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COVID-19 Comes To Caroline County

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During March and April 2020 our nation, and the world, was hit with COVID-19 Coronavirus. This virus caused the world to pause and stay at home in hopes of reducing the spread of the virus.

Schools closed, restaurants and bars closed to the public, and many non-essential businesses like retail were closed by the Governor. Some restaurants were able to offer curbside carryout and delivery to keep in business and allow the public to get some restaurant meals. Essential personnel worked either via the internet at home or reported to work as front line personnel.

This has been a learning curve for all of us. A time to slow down and stay at home with family. Staying away from friends to keep each other safe, or learn to use video platforms to connect with each other and work.

We hope you and yours have been safe and healthy at home.

Behind the scenes at a local government level, county level, and state level, countless public servants worked to keep the public informed, and keep water/sewer flowing, trash picked up, and bill pay-

ment processed.

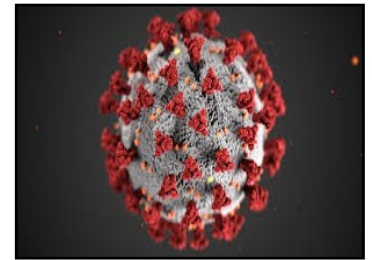
Our first responders worked tirelessly to respond to all levels of emergencies, taking the sick to the ER, responding to non-COVID-19 related emergencies, and attending to the sick. To our police, EMS, nurses, doctors, and anyone involved with the day to day care of the sick thank you.

To the school districts thank you for feeding the school aged kids each week during the school shutdown. It took a lot of planning to make that happen. It took even more planning to coordinate the schools to plan and prepare for learning from home. Be it online learning or with packets prepare for those students without computers or internet. Thank you.

To those that are part of the National Guard that were activated during this crisis and taken away from their day jobs and families, we thank you for all you have done for us.

At the time of publication 55 people in Caroline Co. contracted the virus, 16 people recovered from the virus, and 0 people passed away.

A special thank you to Caroline County for the creation of the



www.carolinecovid19.org website. This site was (and still is) a one-stop click for information and details related to the outbreak and where to get answers, help, and more. Thank you to our residents for staying home, social distancing, and wearing a mask. All of these things help reduce new transmission.

Be patient as the State and Federal government work to get us back to normal.

Until Further Notice

**Town Office
Lobby Closed
For Social Distancing**

**Staff Available by Phone at
410-479-2050
Or
Online
DentonMaryland.com**

Online Payments Coming Soon

The Town of Denton will be introducing online utility bill payments. Please check for updates on our website at

www.dentonmaryland.com, Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofdenton, or give us a call at 410-479-2050.



Town Calendar

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

May 7
June 4

Working Sessions (Virtual Meeting)

May 18, 6:30p.m.
June 22, 6:30p.m.

Planning Commission 6p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

May 26
June 30

Historic Review 6p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

May 20
June 17

Utility Commission
4p.m. (Virtual Meeting)
As needed, check the web-site for dates
www.dentonpublicworks.com

Town Holidays
The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

May 25-Memorial Day

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.

INCOME TAX RETURN MODIFIED DUE DATES

DUE DATES STATE

FEDERAL

APRIL 15 N/A

Federal income tax returns are due or deadline to file for a federal extension.

JUNE 1

Business-related tax returns AND payments that were not collected in March, April and May are due.

N/A

JULY 15

Individual income tax state returns AND payments are due.

Individual and C Corporation income tax payments are due.

OCTOBER 15

Individual income tax state returns deadline if taxpayer filed for federal extension.

Individual income tax federal returns filing deadline if taxpayer filed for federal extension.



www.MarylandTaxes.gov

www.IRS.gov

Town of Denton 2019-2020 Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	10/01/2019	10/25/2019	10/28/2019	11/07/2019
October - December	12/31/2020	01/27/2020	01/28/2020	02/06/2019
January - March	04/01/2020	04/27/2020	04/28/2020	05/06/2020
April - June	06/28/2020	07/27/2020	07/28/2020	08/06/2020

July-August

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High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

May

7-Town Council Meeting
7p.m. (Virtual event). Visit www.dentonmaryland.com for link.

15- Police Candlelight Vigil
Virtual Event, visit <https://calvarybaptistchurchofdenton.org/> for details . Hosted by Calvary Baptist Church. Join the community online as we honor fallen law enforcement officers.

8-Cruise-In Car Show
(tentative, see their Facebook page for current info) 6-9p.m. 200 Block

CANCELED

of Market St. and beyond. Classic cars, hot rods, motor cycles and more on display downtown. Oldies music, food vendors, and more. Dash plaques and trophy prize. Call Dean at 410-829-6493 to enter your vehicle.

21-Third Thursday in Downtown Denton
5-7p.m. Shops and businesses in town will have extended ours, special sales, and restaurant specials. Corn Hole begins on the 200 block of Market Street too.

25-Memorial Day—Please note, the Town office is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

June

12-Cruise-In Car Show
(tentative, see their Facebook page for current info) 6-9p.m. 200 Block of Market St. and beyond. Classic cars, hot rods, motor cycles and more on display downtown. Oldies music, food vendors, and more. Dash plaques and trophy prize. Call Dean at 410-829-6493 to enter your vehicle.

13-Second Saturday at the ArtsWay. *2-4p.m. ArtsWay 401 Market St. Bring the family out to see local artists demonstrate how they do what they do. Some hands-on learn-*

ing as well. Visit www.carolinearts.org for details. Free!

18-Third Thursday in Downtown Denton. *5-7p.m. Shops and businesses in town will have extended ours, special sales, and restaurant specials.*

PLEASE NOTE: ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, As COVID-19 regulations and social distancing changes, these events may change. For the most current information pleased visit the event websites for details.

Farmers Market Downtown Denton

Tuesday's April-October

3pm-6pm

4TH & GAY STREET HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DENTON

Essential Business Vendors Wanted

Contact: manager@downtowndenton.com

- 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...

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 for Maryland residents is \$5 and \$10 for out of state residents.

Annual pass fees are \$20 for Maryland residents and \$50 for out of state residents. Annual permits are valid only when dis-



played 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, Bull-ocks Deli, Denton Pharmacy, Caroline Co. Tax Office.

Public Works...

What to Put in the Trash

The Town provides trash service for each home every week.

Household Garbage and Refuse is getting out of hand with items that should not be collected in the trash on regular pick up each week.

According to Chapter 64-6 Collection Rules and Regulations, all refuse must be stored and offered for collection in an approved container unless exempted herein.

A. Approved refuse containers shall be watertight cans made of metal or heavy-duty rubberized or plastic material, with handles and tight-fitting covers. Cans shall not exceed 32 gallons capacity, and not more than four cans will be permit-

ted for each residential or business unit.

B. Residents leasing collection containers and/or "waste wheelers" from the contractor must limit the capacity of all receptacles used to no more than 128 gallons in total.

C. No fifty-gallon drums will be permitted for use.

If Items are too big for the containers the Town offers special pick up each Wednesday to be picked up by Public Works. We also offer a cardboard/paper pick up on those days for recycling.

Please contact the Town office at 410-479-2050 to arrange pick up.

Free Cardboard Recycling

The Town of Denton offers free cardboard recycling at the curb. If you live within town limits, this free service is available to you.



To have your cardboard recycling removed from the curb please flatten and bundle your cardboard boxes (making sure to remove all packing material), Call 410-479-2050

and request the pick up, items will be picked up on Wednesdays.

Please remember, don't include any trash or packing material in any of the boxes. The boxes must be broken down flat.

Thank you for doing your part for the environment by recycling. Every effort helps our planet.

**Covid-19 Caution
Wash Your Hands
After Handling Your Trash Can**

Planning & Codes...

Keep Grass Cuttings Out of the Street

With the grass cutting season upon us it is time to remind residents to not discharge grass on any streets and leave it as it must be cleaned up immediately.

Storm water control is a big issue all over the state of Maryland and the towns are becoming a big part of it with the water discharging in the Choptank River.

Under Chapter 76 Littering subchapter 76-4 Paragraph B - No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, drainage swale, street or other public place within the Town the accumulation of litter from any public or private sidewalk or

driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

Paragraph C - It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to throw, dump, or deposit any trash, junk, or *other refuse* on any highway, or to perform any act which constitutes a violation of the State of Maryland's Vehicle Laws or Town of Denton laws relative to putting trash, glass and *other prohibited substances* on highways.

The Violation for this can be up to \$1,000.00 for each infraction or imprisonment for no more than 30 days.

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 while the lobby is closed for social distancing.

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 February 2020

Gardens Land Group, 108 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling
Gardens Land Group, 404 Morning Glory Drive, Patio
M Tate Photography, LLC, 1101 Industrial Parkway #3, Sign
Johnson, 1509 Blue Heron Drive, Renovations
Resicap, 803 Market Street, Roof
Barrett, 307 North Sixth Street, Pool
Shore United Bank, 850 South Fifth Avenue, Signs
Betz, 327 Market Street, Renovations
Town of Denton, 1000 Market Street, Renovations
Hrobar, 1503 Cattail Commons Way, Siding
Frase, 1206 Foster Hol-

ly Court, Fence
Watkins, 401 Carter Avenue, Roof
Parsons, 312 South Third Street, Fence
Meechie, 306 South Fifth Avenue, Renovations
Gardens Land Group, 402 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling
Denton Plaza, 30 Denton Plaza, Signs
Garland, 1152 Osprey Lane, Accessory Building
Shaffer, 205 Maryland Avenue, Roof
Young, 109 Gateway Lane, Roof
Gardens Land Group, 409 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling
Gardens Land Group, 301 Morning Glory Drive, Single Family Dwelling
Sharpless, 207 Sharp Road, Renovations
Jones, 107 Lou Avenue, Roof
Sood, 305 Fountain Avenue, 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.

Main Street...

Local Author Honored at Visitor Center



The Sophie Kerr Banner hangs at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center in Denton, MD. Sophie Kerr (August 23, 1880 – February 6, 1965) was a prolific writer of the early 20th century whose stories about smart, ambitious women mirrored her own evolution from small-town girl to successful career woman.

As part of the Maryland Year of the Woman campaign, The Caroline County Historical Society has been hanging banners in the county recognizing local women who have made significant contributions to the community and the world.

The latest installment is a banner celebrating Sophie Kerr, a local Denton author (August 23, 1880-February 6, 1965).

For more information about Sophie Kerr visit the following link. Her scholarship gift to Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland was gifted to them upon her death in 1965. This program still

exists and helps writers in many ways. <https://www.washcoll.edu/departments/english/sophie-kerr-legacy/>

Sophie Kerr's house is visible from 5th Ave. and Kerr in Denton. It is a private residence.

An additional banner highlighting Caroline County Year of the Woman is located at the Museum or Rural Life featuring Patricia Guida.

To learn more about women of distinction in Caroline County, visit the Historical Society website at www.CarolineHistory.org.

Open Air Market Grand Opening April 21



Downtown Denton Main Street hosted its season open Farmers Market, April 21 3-6pm at 3rd and Market Street in Downtown Denton. This market featured essential food vendors. All safety guidelines related to COVID-19

were enforced.

The market season is Tuesdays, April—October. Find the market at 4th and Gay St.

Vendors wanted for this season. Interested vendors should contact manager@downtowndenton.com.

It is time to complete your 2020 Census!

Remember that everyone counts. The Census is intended to count every person that lives in your home. Census data determines how federal dollars are distributed. It is important for our community, schools and roads that everyone completes the Census.

In the past 10 years the Town of Denton has received \$5.5 Million in Federal Funding. This included \$3.684 Million in Federal Grant Revenues and \$1.834 in Federal Loan Funding.

There are several ways to complete your Census.

- * Mail—A notification was sent out in early March.
- * Phone—Please call 844-330-2020
- * Online—www.my2020census.gov

Please visit the Census website for more information www.2020census.gov.

**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:

**Income Eligibility Limits*
Effective July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020**

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Monthly Income Is Less than</i>
1	\$1,821
2	\$2,466
3	\$3,111
4	\$3,755
5	\$4,440
6	\$5,044
For each additional person add	\$ 645

* (Income limits established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Programs. www.dhr.state.md.us/meap/index.htm)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.

Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution #871 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for a Maryland Community Development Block Grant (the "project"), to be funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland. Adopted 03/05/20.

Resolution #872 - A Resolution of the Denton Town Council amending the Town of Denton Personnel Regulations – Section 3 – Definitions and Section 21 – Emer-

gency Release Procedures by adding additional language for specific emergency events. Adopted 03/19/20.

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.

Denton Town News

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Denton, Maryland, 21629*

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 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.

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.