearins Crossing Phase II/Withdrew
SD-09-005	Chris Coile Development D, LLC	Glenfield/Final
SD-09-006	Brian Price/Brent Evans	Administrative Line Revision
SD-09-007	Wesleyan Home Care, Inc.	Administrative Line Revision
SD-09-008	CIII Builders	Gay Street Redevelopment/Preliminary
SD-09-009	Gannon’s Purchase/Elm Street Development	Revised “PN” Concept Plan

**Map Amendments Proposed and / or Effective in 2009**

There was one (1) rezoning petition filed to re-establish a redevelopment floating zone district in 2009. A critical area growth allocation amendment petition from 2008 was approved by the Critical Area Commission in 2009 and adopted by the Town Council and County Commission in 2009. Both events were consistent with the current adopted Comprehensive Plan.

**2009 Town of Denton Boards Applications  
Planning Commission Site Plan Hearings**

SP-09-001	Channel Marker Foundation - Deferred	Concept Plan
SP-09-002	Maloney Companies - Rejected	The Pines at Franklin/Preliminary Site Plan
SP-09-003	Mathews Brothers	Administrative Site Plan/Relocation
SP-09-004	Town of Denton	Crouse Park/Concept Plan
SP-09-005	Town of Denton	Chesapeake Culinary Center/Concept Plan
SP-09-006	Choptank Community Health Systems	Final Site Plan
SP-09-007	Shore Gourmet Denton Market	Administrative Site Plan
SP-09-008	Tidewater Realty Investors LLC	Simplified Site Plan
SP-09-009	Driver Improvement Center	Simplified Site Plan
SP-09-010	Wesleyan Home Care, Inc.	Concept Plan
SP-09-011	Void	
SP-09-012	All Good Things/Judy Ireland	Administrative Site Plan
SP-09-013	Top Orchids	Preliminary Site Plan
SP-09-014	Dan Wroe & Laura Williams	Administrative Site Plan
SP-09-015	Top Orchids	Final Site Plan
SP-09-016	Charles Schline	Administrative Site Plan
SP-09-017	406 Market LLC	Simplified Site Plan
SP-09-018	Wesleyan Home Care, Inc.	Simplified Site Plan

**Board of Appeals Hearings for Special Exceptions and Variances**

BOA-09-001	Robert Fearins	Special Exception
BOA-09-002	Steve and Julie Harris	Special Exception
BOA-09-003	Raymond & Mary Claytor	Variance
BOA-09-004	Wesleyan Heritage Community	Variance
BOA-09-005	Top Orchids	Variance

**Board of Appeals Hearings for Re-Zoning**

RZ-09-001	CIII Builders	Gay Street Floating Zone Redevelopment District
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**Town Council Annexation and De-Annexation Hearings**

AN-09-001	Ruff, Cindy’s Country Store / Caroline County	25.35 acres – Annexation
AN-09-002	Fortner, Gosnell & Davidson	29.293 acres – De-Annexation

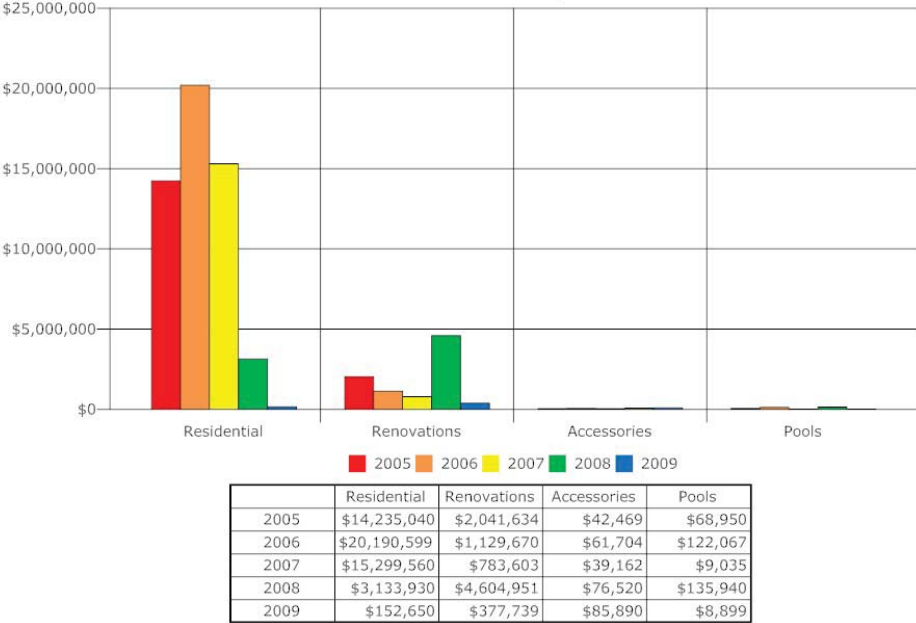
**Town of Denton Permits**

<b>2009</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
New Single Family / Multi-Family Homes	2%	2	17	67	147	138
New Accessory Structures	10%	12	15	20	11	21
New Roof / Repairs	20%	25	23	31	26	28
Building Maintenance	29%	36	51	104	143	97
Pools	2%	3	10	8	9	6
New Industrial Construction	0%	0	1	0	4	0
New Commercial Construction	0%	0	0	3	4	2
New Institutional Construction	2%	2	1	0	1	0
Demolition	3%	4	7	4	12	3
Signs (includes Banners)	11%	13	11	23	32	23
Rezoning / Other	21%	26	39	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>318</b>

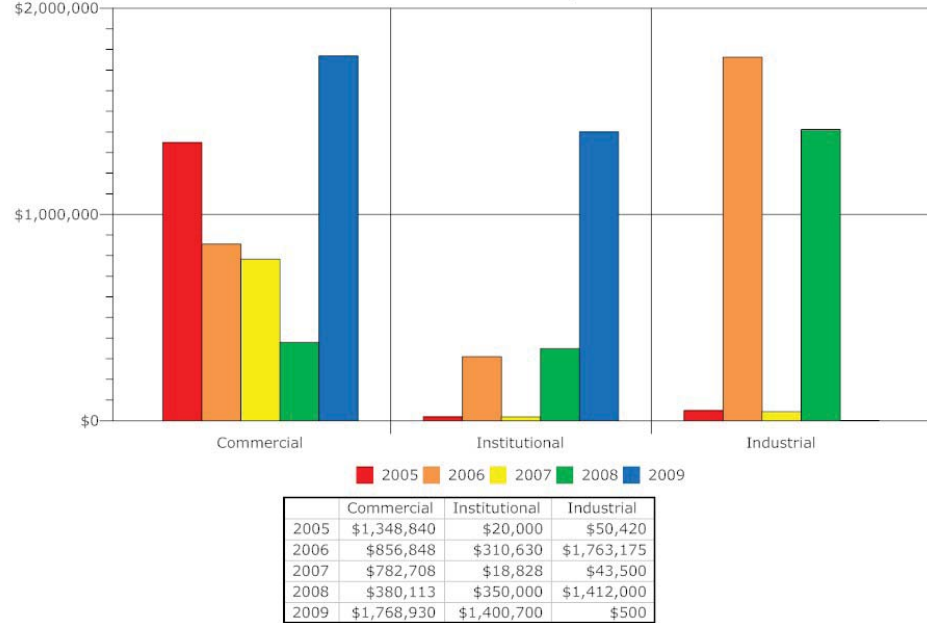
**Town of Denton Construction Dollars (\$)**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Residential	\$ 4,235,043	\$ 20,190,599	\$ 15,299,560	\$ 3,133,930	\$ 152,650
Accessories	\$ 42,469	\$ 61,704	\$ 39,162	\$ 76,520	\$ 85,390
Major Renovations (over \$5,000)	\$ 1,913,602	\$ 886,062	\$ 625,980	\$ 151,405	\$ 262,211
Minor Renovations (under \$5,000)	\$ 128,032	\$243,608	\$ 157,623	\$ 4,453,546	\$ 115,528
Pools	\$ 68,950	\$ 122,067	\$ 9,035	\$ 135,940	\$ 8,899
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 16,388,096</b>	<b>\$ 21,504,040</b>	<b>\$ 16,131,360</b>	<b>\$ 7,951,341</b>	<b>\$ 624,678</b>
Commercial	\$ 1,348,840	\$ 856,848	\$ 782,708	\$ 380,113	\$ 1,768,930
Institutional	\$ 20,000	\$ 310,630	\$ 18,828	\$ 1,412,000	\$ 1,400,700
Industrial	\$ 50,240	\$ 1,763,175	\$ 43,500	\$ 350,000	\$ 500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,399,080</b>	<b>\$ 2,930,653</b>	<b>\$ 845,036</b>	<b>\$ 2,142,113</b>	<b>\$ 3,170,130</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,787,176</b>	<b>\$ 24,434,693</b>	<b>\$ 16,976,396</b>	<b>\$ 10,093,454</b>	<b>\$ 3,794,808</b>

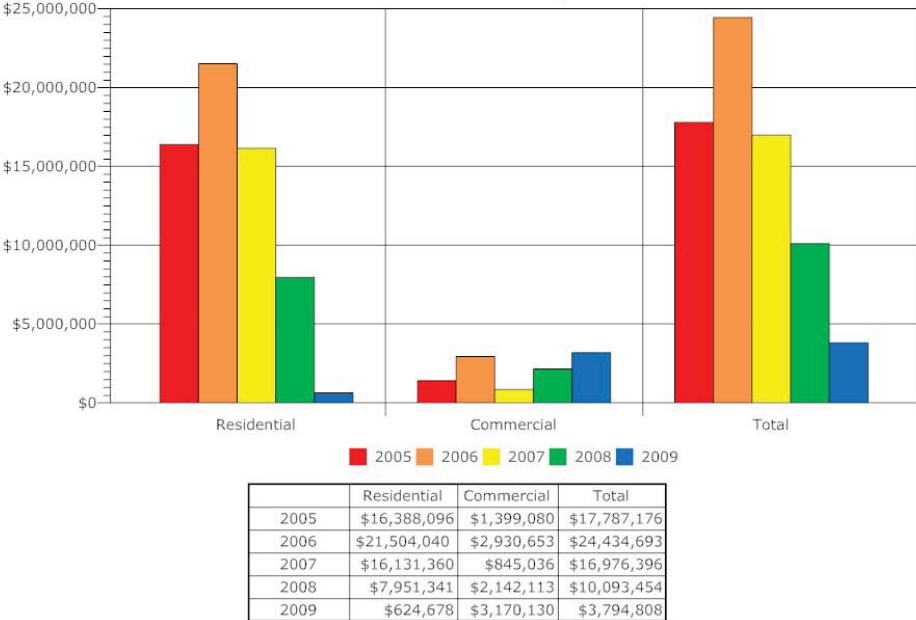
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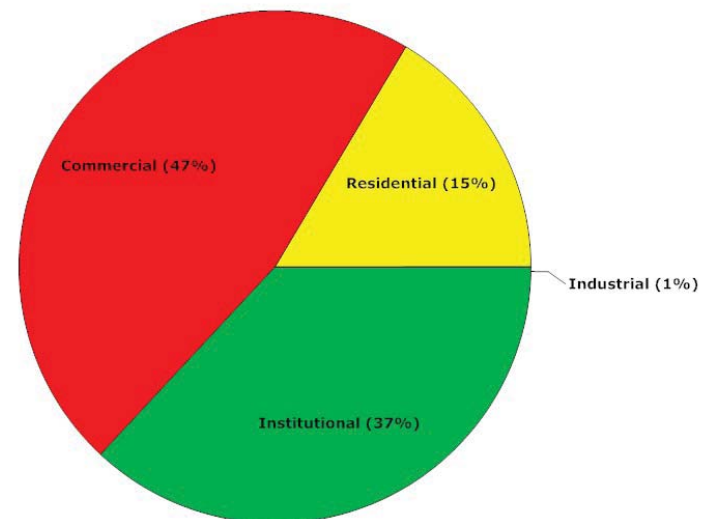
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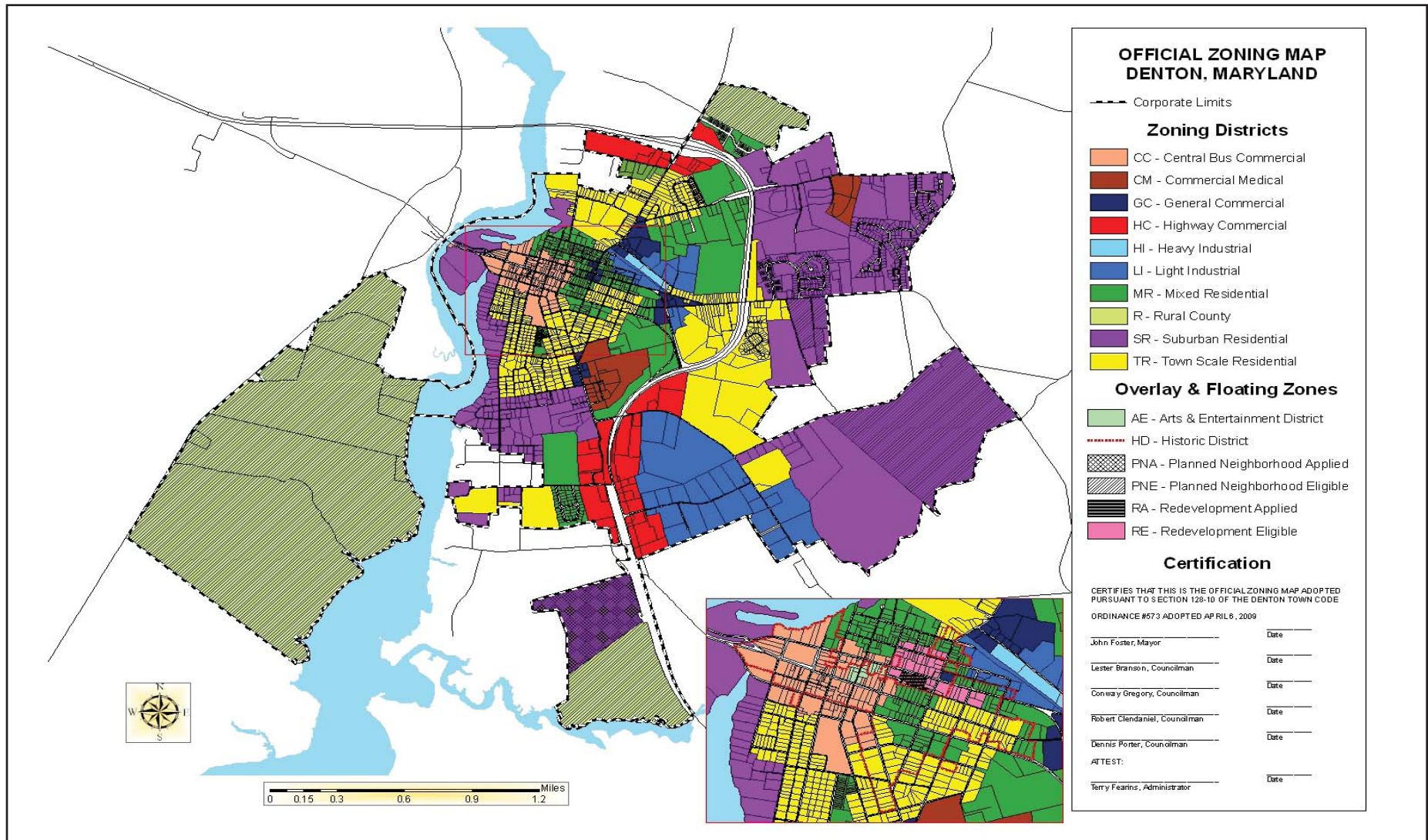
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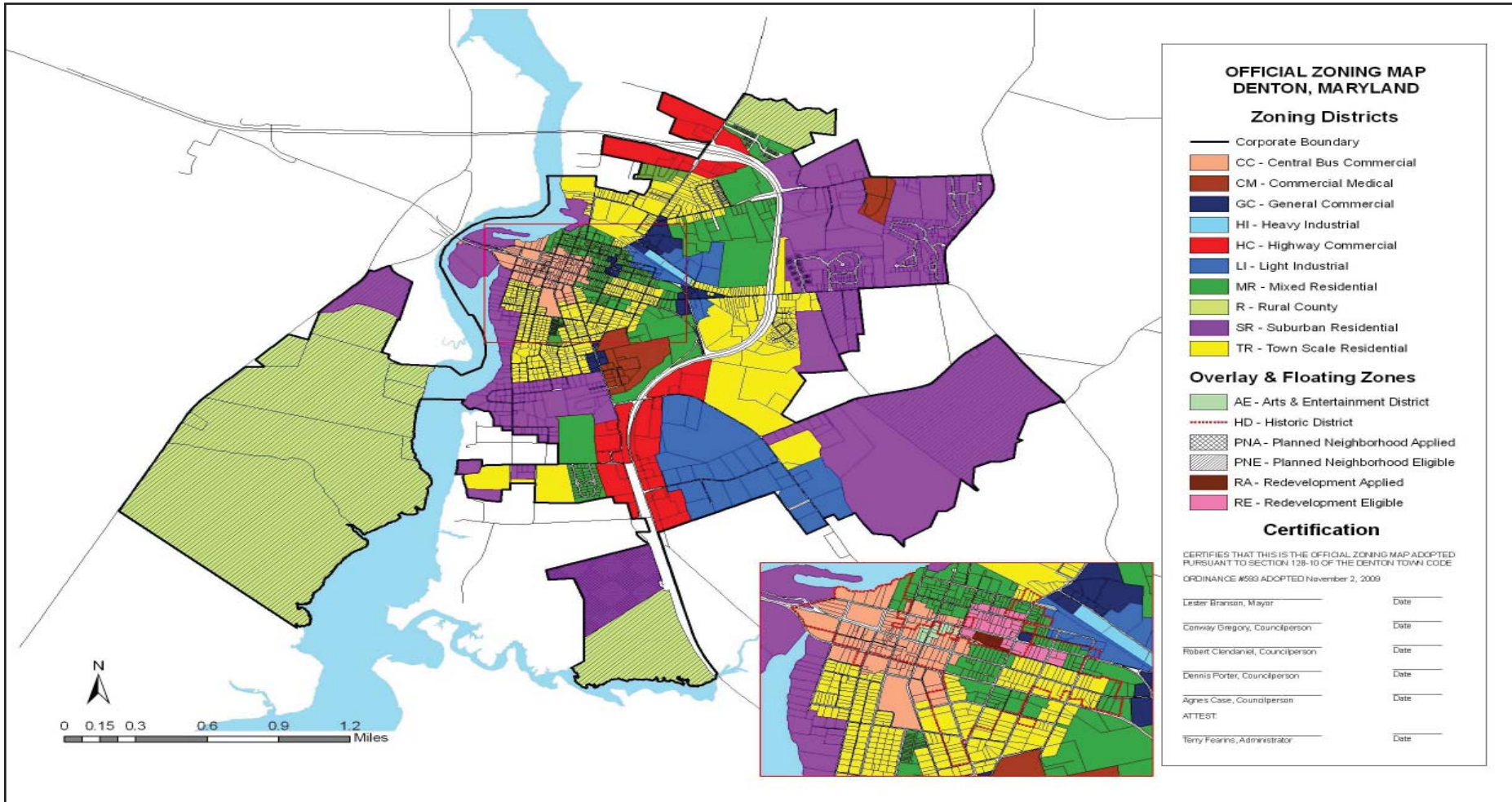
**2009 Construction Breakdown (\$ Percentage) 2009 Annual Report**



# Map 1 - Old Zoning



# Map 2 - New Zoning (End of 2009)





# Map 3 - New Subdivisions

Subdivisions approved in 2009  
Denton, Maryland



0 235 470 940 Feet

-  Glenfield Subdivision 41 lots
-  Parcel Lines
-  Corporate Boundary





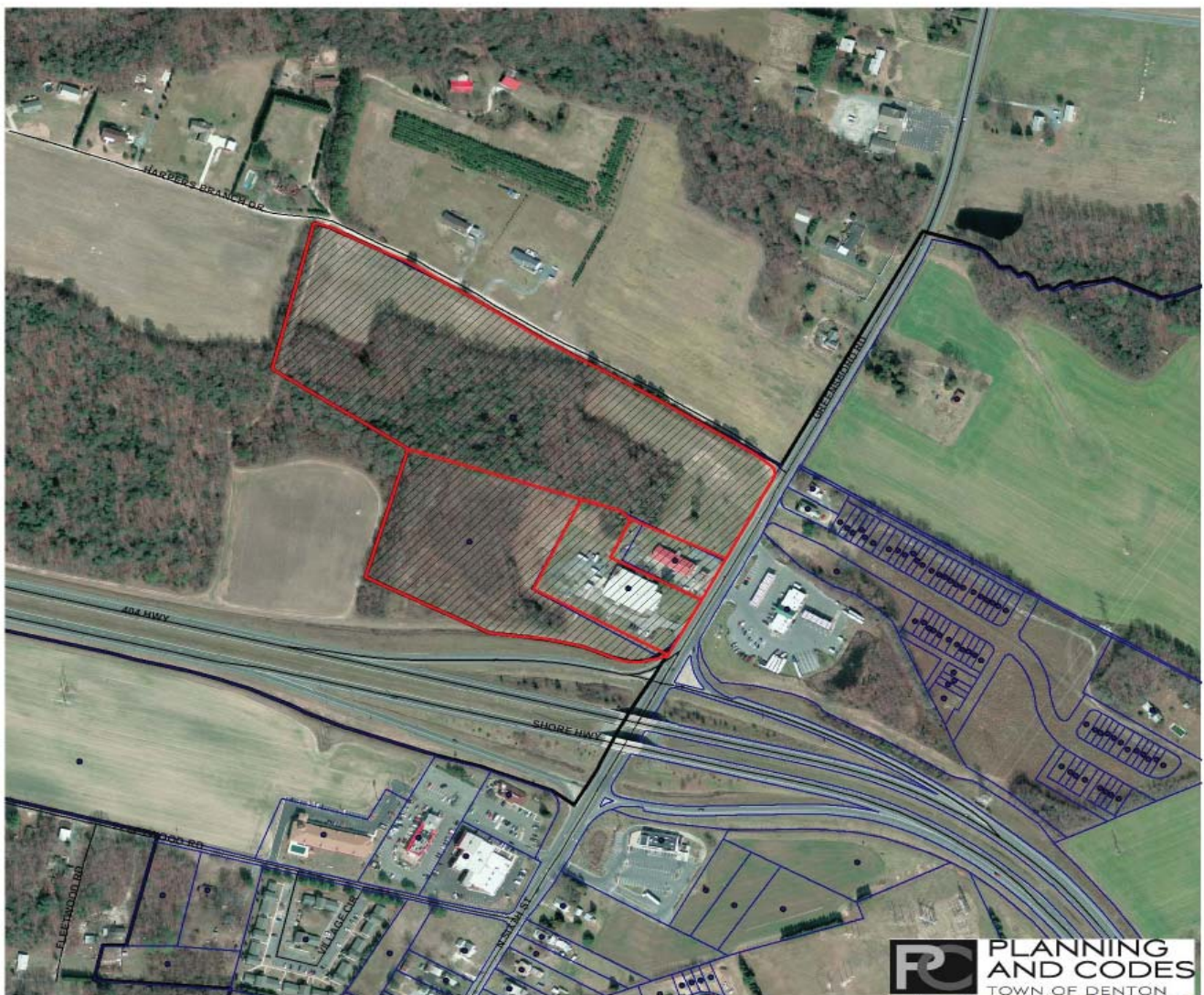
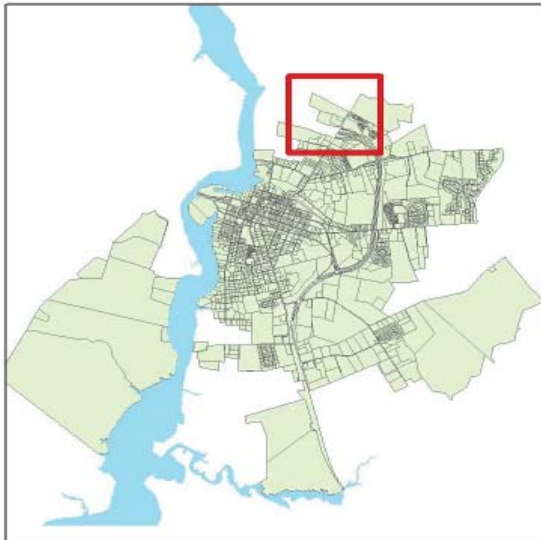
# Map 4 - Annexations

Ruff Suppo Properties Annexation  
Denton, Maryland



0 330 660 1,320 Feet

-  Ruff Suppo and County Properties
-  Corporate Boundary



**DISCOVER YOUR INNER SUPERHERO AT THE 2010**

# CAROLINE SUMMERFEST

*SUPERHERO PEDESTRIAN PARADE, 3 STAGES, STREET ENTERTAINMENT, FIREWORKS, CAR SHOW, KIDZART, CRAFT SALES & MORE!*



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 20**  
5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**  
2:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

**CALL (410) 479-8120 OR 888-SUNFEST OR VISIT [WWW.CAROLINESUMMERFEST.COM](http://WWW.CAROLINESUMMERFEST.COM)**

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# Caroline Summerfest Celebrates Super Heros August 20 & 21

Find your cape for August 20 and 21 as the 22 annual end of summer celebration unfolds on the streets of Downtown Denton.

Caroline Summerfest is a free family entertainment festival featuring three stages of regional and local entertainment, a Friday pedestrian parade, Saturday fireworks show, strolling performers, free KidzArt activities and food and gaming vendors featuring local non-profits.

Hours are Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m. Free parking and shuttle bus transportation available from the Health and Public Services Building off 6th Street (across from Fire Hall) on both days.

Rain date for Saturday only is Sunday, August 22.

## Superheroes Unite at Caroline Summerfest 2010

Discover your inner superhero at this year's Superheroes! themed

event. Find the cape in your costume closet and wash the red tights. Celebrate the comic book fantasy heroes or join us in celebrating the real superheroes of our community – our military service personnel, fire and emergency volunteers, our public school teachers, our law enforcement personnel – anyone who selflessly dedicates themselves towards improving the lives of others, often at their personal expense.

Each year festival producers identify a theme. "It's simply an effort to keep our programming ideas fresh", commented Sue Simmons with Recreation and Parks. "And to keep it fun!"

The general public can celebrate the theme by entering in the Pedestrian Parade in costume or with a pedestrian pulled float. Registration is free with cash prizes of \$150 for top family/group entries and \$50 for top single

entries. Registration is free and can be completed in advance or the day of the event in front of the Denton Town Hall on Third Street. Parade includes the NCHS Band of Blue, stilt-walkers, jugglers, street dancers, military color guards and local officials.

Local non-profit vendors are encouraged to decorate their booths for the Superhero theme to win the \$100 cash prize for the best decorated booth.

## Mike Hines is Back for Friday Summerfest



Mike Hines and the Look brings his high energy dance band back to the Summerfest Main Stage on Friday night. This 6 piece band will sing, rap, dance and perform like there is no tomorrow! And when they play, nobody sits down. "If Mike were a politician, his platform would be, a good time in every house!" – Key of De Magazine.

Local favorite **Kentavious Jones** opens with his unique soul, rock and funk music. Although Easton is his hometown, he's writing and making music in Los Angeles.

Saturday main stage starts with the summer sounds of **New and Used Bluegrass**, and the ever popular **Jones Boys** for traditional country favorites at its best.

Early evening brings the southern rock and roll of Annapolis-based and energetic **Tony Boyton and the Remnants** followed by the rockabilly sound of D.C. based **The**

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**SYSTEM RAIN BARREL**

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**JOIN TOGETHER FOR A GREENER COMMUNITY AND A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT**

For more information about this event, please contact **Caroline County** Department of Planning & Codes at 410.479.8100 or [www.carolineplancode.org](http://www.carolineplancode.org), **Talbot County** Planning Zoning Office at 410.770.8030 or e-mail [scoyman@talbgov.org](mailto:scoyman@talbgov.org) or **Queen Anne's County** Community & Environmental Planning at 410.758.1255 or [www.qac.org](http://www.qac.org)

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Chesapeake Community Band



Tony Boyton and The Remnants



Kentavious Jones



The Grandsons

**Grandsons. Fireworks to Music on August 21 in Downtown Denton.**

“We are excited to and impressed to make this happen.”

That’s Fred Hughes Jr. the conductor and director of the Chesapeake Community Band, a 25 piece orchestra performing on the Summerfest Main Stage. There will be the traditional Souza marches Pop’s and orchestral repertoire but the highlight is Tchaikovsky’s 1812 overture synchronized to the fireworks display launched from the bottom of Market Street.

**For the Best Event Parking Spaces**

Consider being a part of the annual Caroline Summerfest Car Show and Cruize-In on Friday and Saturday evening. Sponsored by the Preston Automotive Group, 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 \$16 if pre-registered. Dash plaques awarded for the first 50 registrants and over 15 choice awards are presented.

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

**Choptank “Rivah” Run set Saturday, August 21**

The Choptank “Rivah Run”, sponsored by Easton Cycle and Sport

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 a.m. at Martinak State Park located on Sharp Road in Denton. The typical 100+ participants paddle the two mile course at their own pace from the state park to the Choptank River Yacht Club.

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 Vapor 10 Kayak. Local businesses have also contributed many other prizes for distribution to other winning poker hands.

Again this year: Superhero costumes welcomed and recognized at the second annual festival theme on-the-river-costume and boat competition.

Registration is recommended in advance. 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 those registered by July 30 compliments of Impressive Printing in Hillsboro. A limited supply of canoes is available for rent and should be reserved prior to the day of the event.

For information, contact Caroline County Recreation and Parks at (410) 479-8120 or visit the website to download the registration flyer at [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com) or [www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org).

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gallery & gifts



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**Summerfest is...**

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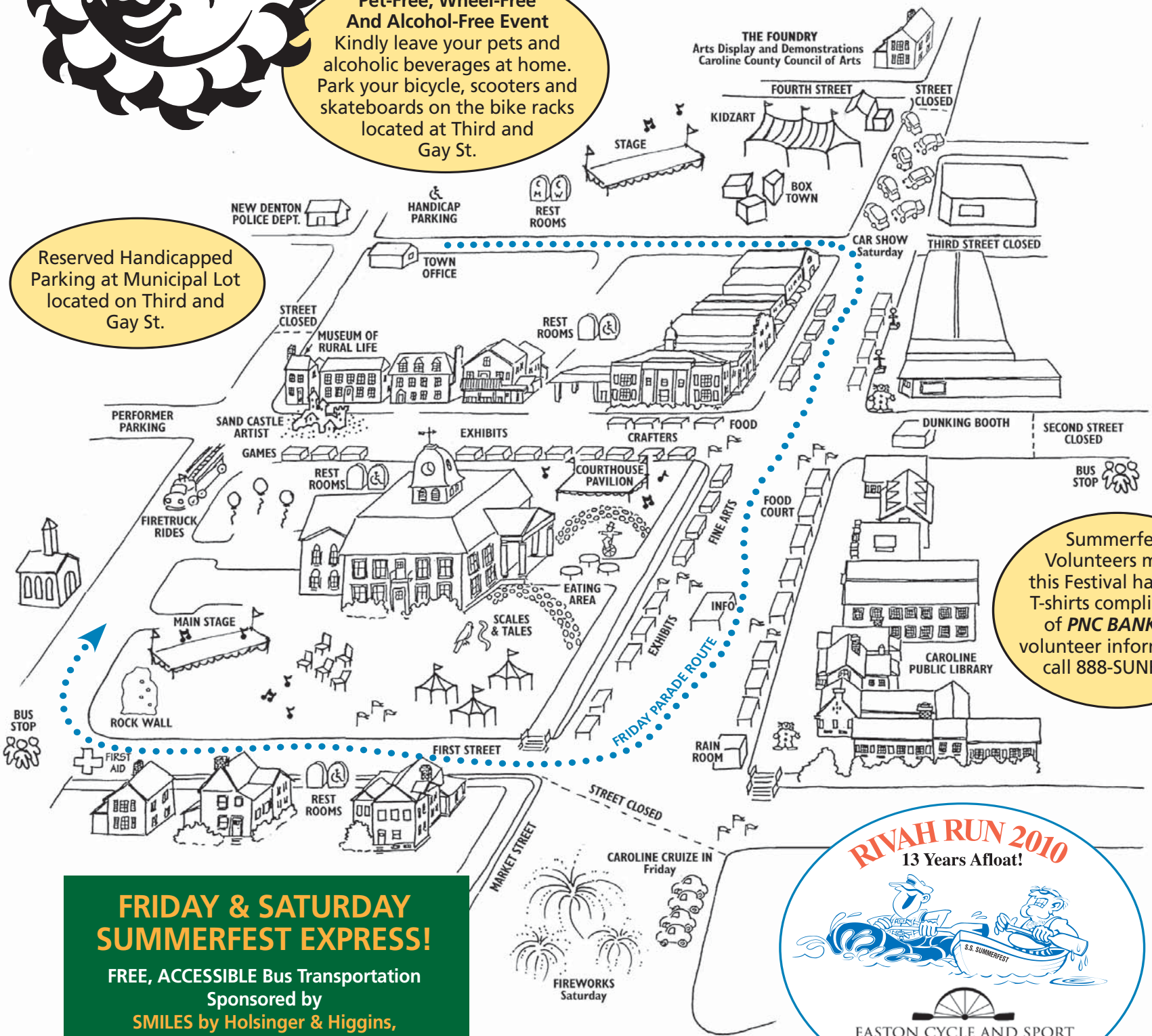
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# SUMMERFEST MAP



**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 Third and  
Gay St.

Reserved Handicapped  
Parking at Municipal Lot  
located on Third and  
Gay St.



Summerfest  
Volunteers make  
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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 & Franklin  
and First & Gay.

**RIVAH RUN 2010**  
13 Years Afloat!

**EASTON CYCLE AND SPORT**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21,  
9 A.M.

In the event of severe weather, the Saturday event will be held Sunday, August 22.  
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.

# New Library Hours

Due to a reduction in County non-public service staffing. Our electronic services and Public Library, as of July 1, 2010 library web site will continue to be available. the new library hours will be as follows: Please check the library website

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Central, Denton	10-8PM	CLOSED	10-5:30 (storytime)	10-5:30	10-8PM	10-5:30
North County Branch	CLOSED	10-5:30 (storytime)	12-8PM	CLOSED	10-5:30	CLOSED
Federalburg Branch	10-5:30	12-8PM	CLOSED	10-5:30 (storytime)	CLOSED	CLOSED
BOOKMOBILE		Marydel, Henderson, Goldsboro, Ridgley, Hillsboro	Preston, Jonestown			

The County is able to keep all locations open, though at reduced hours by additional reductions in

# Health Department Health Corner

Caroline Co. recently received the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Cancer Report 2009. The report is 310 pages in length and details most types of cancers in Maryland and a breakdown in each county of the number of new cases, cancer deaths, etc.

The data is from 2002-2006. For lung and bronchus cancer new cases in Caroline County from 2002-2006 were 154. There were 130 cancer deaths during 2002-2006. As one can see there is a lot of education, prevention, early detection and treatment that must be done to have fewer cases and deaths from lung and bronchus cancer.

There is a direct link from smoking and getting cancer. You can still get lung cancer if you do not smoke if you are around those that smoke! The term for this is secondhand smoke. When people are smoking around you, you are increasing your chances of having lung problems or lung cancer.


We will be starting another quit smoking program the beginning of July here at the Health Department (HAPS) building in Denton. We will offer free Nicotine Patches, Gum/ and or Lozenges to assist those wanting to quit smoking. Usually our clients that quit smoking begin

to feel better the day after they quit or within a few days their blood pressure is better, they do not cough as much and within a few weeks can walk stairs or do more things without shortness of breath! If you want more information on our classes, please call 410-479-8080. The classes are FREE! Please think about quitting after reading the statistics above. Also think about each time you smoke around someone else, you are increasing their chances of having lung problems such as lung cancer!

Shore Health System and the Regional Cancer Center in collaboration with the Caroline County Health Department will provide FREE prostate cancer screening services through a grant from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Maryland Cancer Fund. The program covers the cost of a PSA blood test, office visit with an urologist to include a digital rectal exam (DRE) and a biopsy if needed. Program eligibility: Men ages 40-70 (some restrictions apply), limited income per federal guidelines, a Maryland resident and no health insurance. For more information to see if you do qualify, please call Leigh Marquess RN at the Wellness Promotions office at 410-479-8080.

*Downtown Denton, Market & Second Street*

# DENTON



# FARMERS MARKET

**Wednesdays 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**  
**April 14th - October 13th**  
*- Live Music, 3rd Wed. of Month*  
*- Plein Air Artists 4th Wed. of Month*

## 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 # 601** - An ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Introduced 05/03/10, adopted 06/07/10, effective 06/14/10.

**Ordinance # 602** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting with amendments Chapter 106 of the Town Code regarding storm water management. Introduced 05/03/10, adopted 06/07/10, effective 06/14/10.

**Ordinance # 603** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton to accept a preservation easement for property located at 808 South Fifth Avenue in the Town of Denton. Introduced 05/03/10, never passed, ordinance withdrawal 06/07/10.

**Ordinance #604** - An ordinance of the

Town of Denton amending the Town Code to add Chapter 30 regulating Adult Oriented Businesses within the Town of Denton in order to promote public health, safety and welfare. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Ordinance #605** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide definition, permitted locations and supplemental standards for Adult Oriented Businesses. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Ordinance #606** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Town Code, Chapter 38, to add article IV to Chapter 38 regarding protection of structures with historic significance. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Ordinance #607** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton extending the current moratorium on the processing and approval of any residential floating zone, major subdivision, and any site plan which would permit development of more than three (3) residential dwelling units until September 30, 2010, pending consideration and adoption of a revised comprehensive plan and such other legislation as the Town Council may consider advisable to promote public health, safety and welfare. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Ordinance #608** - An ordinance by the Denton Town Council revising and increasing the water rates for users of the municipal water system. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Ordinance #609** - An ordinance by the Denton Town Council revising and increasing the sewer rates for users of the municipal sewer system. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Ordinance #610** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the issuance, upon the full faith and credit of the Town, a general obligation bond in the principal amount not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,834,000). Under the authority of Sections 31 to 39, inclusive, of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2001 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement), the bond will be designated "Town of Denton Public Improvement Bond (for the Fifth Avenue Infrastructure Improvements Project)" the net proceeds of the sale thereof to be used and applied for the public purpose of financing or refinancing a portion of the cost of the Fifth Avenue infrastructure improvements including any related construction, architectural, financial, fiscal, legal, design, planning and engineering expenses; prescribing the form and tenor of the bonds and the terms and conditions for the issuance and sale thereof, providing for the levy and collection of any taxes necessary for the prompt payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds and pledging that the full faith and credit and taxing power of the Town be irrevocably and unconditionally

pledged to the payment of such principal and interest and generally relating to the issuance and delivery of the bonds. Introduced 06/07/10, to be considered on 07/12/10.

**Resolution #725** - A resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to establish a revolving working capital line of credit with PNC Bank in the amount of \$450,000. Renewing annually. Introduced 5/3/2010, adopted 5/3/2010.

**Resolution #726** - A resolution of the Town of Denton adopting the Town of Denton 2010 Comprehensive Plan. For consideration of adoption on 7/12/10.

**Resolution #727** - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving a Public Works agreement and an inspection and maintenance agreement of private stormwater management facilities between the Town of Denton and Wal-Mart real estate business trust. For consideration of adoption on 7/12/10.

**Resolution #728** - A resolution of the Town of Denton adopting an identity theft prevention program to detect, prevent and mitigate identity theft in connection with opening or maintaining an account with the Town in accordance with Federal Regulations relating to red flag identity theft. Introduced 5/25/10, adopted 5/25/10.

**Resolution #729** - A resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to purchase property at 504 Choptank Ave., Denton, Maryland with financing from Queenstown Bank. Introduced 6/7/2010, adopted 6/7/2010.

**Resolution #730** - A resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to establish a revolving working capital line of credit with Provident State Bank in the amount of \$450,000. Renewing annually. For consideration of adoption on 7/12/10.

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

## Special Collection Reminder

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

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

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

Leave a message after normal business hours.

## Denton Town News

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