

Dallas Lister Sworn In for a Second Term



At the January 7, 2021 Town Council Meeting, Mayor Abby McNinch swore in Dallas Lister to serve a 5-year term on the Denton Town Council. Councilperson Lister was re-elected during the November 3, 2020 election.

Until Further Notice
 Town Office
 Lobby Closed
 For Social Distancing
 Staff Available at
 410-479-2050

Covid-19 Caution
 Wash Your Hands
 After Handling
 Your Trash Cans

Parking Kiosks Installed in Denton

Denton is updating the way people pay for parking downtown. On January 19, 2021, parking kiosks were installed at the 100 block of Market Street and at 2nd Street.

Meters currently take coins only. Patrons parking in these locations will have the added convenience of paying for parking at a kiosk with cash, credit card, or debit card. Make sure you know your car's license plate number when you pay at the kiosk. The plate number has to be keyed in as



part of the process.

In the near future paying for parking at any of the meters in town will be possible with an app as well. Stay tuned for details

Denton looks forward to providing this updated way to pay for parking downtown. Questions about the new service may be directed to the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or visit our website at www.DentonMaryland.com/parking-meters/

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UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around April 1, 2021. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by April 25, 2021.** Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, by mail, at our drive-thru window, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the left of the front door.

Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. You can also pay by credit card at the office. The next utility bill will be mailed around July 1, 2021 and will be due in full by July 25, 2021

Town Calendar

Town Council Meetings
7p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

March 4
April 1

Town Council Working Session
6:30p.m. (Virtual)

March 22
April 19—9a.m. Budget
April 26—6p.m. Budget

Planning Commission
6p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

March 30
April 27

Historic Review
6p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

March 17
April 21

Utility Commission
4p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

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

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

April 2—Good Friday

Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com
Or
find us on Facebook.

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2020 - 2021 Real Property Tax Sale process will begin soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billings or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

All real property taxes were due in full by December 31, 2020 and are to be paid at the Caroline County Tax Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Tax office at 410-479-0410. If you want to check to see if you have any other outstanding bills due on your property within the Town of Denton, please contact the Finance Dept. at 410-479-2050.

**Town of Denton 2020-2021
Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050**

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
January - March	04/01/2021	04/27/2021	04/28/2021	05/06/2021
April—June	06/28/2021	07/27/2021	07/28/2021	08/06/2021
July - September	10/01/2021	10/25/2021	10/28/2021	11/07/2021
October - December	12/31/2021	01/27/2022	01/28/2022	02/06/2022

**May—June
ISSUE
DEADLINE
April. 10, 2021**



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March 2021

13—Second Saturday at the Artsway 1-3 p.m. visit the Foundry for a free artists demonstration and possible free art activity. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

17—Happy St. Patrick's Day

18—Third Thursday

5-7 p.m. come downtown and shop and eat. Restaurants have specials and shops have

extended hours.

20—St. Paddy's 5k Run, 13th Annual. Pre-registration only! 9a.m. This 3.11 mile out and back 5K course through the streets of historic Denton is family friendly and can include a 1 mile fun run or \$30 virtual. Visit www.carolinemd.org/141/recreation-parks. Or call 410-479-8120 for details.

4—Happy Easter!

10—Second Saturday at the Artsway 1-3 p.m. visit the Foundry for a free artists demonstration and possible free art activity. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

15—Deadline to file taxes.

15—Third Thursday

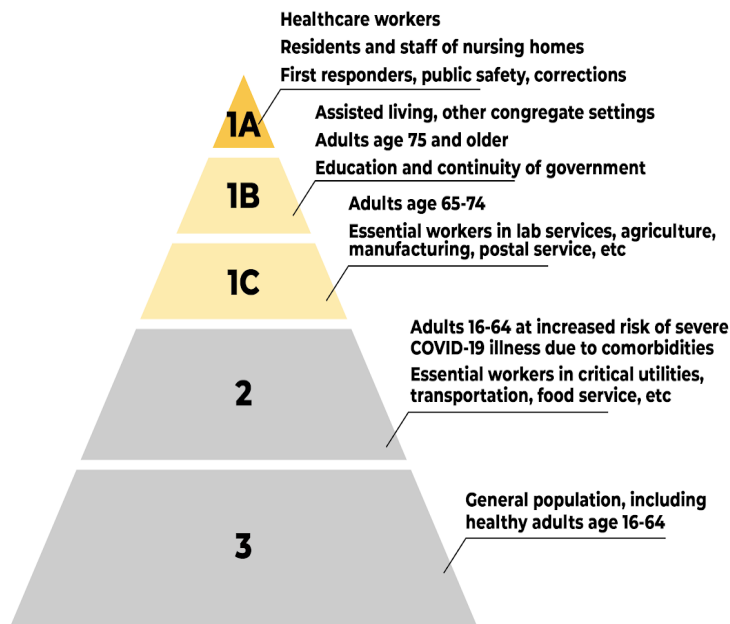
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Maryland COVID-19 Vaccination Phases



Vaccine prioritization subject to change. Current as of January 5, 2021.

For information about where to get a
COVID-19 vaccination in Caroline County
Visit www.CarolineCovid19.org

- Adkins Arboretum
#410-634-2847
www.adkinsarboretum.org

-Caroline Co.
Arts Council
#410-479-1009
www.carolinearts.org

-Caroline Co.
Public Library
410-479-1343
www.carolib.org

-Caroline Co.
Recreation & Parks
#410-479- 8120
www.carolinerecreation.org

-Fiber Arts Center
of the Eastern
Shore (FACES)
#410-479-1009
www.fiberartscenter.com

Police Department...

Bike Safety

Bicycle safety is very important. Make sure your child always wears a helmet and that it fits properly.

Check the bike to make sure the brakes, reflectors and tires are working properly. Adjust the seat to your child's height.

Teach your child to check for traffic before entering a street or intersection by look-

ing left and right.

Explain the rules of the road to your child. Bicycles are considered vehicles and must obey the same rules as motorists.

Teach proper hand signals for left and right turn. Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding.



Boat Ramp Permit Season

Boating season is here. Just a reminder, effective April 1, 2009, a permit is required to launch any vessel, via boat trailer, at all Caroline County boat ramps and public landings.

Permits may be purchased for one day use or annual use and vary in price.

A one day pass is \$10. Annual pass fees are \$25. Annual permits are valid only when displayed on the driver's side of the boat trailer tongue, within 12 inches of the hitch. Daily permits must be hung on the inside mirror facing

the windshield. Fines for a first offense are \$50, and a second offense is \$100.

Permits are available at the Denton Town Office, Caroline County Recreation and Parks Office, Caroline Co. Planning and Codes Office, Bullocks Deli, Denton Pharmacy, Caroline Co. Tax Office.



If I Were Mayor Essay Contest

Essay Contest

Change happens all the time. Every year, you get a new teacher. And some students change schools completely. The truth is, eventually, everyone experiences having to adjust to new people, places and habits. Change isn't always something we can control. And a lot has changed in the last year. Usually when things change around us, it means we have to act or do things differently.

Municipal officials deal with change all the time. For example:

- The elected officials change every few years, through elections.
- Sometimes the officials have to change the laws (they call them ordinances) of the city/town to improve life for their residents.

Most of the time, they are able to take their time to make smart decisions that will change their city/town for the better. Now and then, they have to make decisions quickly.

Think about the city/town/community where you live. What type of things would change, if you were Mayor?

Theme:
Teamwork through Flexibility, Respect, Leadership, Civility

If you were Mayor...

1. List an issue you think is a problem in your city/town/community
2. What would you change to help solve that problem?
3. While everyone is virtual, how would you bring people together to help?

For more information on how 4th graders can participate in this essay contest, contact your students 4th grade teacher or visit <http://www.mdmunicipal.org/932/2021-Contest-Rules>.

Send an eGift!



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Denton Dollars are redeemable at 12 locations in Downtown Denton

more locations coming soon

An easy way to support local businesses



Public Works...

SNOW PLOW POLICY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Spring Loose Leaf Collection Dates

The Town of Denton will be providing a special spring loose leaf collection service to vacuum up leaves that are left over from the fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their loose-leaf removal service to occur on **Monday April 5, Friday April 9, Monday April 12, Friday April 16, Monday April 19, and Friday April 23, 2021.** Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Leaf vacuuming will occur on Friday and/or Monday pending workload. It will be necessary to call in your loose-leaf vacuum pickup request by 12 NOON on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday. We asked that you please only have one pile of leaves and have it located at the edge of your property, without obstructing sidewalks or roadways, where it can easily be accessed by Public Works.

Bagged leaf collection will still take place on Wednesdays and must be called in to the town office by 12 NOON on Tuesdays.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup. If calling after hours please leave the requests on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 1.

Please follow these guidelines for leaf removal:

Rake leaves to the curbside or alley

-DO NOT rake leaves into the street

-DO NOT rake leaves onto the sidewalk

Make sure all sticks and limbs are removed from the pile of leaves

-Make sure there are no other objects or debris mixed with the leaves (like bottles, cans, flowerpots, gloves, ashes, pet waste or other trash)

-Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs or other debris **will not** be picked up

Phone in your pickup request to the Town Office at 410-479-2050 by Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday.

All pickups will be done by request/appointment only

Loose leaf pickups will occur from April 5 through April 23, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.



Special Collection Reminder

Household Items: All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday. Effective January 1, 2003, there is a \$5.00 collection fee for each item to be collected. This fee must be paid prior to pick up date. Reminder that all mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape.

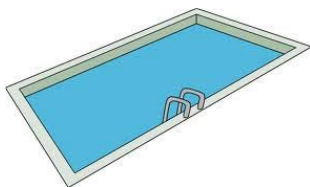
Yard Waste: All bagged leaf and brush pickup requests must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup. Call all requests in to the Town Office at 410-479-2050. Leave a message after normal business hours.

Planning & Codes...

Swimming Pool Permits

The Town of Denton requires property owners to obtain permits for all swimming pools above 24 inches deep. Accessory swimming pools may occupy a rear or side yard provided they are not located closer than 6 feet to a rear lot line or 10 feet to a side lot line.

Pools are required to be protected by a safety fence or barrier of at least 4 feet in height equipped with a self latching closure mechanism. A walk space of at



least 3 feet wide shall be provided between pool walls and fences. Where an aboveground pool structure is used as the protective barrier, the top of the barrier shall be at least 4 feet above grade, and the access gate is required to be secured.

Permits can be obtained at the Town of Denton Office, Department of Planning and Codes, 4 N. Second .

Outdoor Burning Reminder

A reminder from the Denton Planning and Codes Department. The Town prohibits outdoor burning except the use of approved devices such as an outdoor grill, patio fireplace, metal fire pit, chiminea or other

device which is ordinarily used for recreational fire.



For more information please refer to the Denton website under Town Code Chapter 41. www.dentonmaryland.com.

GRASS CUTTING SEASON REMINDER

Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to **6 inches** or shorter.

This reduces rodent and insect infestations. To avoid storm drain clogs, keep the grass clippings out of the street. Thank you.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between December 2020 and February 2021:

Full Gospel Church of God, 216 North Third Street, Roof & Handicap Ramp
 Reed, 701 South Second Street, Fence
 GEM III Real Properties, 838 South Fifth Avenue, Roof
 Deford, 320 South Third Street, Roof
 Simpson, 1102 Market Street, Roof
 Wallace, 908 Market Street, Roof
 Black Anchor Tattoo, 223 Market Street, Sign
 Town of Denton, 501 Gay Street, Cell Tower Equipment Upgrades
 Bittersweet Denton, LLC, 218-220 Market Street, Garage Door
 Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Investments, 8 Denton Plaza, Sign
 Allison, 303 Sydney Lane, Fence
 Sosnowski, 107 Morning Gory Drive, Pool & Fence
 Bullock, 617 Camp Road, Renovations
 Gardens Land Group, 307 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling
 Gardens Land Group, 305 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling

Gardens Land Group, 314 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling
 Gardens Land Group, 316 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling
 Power Plaza Associates, 601 North Sixth Street, Renovations
 Peithman, 323 South Second Street, Fence
 Begreen, 508 South Fifth Avenue, Signs
 Mayberry, 212 Maryland Avenue, Mechanical
 Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Investments, 31 Denton Plaza, Tenant Fit-Out
 JLS Design Construction, 112 Briarwood Circle, Single-Family Dwelling
 Brown, 1201 Foster Holly Court, Steps
 Asche, 311 South Fourth Street, Roof
 Gardens Land Group, 318 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling
 Gardens Land Group, 322 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling
 Gardens Land Group, 320 Morning Glory Drive, Single-Family Dwelling
 Giblin, 921 Market Street, Fence
 Hill, 132 Butler Avenue, Roof
 Vasquez, 1309 Chesapeake Drive, Fence
 Chester, 202 Carter Avenue, Retaining Wall & Roof

Permit Reminder

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

Main Street & The Artsway...

Patti's Petals Sponsor Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt Downtown

It's no secret if you catch a leprechaun, you can take his pot of gold. What may be a secret though, is Patti's Petals Florist, Garden and Gifts can help you on that magical quest.

Beginning March 13 through the end of the month, Patti's Petals is sponsoring a Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt.

For details visit Patti's Petals or online at www.downtowndenton.com

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt



Fiber Arts Center News



Create a Quilted Portrait of Your Home - Intermediate Plus or Adventurous Beginner Skill Level.

Mary Mahoney, the Tell Tale Artist, is known for her fiber art portraits. She didn't start out creating Mr. Poe in fabric, but with creating buildings that have meaning to her and her clients. If you are interested in learning her fiber art techniques and

methods this is the workshop for you.

Bayside Quilters is partnering with FACES to bring this four hour workshop to your home. Class size is limited to 10 so act fast. For more information or to register for the class visit www.fiberartscenter.com and click on upcoming events. Or call 410-479-0009.

Stop, Shop, Explore Downtown Denton



Beginning March 29 and ending April 3 we will be posting a new photo with hidden Easter Eggs on our Facebook page. Count the eggs and submit your answer. Each day the right answer will be entered into the final raffle to win a Denton Dollars eGift Card



YMCA 2021 Program Calendar

The Caroline County Family YMCA remains committed to serving the Caroline County community during 2021. "Our focus during this year will be to serve the community in different ways through local and international events, community programs and health campaigns in collaboration with other organizations throughout Caroline County" said Angel Perez, Program Coordinator.

Spring-Summer 2021

Events

March 2021

- Tobacco Prevention Week

April 2021

- YMCA 5 Days of Action (Child Abuse Prevention) This event is in collaboration with CASA of Caroline Pinwheels for Prevention
- Outdoor Movie Night Caroline County Tour

May 2021

- High Blood Pressure Education Week
- Outdoor Movie Night Caroline County Tour

June 2021

- 2nd Graduation Caravan
- Outdoor Movie Night Caroline County Tour

July 2021

- 3rd Mother and Son Dance "A Night Under the Stars"
- Outdoor Movie Night Caroline County Tour

Programming

- YMCA Caroline Mentor-

ing Project

- Early Learning Readiness program
- Volunteer Initiative
- Team Long Run

Fall-Winter 2021

Events

September 2021

- Welcoming Week
- Outdoor Movie Night Caroline County Tour

October 2021

- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Tent-or-Treat "Haunted Houses of Fun"

November 2021

- World Week of Prayer
- Giving Tuesday

December 2021

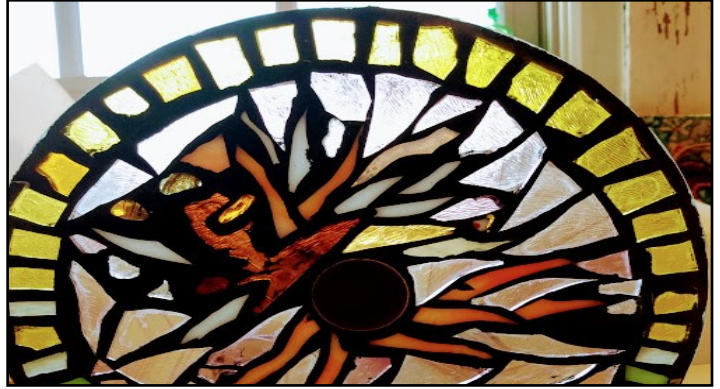
- 3rd Polar Express and PJ's
- "Adopt a Senior" for Christmas

Programming

- YMCA Caroline Mentoring Project
 - Early Learning Readiness program
 - Volunteer Initiative
 - LGBTQ+A Program
- For information on the Caroline Co. YMCA, visit www.ymcachesapeake.org or like them on Facebook.



Art Council Classes



Make a beautiful mosaic candle holder with Foundry Artist Joanne Gelles! In this two-part class, participants will create an original mosaic. Classes are March 20 and 27 1-3p.m. at the Foundry located at 401 Market St. Denton.

In the first class, learn how to create a design, cut the materials and glue them down.

The second class will teach participants how to

grout and finish the project. The finished project is 6" by 6" in either a circle or square shape.

Class is limited to just 4 people. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be required. A \$10 materials fee is due on the first class.

For more information and to register for the class visit www.carolinearts.org or call 410-479-1009.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE.....

PLANT PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION!

DENTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 10AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CAROLINECASA.ORG
OR CALL AMY AT 410-479-8301

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocate
FOR CHILDREN
CASA OF CAROLINE

Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #710 – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the provisions contained in Chapter 120 of the Denton Town Code with respect to relocating a Handicap Parking Space, change in title from Police Vehicle to Public Safety Vehicles, Parallel Parking on One-Way Streets and clarifying the language of 120-27. To be considered on 03/04/21.

Complete copies of all

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

Planning & Codes Department

Practice Social Distancing

Need a Permit or have a question?

Call Planning and Codes at 410-479-3625 or visit us online to print out and mail in permits.

We are available by phone and appointment as well while the lobby is closed for social distancing.



Denton Town News

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March—April 2021

A community newsletter, published bi-monthly by the Town of Denton

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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/turned on, 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.

Attention Settlement Attorneys

Reminder to all settlement attorney's and agencies to please contact the Denton Town Office for fees due to the Town when handling settlements for properties being sold or transferred with in 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 resident's 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 maybe 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 PM 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.