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Denton Town News

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Keith Johnson Sworn In for a Second Term



At the January 6, 2022 Town Council Meeting, Mayor Abigail McNinch swore in Keith Johnson for a second 5 year term on the Denton Town Council. His term will expire December 31, 2027.

If I Were Mayor Essay Contest - The Soul of MD


Maryland has it all. Sunny shores of the Atlantic Ocean; farms bursting with corn, cantaloupe, herbs and more; urban centers bursting with business; and rocky mountains good for hiking. These things make our state a great place to live and play. But the soul of Maryland is its communities and the people that live here.

The annual MML essay contest is back and the theme is “Celebrating the Soul of Maryland”.

Think about the city/town/community where you live and what is unique about it. What slogan would you create for your municipality/community? What special facts, traits or culture

of your town would you promote? What would you do to draw visitors to your town?

This essay contest is open to all Maryland 4th graders. To submit your essay talk to your 4th grade teacher and visit www.md-municipal.org/920/2022-Mayors-Essay-Contest for details.



2022 TAX SEASON

FEDERAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX FILING AND PAYMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

MARYLAND INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX FILING AND PAYMENT DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

WWW.MARYLANDTAXES.GOV PETER FRANCHOT, COMPTROLLER OF MARYLAND

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around April 1, 2022. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by April 25, 2022**. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, online, 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 or online. The next utility bill will be mailed around July 1, 2022 and will be due in full by July 25, 2022.

Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

7p.m.

March 3

April 7

Town Council Working Session

6:30p.m.

March 28

April 18 (9a.m.)

Planning Commission

6p.m.

March 29

April 26

Historic Review

6p.m.

March 16

April 20

Board of Appeals

6:30p.m.

March 14

April 11

Utility Commission

4p.m. (2nd Wed. of month

As needed)

March 9

April 13

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

April 15—*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 2021 - 2022 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, 2021 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 2022-2023
Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050**

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
January - March	04/01/2022	04/27/2022	04/28/2022	05/06/2022
April—June	06/28/2022	07/27/2022	07/28/2022	08/06/2022
July - September	10/01/2022	10/25/2022	10/28/2022	11/07/2022
October - December	12/31/2022	01/27/2023	01/28/2023	02/06/2023

**May-June
ISSUE
DEADLINE
April. 10, 2022**



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March 2022

2—Arts Council Class: Beginners Course Upcycled Art.

5-6p.m. \$15., visit www.carolinearts.org to pre-register.

3—Town Council Meeting 7p.m.

3 and 17 - Art Class: Business for Artists Workshop.

5:30-7p.m. Learn to market yourself and your art in both the physical and digital landscapes.

Instructed by CCCA Executive Director Nicholas Tindall Contact CCCA at 410-479-1009 for details.

12—St. Paddy's Day 5K

Start your salute to the Irish

and your spring fitness conditioning on this certified fast and scenic course through Denton and Martinak State Park (10K course) Saturday, March 12th at the St. Paddy's Day 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. Plenty of lucky surprises await on the course and at the finish. Register anytime through our finish line production partner Seashore Striders at www.seashorestriders.com

On-site registration is 8 – 8:30 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Fretterd Community Center in Denton. Pre-registration is \$15 for Fun Run and \$27 for 5K and Late registrations (after February 28) add \$5 The Lil' Leprechaun Dash is a

thrilling 100 meter dash exclusively for youngsters 5 and under down 4th street to the finish line and cheering crowds. Special prizes for all finishers. Dash will be at 8:40 before the St. Paddy Day race and cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 after February 28.

13—Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set your clock ahead 1 hour.

17—Happy St. Patrick's Day

17—Third Thursday in Downtown Denton 5-7p.m.

Shop , eat, explore down-

town Denton every Thursday as businesses have extended hours and restaurants have specials.

28—Town Council Working Session 6:30p.m.

Town office.

28—Monday Night Trivia at Market Street Pub.

7:30p.m.-9:30p.m., 200 Market St. Denton. Join host Norm Amorose every Monday at the Market Street Public House at 7:30 p.m. for a fun-filled evening of trivia! For more info, contact the Pub at 410.479.4720.

April 2022

6—Art Class: Beginners Class Dot Painting. 5-6p.m. CCCA 401 Market St.

Try out Dot Painting with Art Instructor, Joanne Gelles! By making rhythmic painted impressions on wood, glass, canvas or paper students will create unique patterns and shapes! Visit [www. Carolinearts.org](http://www.Carolinearts.org) for details/register.

7—Town Council Meeting 7p.m.



17—Happy Easter

18—Federal Tax Deadline

18—Town Council Working Session 9a.m.

21—Third Thursday in Downtown Denton 5-7p.m.

Shop , eat, explore downtown Denton every Thursday as businesses have extended hours and restaurants have specials.

25—Town Council Working Session 6p.m.

29—Enchanted Garden Event

6p.m.-9p.m. Denton Community Garden at 4th and Gay St.

A spring event sponsored by Denton Main Street. Vendors, music, food and more. Fairy Garden in the pathway. This is a family friendly event. (rain date 4/30). Visit www.downtowndenton.com for details.



- 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...

2 New Officers Sworn In Jan 6



At the January 6, 2022 Town Council meeting 2 new Denton Police Officers were sworn in by Mayor McNinch. Benjamin Mitzel and Demetrius Timmons were sworn in and began patrol training.

We would like to take this time to welcome them to the Denton family.

If you see them out in town, make sure to give them a friendly hello.



Pictured: Town Council Members Dallas Lister, Lester Branson, Keith Johnson, new Officer Timmons, Mayor Abby McNinch, Chief George Bacorn, and below with Officer Mitzel.



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.



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.



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.

Special Spring Loose Leaf Collection

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 4, Friday April 8, Monday April 11, Monday April 18, and Friday April 22, Monday April 25, 2022. 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 4 through April 25, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.



We have begun our Trex Challenge! Don't forget to save your plastic film to help us meet our goal of 500 pounds by July 15th!

1/15-2/15 83#s 417#s to go!

Trex Challenge to learn more go to downtowndenton.com

Drop off locations:
Caroline County Public Library
Caroline County Rec & Parks

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...

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between December 2021 and February 2022:

JV Land Holdings, LLC, 341 Meadowvale Lane, Single Family Dwelling
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 Brummer, 410 Morning Glory Drive, Pool
 Sosnowski, 107 Morning Glory Drive, Patio
 Secrist, 406 Lincoln Street, Renovations
 LO Properties, LLC, 311 North Sixth Street, Fence
 Taylor, 411 Morning Glory Drive, Fence

Hurston, 1210 Painted Fern Road, Solar
 Tate, 201 South Fifth Avenue, Fence
 Oertly, 310 High Street, Renovations
 Pagan, 1104 Ruddy Duck Court, Accessory Building
 Mallard Construction Group, 106 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling
 Chesapeake Camp, 424 East Wesley Circle, Office Building
 Warfield, 201 Kerr Avenue, Addition
 Deacon, 205 South First Street, Roof
 Armstrong, 112 Briarwood Circle, Accessory Building

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.

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.

Arts Council News

Arts Council Exhibits and Classes



Artist Reception w/ CCPS Students & Instructors. Friday, March 11 from 5-7pm @ The Foundry.

We are excited to feature the up and coming talent of students in Caroline County in a diverse array of mediums and subject matters.

The arts instructors from Colonel Richardson and North Caroline have selected the best, most interesting and significant works from this year's class of high school art students. Many of these students also belong to the National Art Honor Society (NAHS).

This event is FREE to attend, donations encouraged. Artwork will be for sale and on display thru March 31, 2022.

Upcoming Classes & Exhibits @ The Foundry

Business for Artists Workshop – Thu. March 3 & 17 from 5:30-6:30pm.

Working artists have always faced a challenging path to pursue their passions and earn an income. Fortunately, there are more opportunities now than ever before thanks to not only

the digital landscape but a renewed investment and appreciation for the arts as well. Stay ready, informed and position yourself to seize opportunities when they become available. Instructed by CCCA Executive Director Nicholas Tindall. Free for registered 2022 CCCA Members & Artists.

Beginners Classes – Every Wednesday from 5-6pm

Featuring a different project every week! No “artistic talent” required, just come to learn, discover a new medium, and have fun! Taught by a rotating group of local artists. All ages. \$15 per class. Buy any 3, get any 4th FREE.

Intermediate: Illustration – March & April | Every Tuesday from 5-6pm

By popular demand! This course will have a different focus each week, covering techniques such as drawing, inking, shading, composition, perspective, etc. and a variety of styles including cartoons, comic books, people/animals, fantasy/mythology, advertisements, still life's, and other subjects as requested by participants. Taught by instructors Kirin Hopkins and Jillian Downes. \$15 per class. All materials provided.

Advanced: Oil Painting Portraiture – Monday, March 7,

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14, 21 & 28 from 6 – 7:30pm

Join artist Victoria Donovan as she leads a four-week course on Portraiture. Create a portrait based on Botticelli's 'Birth of Venus'. This is an advanced course. Students who are familiar with color mixing and basic painting technique are welcome to attend. \$100 for 4 week course. Limit 10. For more info and to register visit www.carolinearts.org.

Advanced: Creative Writing Course

This interactive course allows students to work on, create, and improve on their own short story or piece of long-form writing. Topics will include: characterization, world-building, plot development, and more. Work on creating outlines, realistic characters, and natural plot advancement while learning the basics of creative writing. This is a 6-week course, taught by writer and editor, Judy Reveal. \$10 per session or \$50 for 6-week course.

Write On! – Every second & fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8pm via Zoom

Join writer, teacher and local legend Keith Shaffer for a fun, upbeat writing class where participants choose their own writing methods and share their stories with a different topic each session. FREE.

For more information and to register for classes: visit us online at www.carolinearts.org, call 410.479.1009, or email info@carolinearts.org.

Easter/Spring Designer Purse, Pampered Chef & Thirty One



BINGO



**Featuring Coach, Kate Spade & Michael Kors Purses,
Pampered Chef Bundles and Thirty-One Bundles**

Hosted by the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair Board



Sunday, March 13

Caroline County 4-H Youth Park
8230 Detour Rd off MD Route 16 West, Denton

Doors open at Noon, games begin at 2 PM.
Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door.
Includes 9 card admission pack, 1 quickie game card,
1 raffle ticket and a door prize ticket.

20 Games plus 2 Quickie Games
TIE-BREAKER PRIZES • RAFFLES
DOOR PRIZES • 50/50

To reserve bingo packets or get additional information, call
Beverly Saathoff at 443-786-6438

Pre-sale of **Pit Beef Dinner**
Dinner features our famous pit beef, macaroni & cheese, green beans, and applesauce.
Dinners may be picked up at noon.
Kitchen will be open selling other food and drinks.

*Proceeds to be used for Operational Expenses
of the 2020 Caroline/Dorchester County Fair.*



CASA of Caroline's 2nd Annual Pinwheel Planting

Saturday, April 9, 2022
10:00AM
Denton Community Garden

*Plant a pinwheel in honor of the thousands of children
who experience abuse and neglect every year. Join us
to raise awareness and end child abuse.*

For further information or to be a pinwheel
sponsor, please visit www.caerolinecasa.org or
contact Amy Horne at 410-479-8301 or
casacaroline100@gmail.com



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Main Street & The Artsway...

Enchanted Garden Party April 29

Downtown Denton Main Street is hosting its annual Spring Event – Enchanted Garden, April 29th, 6-9pm, (rain date Saturday, April 30th, 6-9pm.)

Come enjoy a spring evening in Historic Downtown Denton and experience the charm of our independently owned shops and find local artisanal goods at our outdoor market. Come and join in the fun the Community Garden and Pathway will be decorated for this family/community evening.

There will be children's events including May Day Pole, come dressed up:

garden fairy, gnomes, dragons and be a part of our costume contest. Selfie station, crafts, Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard will be with us! Tea Party (*reservations will be required more info to come*) Face painting and more!

We have a growing list of artists & crafters as well!

SEEKING VENDORS: We are accepting applications for artisan/maker/crafter. If interested in joining us, please go to downtowndenton.com; vendor opportunities

Upcoming Fiber Art Classes

Have you ever wanted to learn to quilt, crochet, or knit? Visit the Non-profit Fiber Arts Center on 4th Street in Denton. They have a number of classes at all levels to suite you. They also host national travelling displays that change every quarter.

Stop by to see for yourself or to sign up for a class.

Looking to volunteer locally? They may have something that will fit your giving need as well.

If you would like to find out more about some of the people involved with this organization check out the recent issue of Quilt Folk (vol. 21) there you will find out details and beautiful photos of some of the members quilt work.

Denton is lucky to have such an amazing place and quilters. They love to pass on their knowledge in the form of classes.

Visit them online at www.fiberartscenter.com

for more details.



"Baltimore Country Cousin Class Revisited with Kay Butler" Level:

Beginner/Intermediate - In this class we will be completing four applique blocks to make a beautiful quilt wall hanging. Back basting, needleturn, and glue basting applique will be the focus on constructing the blocks.

March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, 2022 from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Cost: Member \$60.00, Non member \$75.00

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May Pole

Downtown Denton Main Street Spring Event

"Enchanted Garden"

Family Fun!

Save the Date April 29th 6pm-9pm (rain date 4/30)
Community Garden, The Pathway & 4th Street
beteen Market & Gay Street

Calling all artists, crafters & makers?
go to vendor opportunities:
downtowndenton.com

Rita's Italian Ice and Frozen Custard

Costume Contest

DOWNTOWN Denton

National Community Demonstration

Spring Clean Up

Join us in the
Community Garden & Pathway
March 26th 9 a.m.

**Please bring a rake, work gloves
and wear proper shoes**

Questions please contact Audrey at
manager@downtowndenton.com

DOWNTOWN Denton

Swoon Quilt Block Class With Lou Diefenderfer



THE SWOON QUILT is for the Confident Beginner Instructor: Lou Diefenderfer
March 19, 2022 (Saturday)
Class time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm **Price: \$35**

The Swoon Quilt is a very popular pattern that yields excellent variations based on various fabric lines. Use vivid solid backgrounds very

different designs. You're only making two easy blocks (half square triangles & flying geese) that come together to make your Swoon Block.

Blocks are 24.5" square. They can be used as a single, table runner, four block quilt or 9 block quilt. Feel free to Google Swoon Quilts to get an idea of all the different colors available to you!

Lou's enthusiasm is contagious and she looks forward to meeting each of you! For more information and to pre-register for this class visit www.fiberartscenter.com/upcoming/#classes. Or call 443-448-4611.

Vintage Meets Modern Class



Another exciting class happening at the Fiber Arts Center in Denton is the Vintage Meets Modern: Creating Your own Story Class with Jeanne Hechmer. The class is April 2, 2022 10a.m.-2p.m. at 7 N. Fourth ST. Denton. The fee is \$30 for FACES Mem-

bers and \$45.00 for non-members. To register or for more information please contact <https://fiberartscenter.com/upcoming/#classes> or call 443-448-4611.

Also ask about how to become a FACES member!

Becoming a Fiber Artist



Jeanne is a lifelong resident of Easton, Maryland. She graduated from Salisbury State College and went on to teach middle school in Queen Anne's County until retiring in 1998.

Jeanne's mother, an accomplished seamstress, taught her how to sew and do needlework.

Jeanne sewed clothing and home decorating items for many years. She began quilting in 1980 and has made dozens of quilts and wall hangings.

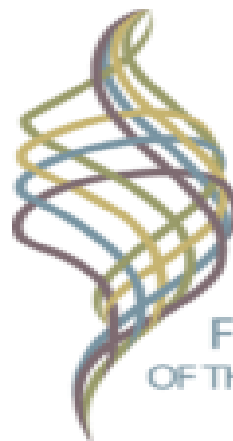
She draws inspiration from nature, her religion, math, vintage odds and

ends, and the work of other artists. Her fiber art pieces and wearables reflect her love of color, fabric, fibers, beads and other embellishments.

Jeanne is a member of Bayside Quilters and has exhibited her work in their shows and in local galleries.

The exhibit runs through the end of February, 2022. We welcome your visit on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 12:00 - 4:00pm each day. The exhibit is free of charge.

www.FiberArtsCenter.com



FACES
 FIBER ARTS CENTER
 OF THE EASTERN SHORE

Stop, Shop, Explore
 Downtown Denton

2022 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Mark Your Calendar: Primary Election Day - Tuesday, June 28, 2022
General Election Day - Tuesday, November 8, 2022

7 AM – 8 PM

Important Dates and Deadlines

Gubernatorial Primary Dates:

Deadline to File for Candidacy March 22, 2022
Last Day to Register before Primary Election June 7, 2022
Deadline to Request a Mailed or Faxed Ballot June 21, 2022
Deadline to Request an Electronic Ballot June 24, 2022

Gubernatorial General Dates:

Last Day to Register before General Election October 18, 2022
Deadline to Request a Mailed or Faxed Ballot November 1, 2022
Deadline to Request an Electronic Ballot November 4, 2022

Online Voter Services

Register to vote, update voter registration information, request a mail-in ballot and check your polling place location on-line at www.elections.maryland.gov



Cell Phone Text Features

Text **VOTE** to 777-88 and a link will be sent to register to vote and/or update your voter registration.
Text **VBM** to 777-88 and a link will be sent to request a mail-in ballot application online.

Early Voting

2022 Primary Election Early Voting Schedule:

Thursday, June 16, 2022 – Thursday, June 23, 2022
Early Voting Center is open 7AM – 8PM

2022 General Election Early Voting Schedule:

Thursday, October 27, 2022 – Thursday, November 3, 2022
Early Voting Center is open 7AM – 8PM

Caroline County's Early Voting Center:

**The General James F. Fretterd
Community Center
(the old armory)
107 S. 4th Street
Denton, MD 21629**



Caroline County Board of Elections
403 S. Seventh Street, Suite 247, Denton, MD 21629
Phone: 410-479-8145 www.carolinemdelections.org Fax: 410-479-5736



Electric Vehicle Incentives

Plug-in electric vehicles offer lower operating costs and cleaner air for all Marylanders. Read below for incentives available to Maryland citizens and businesses that purchase or lease these vehicles. *(Revised 7/2021)*

I. Federal Income Tax Credit

A federal tax credit is available to buyers of new plug-in electric vehicles based on battery capacity and ranges. The credit ranges from **\$2,500 to \$7,500**. For model year 2021, the credit for some vehicles are as follows:

Toyota Prius Prime: **\$4,502**

Chrysler Pacifica, Nissan Leaf, others: **\$7,500**

Note that this credit, which became available in 2009, will begin to phase out once auto manufacturers meet their sales quota. (Tesla and GM have met the sales quota for this tax credit and no longer qualify for any credit)

To get this credit: Complete IRS Form 8936, Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit and submit with your income tax return. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8936.pdf>

2. Maryland Excise Tax Credit

The Maryland excise tax credit expired on June 30, 2020, but could be funded in the future.

3. Use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes

As a driver of a plug-in electric vehicle titled and registered in Maryland, you are allowed to use all HOV lanes in Maryland regardless of the number of passengers provided you obtain and display an HOV permit on the vehicle. The permit will be valid from October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2022.

HOV lanes in Maryland:

- The I-270 southbound HOV lane extends from I-370 to the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Montgomery County and is operational during the morning peak period from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- The I-270 northbound HOV lane operates on a 19-mile stretch from the Capital Beltway to MD 121 (Clarksburg Road) and is operational during the evening peak period from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- The HOV lanes run east and west on a 7.5-mile stretch of US 50 between the Capital Beltway (I-95 / I-495) and US 301 (Crain Highway) in Prince George's County and are in operation 24 hours /day.

To get this benefit: Complete Form VR 335 and submit to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration then put the decal on your car. Your dealership can assist you with this. http://www.mva.maryland.gov/_resources/docs/VR-335.pdf

4. Rebates for Charging Stations

Plug-in electric vehicles can be charged through regular 120-volt household electrical outlets (known as Level 1 charging), 240-volt systems (Level 2 charging) and higher voltage DC Fast Charge stations. Rebates are available for all of these charging systems and cover 40 percent of the equipment and installation cost up to a limit (\$700 for residential and \$4,000 for commercial) for systems purchased and installed between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Maryland's utility companies also offer their customers rebates of up to \$300 for certain Level 2 residential chargers. Grants are also available for solar photovoltaic canopies installed at parking garages where the array is charging at least four electric vehicle charging stations.

To get the state rebate: Complete the Electrical Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) rebate forms on the Maryland Energy Administration website. http://energy.maryland.gov/transportation/Pages/incentives_evsebate.aspx

To get utility rebates: Visit the EVSmart page on your utility's website to learn which charging systems are covered and to complete the form.

To get the parking lot solar PV charging station grant: Complete the forms on the Maryland Energy Administration website: <http://energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives/PVEVprogram.aspx>

Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #726 – An Ordinance to amend the Town of Denton Property Maintenance Code contained in Chapter 94 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Property Maintenance. Introduced 01/06/22, passed 02/03/22, effective 02/10/22.

Ordinance #727 – An Ordinance to amend the Town of Denton Building Code, Residential Code and Mechanical Code provisions contained in Chapter 38 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Building Construction. Introduced 01/06/22, passed 02/03/22, effective 02/10/22.

Resolution #884 – A Resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for a Community Safety Works Business District Improvement Grant in Denton,

Maryland to be funded either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Adopted 02/03/22.

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.

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.

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