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REMINDER...

State of Maryland & Federal Tax Deadline

April 18, 2023

Frank Taylor Sworn Into Denton Town Council



At the January 5, 2023 Town Council Meeting, Frank Taylor was sworn in to office by Mayor Abigail McNinch. Councilman Taylor will serve a 5-year term on the Denton Town Council.

Welcome to the Denton family!



Special 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 3,
- Monday April 10,
- Friday April 14,

- Monday April 17,
- Friday April 21,
- Monday April 24.

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.

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around April 1, 2023. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by April 25, 2023**. 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, 2023 and will be due in full by July 25, 2023.

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Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

6p.m.

March 2

April 6

Town Council Working Session

6p.m.

March 20

April 17 (1p.m.)

April 24

Planning Commission

6p.m.

March 28

April 25

Historic Review

6p.m.

March 15

April 19

Utility Commission

4p.m.

March 8

April 12

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

April 7—Good Friday

Trash Pickup

Collection day will be every Wednesday, 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 2022 - 2023 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, 2022 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
July - September	09/30/2022	10/25/2022	10/26/2022	11/08/2022
October - December	12/30/2022	01/25/2023	01/26/2023	02/08/2023
January - March	03/31/2023	04/25/2023	04/26/2023	05/09/2023
April - June	06/30/2023	07/25/2023	07/26/2023	08/08/2023

**May June
ISSUE
DEADLINE
April. 10, 2023**



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March 2023

2-Town Council Meeting

6p.m. 4 n. 2nd Street.

This meeting is open to the public for live or online viewing.



4—First Saturday Guided Walk at Adkins Arboretum, 10a.m.

Explore the Arboretums diverse plant community on a guided walk. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Call 410-634-2847 for details.

11-St. Paddy's Day 5K

Pre reg \$32 for 5K, \$17 for 1

mile fun run. Add \$5 after Feb. 22nd.

Salute the Irish on this fast scenic course through Denton.

Hosted by CCRP. Call 410-479-8120 for details or to pre-register.



11-Artisans on the Choptank

11a.m.-3p.m. at Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane, Denton. Join the Chamber for this fun event that features DIY crafts, flower bar, craft beer, food, music, and more. Free event,

rain or shine. Visit www.carolinechamber.org for details



12—Daylight Savings

Set your clock ahead 1 hour.

17-Happy St. Patrick's Day



20 - Town Council Working Session 6p.m. 4n. 2nd Street.

This meeting is open to the public for live or online viewing.

WE ARE HIRING

TOWN OF DENTON

Multiple Positions Available
Visit

www.DentonMaryland.com
and click on "Employment"

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

April 2023



1-Camp Mandela Benefit Auction. 8a.m.-1p.m., 301 Deep Shore Rd. Denton. Find unique items for sale to support Camp Mandela at their fundraising auction. Breakfast and browse will start at 8a.m. Bidding starts at 9a.m.

6-Town Council Meeting

6p.m. 4 n. 2nd Street.

This meeting is open to the public for live or online viewing.



9-Happy Easter!



17—Federal/State Tax Deadline

17-Town Council Working Session 1p.m. Budget Working Session. This meeting is open to the public for live or online viewing.

21 & 22—Melodrama in Marydel a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Performance 6p.m. Denton 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Rd. Denton. \$50 per person includes dinner to be served at 7:30p.m.

Put on your detective cap and solve the crime. In partnership with Caroline Arts Council and the Caroline Co. Library. Food provided by the

Chesapeake Culinary Center and included in the ticket price. A selection of non-alcoholic beverages and beer and wine will be available via a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the Caroline Co. Council of Arts. Tickets available at www.carolinearts.org.



24-Working Session

6P.M. Budget Working Session. This meeting is open to the public for live or online viewing.

- 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...

New Officer Sworn In January 5



Denton Police Officer Jerry Stivers was sworn in at the January 5th Town Council meeting by Mayor Abigail McNinch and Chief George Bacorn.

Officer Stivers comes to

us from the Talbot Co. Sheriff's office. Prior to that he was a Federalburg Police Officer and a Caroline Co. Sheriff. He has been a police officer for 18 years.

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, and Caroline Co. Tax Office.



EMPTY BOWLS SOUPER
Fundraising Event

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 3RD, 2023
FROM 4-6 PM

512 FRANKLIN ST. DENTON

KILN BORN CREATIONS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
CCPS BACKPACK PROGRAM
& AARON'S PLACE

FOOD
for learning

www.dentonmaryland.com/resident/denton-newsletters

Join our mailing list

To get notifications about town news and meeting agendas.

Public Works...

Mike Copper Retires after 30 Years of Service



Pictured left to right: Scott Getchell, Robin Lahnemann, Donna Todd, Clark Hubbard, Richard Jordan, Karen Monteith, Lester Branson, Bryan Trice, Mike Copper, Mark Chandler, and Cindy Todd.

At the January 5, 2023 Town Council Meeting Mike Copper from Denton Public Works was presented with a plaque to celebrate his 30 years with the Public Works Department and his retirement. Thank you Mike for your dedicated service to the residents of Denton. The Town staff will truly miss you. Happy Retirement!

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.

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 from page 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 3 through April 24, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must

Stop, Shop, Explore
Downtown Denton

Planning & Codes...

Aldi Ribbon Cutting January 26



Aldi opened their doors in Denton to a line of customers on January 26, 2023.

The first 100 customers were greeted by staff and given gift cards, reusable shopping bags, and other goodies.

Members of the Denton Town Council and Staff were present during the event that brought in customers from around the region.

Aldi offers curbside shopping, in person shopping, self checkout, traditional check out, and more.

Remember to bring your reusable shopping bags and a quarter if you wish to borrow a shopping cart.

Aldi Denton is located at Denton Plaza off 404 and Industrial Park Way.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between December 2022 and February 2023:

Jantz, 1202 Tuckahoe Court, Roof

Mayer, 111 Riverton Avenue, Minor Renovations

Red Light Liquors, 601 North Sixth Street, Unit H, Renovations

Baker, 517 Gay Street, Fence

Parker, 4 South First Street, Renovations

ALDI, 61 Denton Plaza, Banner

Hanson, 504 South Fourth Street, Accessory Building

Rivera, 544 North Sixth Street, Roof

Clark, 212 Sunset Drive, Single Family Dwelling

Krebs, 221 South Third Street, Fence

Caroline County Health Department, 403 South Seventh Street, Renovations

Wales, 701 South Second Street, Addition

Pummer, 8 North Second Street, Deck Repair

Zen Denton, 9 South Third Street, Signs

Ibe, 1334 Market Street, Fence

Raby, 1524 Cattail Commons Way, Roof

Shore United Bank, 850 South Fifth Avenue, Roof

Hutt, 1300 Cattail Commons Way, Fence

Daniels, 1214 Trice Meadows Circle, Fence

Tillery, 313 Morning Glory

Drive, Patio

Raeder, 1109 Daylily Lane, Roof & Siding

Channel Marker, 613 South Fifth Avenue, Sign

Miles, 103 Morning Glory Drive, Fence

Mooney, 1138 Market Street, Fence

Freeman, 809 South Second Street, Fence

Hildebrant, 323 Carter Avenue, Mechanical

Popeye's, 100 Denton Plaza, New Commercial Building

Caroline County Health Department, 18 Denton Plaza, Renovations

Town of Denton, 200 Market Street, Sidewalk

Duff, 7 South Eighth Street, Fence

Milford Housing, 900 Gay Street, Sign

Temple Lodge, 114 Market Street, Sign

Gray, 1204 Fairfield Court, Roof

Mason, 1912 Blue Heron Drive, Roof

LaClair, 107 Edenton Lane, Accessory Building & Siding

Kirby, 304 Fountain Avenue, Accessory

Hrobar, 204 Kerr Avenue, Minor Renovations

Phipps, 106 Sunset Drive, Mechanical

McDonalds Corporation, 605 North Sixth Street, Renovations

Khan, 408 Morning Glory Drive, Fence

Miracle of Concrete, 85 Engerman Avenue, Commercial Building.

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.

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...

Mary Hucker Named Director of Denton Main Street



The Downtown Denton Main Street Organization has hired Mary Hucker as the Director of Denton Main Street.

Mary Hucker is a native of Denton, Maryland, and grew up as Mary Wheatman. She was selected by the Denton Main Street Board of Directors and named Director, Denton Main Street.

After graduating from North Caroline High School, she attended college at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Later moving to Baltimore, Maryland, Mary continued her education at Johns Hopkins University where she earned a master's degree. While earning her degree, Mary worked in the development office for the university. Later Mary and her family moved to Wilmington,

Delaware, and on to Bangor, Maine. She and her family moved back to Wilmington for 19 additional years.

Mary's experience includes teaching, special events coordinating, directing religious education programs for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, as a member of the Alumni Council of St. Mary's College of Maryland, membership on several parish councils in and around Wilmington.

After her husband of 25 years passed away, Mary moved back to Denton, where her life-long friends were a wonderful support. She re-married in 2020.

She and her husband, Bill, own homes in Denton and Ocean View, Delaware. She is thrilled to be back "home" and looking forward to making new acquaintances as well as spending time catching up with old friends. She and her husband enjoy pickleball, golf, tennis, walking, kayaking, and walking their Husky, Marci.

St. Paddy's Day 5K
March 11th
 Visit www.carolinemd.org

Fun Learning Opportunities Coming Up at the Fiber Arts Center

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern shore (FACES), located at 7 N.4th St. in Downtown Denton, has a number of classes coming up for all levels from beginner to advance.

Have you ever wanted to try something new? Or add to your list of sewing or knitting knowledge? This is the place to do it.

While you are here at a class you can also shop and see the current museum quality displays that change quarterly and come to Denton from around the United States.

Take a look at the below upcoming classes and contact them at www.fiberartscenter.com for more details or to register for classes.

You don't have to be a member to enjoy a class, show, or see the displays, but becoming one offers you discounts on classes and more. It also helps this non-profit provide interesting events and classes for the entire community and beyond.

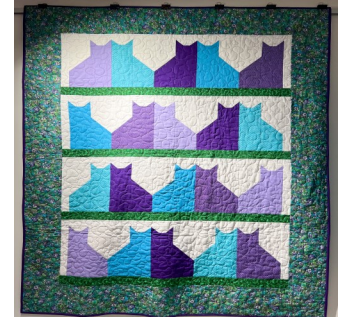
CLASSES:

Cat City Quilt Class

March 16, 10a.m.-2p.m.

\$35 members/ \$45 non-member.

Call Kay Butler for all class lists and to register for class at 410-829-5136.



Knitting 101 (multi sessions)

March 1, 15, April 12, 26, May 3,31.

10a.m.-12p.m.

\$80 members/ \$95 non-members (for 8 classes total).



Baltimore Country Cousin Applique Quilt Class

March 24, April 28, June 2, June 30.

10a.m.-2p.m.

\$60 members/ \$75 non-members.



Candy Dish Quilt Class

April 22

9a.m.-3p.m.

\$35 members/ \$45 non-members.

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Basic Sewing 101

April 27

10a.m.-2p.m.

Instructor: Priscilla Hodge

\$20 members/ \$25 non-members.

Beginning Wool Spinning

April 1 & April 15

12p.m.-2p.m.

\$35 members/ \$45 non-members.

Supply kits available for \$15. if you have a drop spindle you may bring it. Call Kathleen to sign up at 443-995-1096 or visit www.fiberartscenter.com/upcoming/.



New Quilt Exhibit: For The Love and Fun of Quilting at Fiber Arts Center



A very special quilt exhibit will grace the Fiber Arts Center gallery from March 1-April 29. The very beautiful and modern quilts of quilt artist Christine Kamon will help to usher in springtime designs and will provide quilt inspiration to stir your soul.

Christine Kamon has been pursuing her passion for quilting for 30 years. Based on time honored traditional patterns, her work has a fresh and exciting feel of abstract and original contemporary designs. She approaches her craft with enthusiasm and creativity at every turn. With bursts of color and geometric diversity, Christine offers a visual feast for the viewer.

Christine earned a Bachelor of Science in Design and

Environmental Analysis at Cornell University. Her skills in quilt making have developed from taking numerous classes from nationally recognized experts, local teachers, as well as being self taught using the tried and true method of trial and error.

The exhibit is open March 1 - April 29, 2023 Days and hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12:00pm - 4:00pm Cost: Free of charge.

The volunteer run Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore is located in historic Downtown Denton at 7 N 4th Street. It offers fiber art classes, events, and more. Visit them online at www.fiberartscenter.com.

add some flavor

Community Paint Day!

Denton Artsway Mainstreet Banners

Saturday, April 11-2 @ The Foundry

For more information, visit www.carolinearts.org

CAROLINE COUNTY
*Creating Connections
Inspiring Love*

MARCH 11
JUNE 17
SEPTEMBER 16
DECEMBER 2*

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
WHARVES OF CHOPTANK VISITOR & HERITAGE CENTER
FOOD
ARTISANS
DIY CRAFT
MUSIC
CRAFT BEER
FLOWER BAR & MORE

3 CROUSE PARK LANE, DENTON, MD 21629
*December event is 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**TOWN OF DENTON
BAY RESTORATION FUND EXEMPTION PROCEDURE**

The Town of Denton has established a program to exempt certain owner-occupied residential properties from the Bay Restoration Fee based on substantial financial hardship. In order to qualify for this exemption, the applicant must meet at least **(2) two** of the following criteria:

PROPOSED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION CRITERIA:

Factors to be considered for possible exemption are the following:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy.
- Receiving public assistance – supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps.
- Receiving veterans or social security disability benefits.
- Meeting the income criteria below:

If individual in house is 67 or older at time of application, applicant can use ** Senior Income below**. Must supply proof of household's gross income received in the 30 days prior to the date you sign this application – bank statements, pay subs, etc.

**Income Eligibility Limits*
Effective July 1, 2022– June 30, 2023**

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Monthly Income Is Less than</i>	<u>**Senior Monthly Income Is Less than**</u>
1	\$1,878	<u>\$2,265</u>
2	\$2,540	<u>\$3,052</u>
3	\$3,203	<u>\$3,838</u>
4	\$3,865	<u>\$4,625</u>
5	\$4,527	<u>\$5,412</u>
6	\$5,189	<u>\$6,198</u>
7	\$5,851	<u>\$6,985</u>
8	\$6,513	<u>\$7,772</u>
For each additional Person add	\$ 662	<u>\$ 787</u>

* (Income limits established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Programs www.dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/how-do-you-apply. Applications can be found on the Town of Denton website at www.dentonmaryland.com or call the office at 410-479-2050 and ask for Joanna Reedy in Finance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FORMS:

- Complete the Bay Restoration Fee hardship exempt application form.
- Check all boxes that apply. You must check at least two (2) boxes to qualify for an exemption.
- Verification of any exemption criteria (proof of assistance, proof of income, etc.) must be presented with the completed application.
- Sign and date the form and submit it with the verification document to Town of Denton, Attn: Clerk-Treasurer, 4 N. Second St., Denton, MD 21629.
- Renewal application shall be received by May 30th of each year.

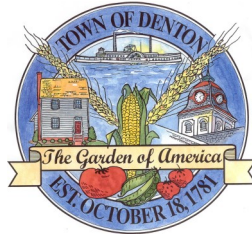
REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Copy of tax bill.
- Proof the applicant is the owner and resides at the property – copy of energy bill.
- Copy of other documentation of receiving one of the above benefits.

EXEMPTION TIME-PERIOD:

- Maximum of one year based on fiscal year July 1st through June 30th.
- Applicant must request exemption renewal.

***Town of Denton
4 N. 2nd Street
Denton, MD 21629***



**ATTENTION OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY OWNERS:
YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FROM PAY-
ING THE STATE OF MARYLAND'S
BAY RESTORATION FEE (BRF)**

Bay Restoration Fund Facts

In 2004, the State of Maryland took a major step to protect our waterways through the enactment of the Bay Restoration Fund (Senate Bill-320). The purpose of the bill was to create a dedicated fund to improve the environment and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. Through an environmental surcharge fee, this fund is used to upgrade wastewater treatment plants, upgrade septic systems in the critical area, and implement cover crops on agricultural land. Approximate annual fee to the user \$30.00. SB320 also required all Municipalities to bill all properties through their Utility Billing and transmit the funds to the State.

During the 2012 State of Maryland Legislative Session came the adoption of Senate Bill 240, doubling the BRF. Effective July 1, 2012, the BRF was doubled for all property owners. For most the fee is now \$60.00 a year. The Town of Denton began billing the new fees on the Utility Bills issued on Oct. 1, 2012, (for the July 1, 2012 –Sept. 30, 2012 billing cycle).

Single Family Residential Home Owners - saw a quarterly increase from \$7.50 per quarter to \$15.00 per quarter; annual increase from \$30.00 to \$60.00.

Non-Residential/Commercial Owners – the BRF is based on the number of EDU's and the total average daily water consumption. Minimum BRF will be \$15.00 per quarter/\$60.00 for a year.

BRF Exemption Plan – With the implementation of House Bill #446, another bill was adopted during the 2012 legislative session in which Municipalities are now required to establish a BRF Exemption Plan.

As a result, on February 7, 2013, The Denton Town Council took action and adopted Resolution #778, establishing a BRF Exemption Plan and Application.

If you own property within the Denton Town limits and it is your primary place of residence, visit www.dentonmaryland.com to read more about the BRF Exemption Plan to see if you **qualify** for an exemption from paying the State of Maryland's Bay Restoration Fee.

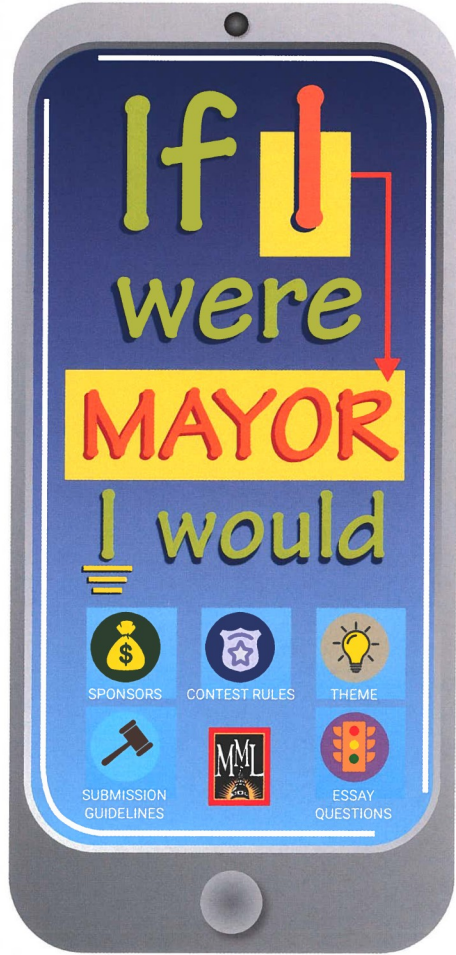
Applications can be found on the Town of Denton Website at www.dentonmaryland.com or stop by the Denton Town Office at 4 N. Second Street to pick up a copy or call 410-479-2050 to request to have a copy mailed to you.

For additional information about the State of Maryland Bay Restoration Fund visit the Maryland Department of the Environment website at: www.mde.state.md.us.

If you were mayor, what would you do?

Encourage more recycling  

Make our playgrounds safe for everyone



#NoMorePotholes

Build more parks and playgrounds

Make summer breaks longer!!!!



Preserving the Past to Power the Future

Ask an adult what time their school day started when they were nine years old. There's a very good chance that they started their day the exact same time that you do. Or think about some of the rules and traditions that your family has – like a set bedtime, celebrating certain holidays, or even having the same time each day when your family sits down to have a meal. When certain beliefs, rules and/or traditions are followed regularly, it is usually because someone a long time ago set them for us. We are carrying on their legacy when we continue to behave in certain ways or carry on traditions. Even though it can be hard to leave behind traditions, as the world changes around us, sometimes we have to change what we do and how we do it.

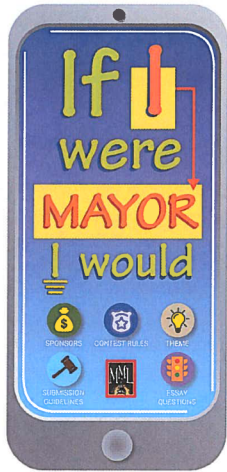
When municipal officials take office, they are often faced with a long list of rules and traditions that have helped define who their city/town is and what it does for its residents. Some officials may have run for office specifically to change certain rules and traditions. Sometimes there is disagreement between officials who want to preserve a town's legacy and those who think it's time for change. It's important that municipal officials find ways to both honor their community's past and move the community forward.

Think about the city/town/community where you live and the traditions, beliefs, or events you believe helped to make it what it is today.



If you were Mayor...

1. Which of the community's past traditions, beliefs, or events would you uplift and honor?
2. Which of the community's past traditions, beliefs, or events would you try to change? And why?
3. How would you get people to participate in accepting those things you're trying to change?



If I Were Mayor, I Would..." Digital Essay Contest

Dear Mayor and Council,

The best way to ensure students understand how municipal government works is to hear it directly from an official. Please consider conducting a school visit before the essay contest deadline of March 31. We've found that, often, the strongest essays come from schools that have had the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of a municipal official about municipal government, its role in the community and what a Mayor does.

This year's essay theme is **"Preserving the Past to Power the Future."** To help strengthen the students' understanding, feel free to give real-world examples revolved around the essay contest questions, which can be found on the enclosed essay contest materials.

The contest information and study guide can also be found on MML's website under Programs and Services: Mayor's Essay Contest.

The 4th grade classrooms of all public and private schools will be mailed the contest rules in January. Teachers are encouraged to reach out to local officials and request a school visit. Please try to accommodate them if you are contacted. We know municipalities like to have their own essay contest, but to avoid confusion, please do not start your municipal essay contest until our contest deadline is over.

The essay contest is open to all Maryland 4th grade students enrolled during the 2022-2023 school year. One winner from each participating MML district will be invited to participate in a ceremony. Winners will also receive a cash prize and a Governor's citation.

Please go to the [submission guidelines and FAQ page](https://mdmunicipal.org/essay) to familiarize yourself with how the digital process works: mdmunicipal.org/essay.

Important Digital Essay Contest Information

- *No entry form mail-in option available.*
- Digital entry form available only at mdmunicipal.org/Essay
- Essays must be received by MML by **March 31, 2023**
- Essays must be teacher-sponsored with a completed *digital* entry form.
- Winners will be notified by the end of April 2023.

If you have questions, contact Paula Chase Hyman or Sharon Easton at 410/268-5514 or: paulah@mdmunicipal.org; sharone@mdmunicipal.org.

Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #737– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Town of Denton’s 2010 Comprehensive Plan, dated September 13, 2010, to modify the goals and objectives of the Mixed Industrial (MI) District. Introduced 12/05/22, passed 01/05/23, effective 01/12/23.

Ordinance #738– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Official Table of Use Regulations, Appendix VII, in the Denton Town Code Zoning Ordinance and the provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Microbrewery, Microdistillery, Mi-

crowinery, Coffee Roasting, and Restaurant Use in the Mixed Industrial (MI) District. Introduced 12/05/22, passed 01/05/23, effective 01/15/23.

Ordinance #739– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton revising and amending Chapter 14 of the Denton Town Code Pertaining to Ethics. Introduced 12/05/22, passed 01/05/23, effective 01/12/23.

Ordinance #740– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting a new purchasing manual establishing rules and regulations

regarding the purchasing of supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, contractual services or any other goods or services. Introduced 01/05/23, passed 02/02/23, effective 02/09/23.

Resolution #888- A Resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for a State Revitalization Programs Grant Application FY2023 project 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 02/02/23.

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.

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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 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 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.