



Denton Town News

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FREE

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 Friday April 17, Monday April 20, Friday April 24, and Monday April 27, 2009. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Leaf vacuuming will occur on Friday and/or Monday pending work load. It will be necessary to call in your loose leaf vacuum pickup request by 12 p.m. on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday.

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

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup. If calling after hours please leave the request on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 25.

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,



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2008 Planning Commission Annual Report

The Town of Denton, with a population of approximately 3,800 residents is home to the county seat of Caroline County, Maryland. Denton has an elected board of five Council members, an appointed board of six Planning Commission members (five regular and one alternate), four Board of Appeals members (three regular and one alternate), and five members on the Historic and Architecture Review Commission.

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

In April 2008, the town hired a full-time planner to manage the newly created Office of Planning and Codes which succeeded the office of Housing and Community Development wherein the planning and code enforcement activity previously took place.

During 2008, the Town of Denton adopted ordinances for the International Building Code 2006, International Residential Code 2006, International Mechanical Code 2006, and the International Property Maintenance Code 2006 editions.

The Department of Planning and Codes issues all permits for properties within the Town of Denton's incorporated limits. Denton

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

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

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

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Tax Sale Reminder

The 2008 - 2009 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, 2008 and are to be paid at the Caroline County Treasurer's Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Treasurer's 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.

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Town Calendar

All meetings are held in the Denton Town Office Conference Room at 13 North Third Street, unless otherwise noted.

Town Council Meeting at 7 p.m. Police Department

March 2
April 6

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.

March 31
April 28

Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m.

March 18
April 15

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

March 12
April 9

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

April 10

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

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com

2009 Legal Notice Mandatory Semiannual Payment Real Estate Property Taxes

REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS OPTIONS

1. Pay Real Property taxes in full by Sept. 30, 2009 with no penalty or interest.

2. OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES
May pay taxes semi-annually using the coupons on the tax bill.

The first payment is due Sept. 30, 2009 and the second payment is due by December 31, 2009
The second payment may have a service charge as shown on the tax bill.

3. PAYMENT FROM ESCROW ACCOUNTS FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

If an escrow account is established for the payment of the property tax, the escrow account servicer (mortgage company) shall pay taxes in semiannual installments unless the escrow account servicer has received written direction from the property owner or borrower to pay property tax in annual payments. This became mandated by the State of Maryland effective July 1, 2000.

If a taxpayer provides written directions to an escrow account servicer at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the tax year (By May 1 of each year) property taxes shall be paid on an annual basis on behalf of the taxpayer.

Denton Town Office
Karen L. Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around April 1, 2009. To avoid having your water turned off payment should be received by April 25, 2009. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by mail, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the right of the front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. The next Utility bills will be mailed around July 1, 2009 and will be due in full by July 25, 2009.

2009 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
October - December	12/30/2008	1/25/2009	1/28/2009	2/5/2009
January - March	3/31/2009	4/25/2009	4/28/2009	5/6/2009
April - June	6/30/2009	7/25/2009	7/28/2009	8/5/2009
July - September	9/30/2009	10/25/2009	10/28/2009	11/5/2009

Town of Denton 410-479-2050

May - June 2009 ISSUE DEADLINE...

Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by April 3rd. Thank you.



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

March

1st - Deadline, 14th Annual CCCA Poetry Contest Call 410-479-1009 for details.

6th - Friday Nites at the Library: The NCHS Thespians Perform Two Horns and a Tale
7 p.m. Central Library, Denton

8th - Daylight Savings Time
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

12th - Youth Art Exhibit Award Reception
6:30 p.m. Central Library, Denton. Help encourage, celebrate and share the spirit of art within Caroline's youth. Exhibit runs March 13 -April 1st. Call 410-479-1009 for more details.

13th - Katherine Needleman & Amy Klosterman perform Free, 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton. CCCA Performing Arts Series. Katherine Needleman, principal Oboist of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Amy Klosterman, pianist and active chamber musician, perform a recital. 410-479-1009 for more info.

14th - St. Patrick's Day 5K Race/Fun Walk
10 a.m. Carter Ave. By the old Button Factory,

Denton. Bring the family out for this fun run/walk. Proceeds benefit community-based programs for children, youth and families in Caroline County. Call 410-479-4446 for details.

14th thru 21st - Maryland Boating Basics
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$25. Gen. Fretterd Community Center, Denton. Boater Safety Coordinator Bill Amari teaches safe boating skills and techniques. Students must pass a written test before receiving a Boater's Safety card. Call 410-479-8120 for details and to sign up for the class.

14th - Caroline County Historical Society Annual St. Patrick's Day Party 6:30 p.m. \$25 per person. Museum of Rural Life, 16 N. 2nd St. Denton. The Historical Society's Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for an Irish evening of fine food, spirits, and live music by Gypsy Wind! Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Carol Stockley at 410 479-1750.

17th - Mom and Son Shamrock Dance
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ages 3-12 years old. Gen. Fretterd Community Center, Denton. \$30 per couple, \$5 each additional person. Dance the

night away with your young prince. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, souvenir photos, and more. Register by March 10th. Call Stacy at 410-479-8120 to register.

20th - Friday Nites at the Library: Bit O'Rhythm 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton. Henderson & Price, xylophone and grand piano ragtime duo since 1982 perform.

28th - 2nd Story Live Concert: Little Toby Walker 7:30 p.m. Central Library, Denton. \$10, students \$5, \$1 discount for CCCA members. Learn about the blues, rag, folk, and American roots music at the feet of authentic masters such as James "Son" Thomas, Etta Baker, and R.L. Burnside. Call 410-479-1009 for info.

28th - Soup 'n Walks
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$18 members, \$20 general public. Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely. Following a guided walk with a docent naturalist, enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch followed by a brief lesson about the meal's nutritional value. Copies of recipes are provided. Pre-registration required. Call 410-634-2847, ext. 0 for details.

April

3rd (PES), 8th (GES) - Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 7:45 p.m. check-in, 8:00 p.m. event begins. Preston Elementary & Greensboro Elementary Schools. \$3 per child before April 2nd, \$5 per child after that. Kids "hunt" eggs in the dark using only a flashlight. Find special gold eggs to win prizes. Bring a flashlight (size limit to 2 D batteries.) Adults required with children. Call Stacy at 410-479-8120 to register.

4th - Gardening for a Rainy Day: Using Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels for a "Greener" Landscape 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$20 members, \$25 general public. Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely. Pre-registration is required. Join Arboretum staff Sue Wyndham and Coreen Weilminster for a workshop that addresses two easy methods of capturing rainwater. The morning session addresses rainwater harvesting with rain barrels. The afternoon session will explore the use, design, and function of rain gardens in the public and private landscapes. Call 410-634-2847 for pre-registration and details.

11th - Tuckahoe's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
1 p.m. sharp! Free. Children under 10. Cherry

Lane Picnic area, Tuckahoe State Park. Bring the kids out to hunt over 4,000 plastic and boiled eggs hidden in the park. (Special prize eggs are marked in and on your eggs!) For children under 10 years old to find.

18th - Deadline, 7th Annual Short Story Contest Call 410-479-1009 for details.

18th - Arbor Day 5K Run & Family Fun Run/Walk 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. start time. Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely. 5K Fee (includes T-shirt): \$15; \$20 day of event. Family Fun Run/Walk Fee: \$10/family. Join fellow runners and nature enthusiasts for a 5K Run and a one-mile Family Fun Run/Walk. Will kick off with a Kids' 100 Yard Dash at 8:45 a.m. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments provided. Call 410-634-2847, extension 0 or e-mail info@adkinsarboretum.org. to register and for details.

25th - New York City Bus Trip
\$40, open to all ages. Departs HAPS Building 7 a.m. returns 11 p.m. Join us for a day in New York City. You will be free to explore all that New York City has to offer. Register early to

reserve your spot. Call Stacy at 410-479-8120 for details.

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- Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

www.adkinsarboretum.org

- Caroline Co. Council of Arts

410-479-1009

www.carolinearts.org

- Caroline Co. Public Library

410-479-1343

www.caro.lib.md.us/library

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

Denton Police Department . . .

New Police Officer Sworn In



Ptl. Charity Peris is sworn in by Mayor John Foster during the February Denton Town Council Meeting.

The newest Denton Police Officer was sworn in Monday night 2/2/09 at the Denton Town Council Meeting. Ptl. Charity Peris joined the Denton Police Department on

7/7/08 and graduated second in her class in academics on 12/18/08. She was also presented with the Physical Fitness Award.

Bike Registration Drive

April 6 - 11 the Denton Police Department encourages bicycle owners to register their bikes. You can do this at the Denton Police Dept. Mon-Fri. between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

During the week of April 6th, the Police Department's Mobile Command Unit will be coming to your

neighborhood to register your bicycles. If you are unable to come to the Police Dept. to have it done.



The Denton Police Department is planning a Bike Safety Rodeo this coming spring.

More information about this will be in the next issue.

2008 Officer of The Year



Officer Dan Franklin receives the 2008 Officer of the Year award from Chief Rodney Cox during the February Denton Town Council Meeting.

Cpl. Daniel Franklin received an award for Officer of the Year 2008 at the Denton Town Council Meeting on 2/2/09. Cpl. Franklin led the department in statistics for 2008. He had the highest number of DWI and drug arrests this past

year. Cpl. Franklin is a two time recipient of the department's life saving award. He has been with the Department for seven years and was a former recipient of Officer of the Year in 2004.

Are Your Street Lights Out?

Got a pole light out on your street? Call the Denton Police Department with the address of where the street light is located. We will get the numbers off the pole and wrap it with yellow police



tape. It will be reported to Delmarva Power and they will fix it as soon as possible.

To report a pole light outage to the Denton Police Department, please call 410-479-1414.

Cops Helping Kids

Sgt. George Bacorn from the Denton Police Department is going to jail for the kids on the shore April 1, 2009. He needs to raise \$1,000 to get out of jail. 100% of the money raised will benefit Camp ESPA. Camp ESPA is a non-profit camp that sends underprivileged and at risk children to camp during the

summer at no cost to them. There is no paid staff at Camp ESPA. Please support cops helping kids by making a donation in George's name. Checks can be made payable to Camp ESPA and mailed to: Eastern Shore Police Association, 5425 Sharptown Rd., Rhodesdale, MD 21659

During the Christmas Season, the Denton Police Department gave away bicycle's donated by Len's Bike Service to local residents in need of bicycle's for Christmas gifts. The Denton Police Department wishes to thank Len's Bike Service for making Christmas special to those that received the bicycles.

THANK YOU

Denton Police Department
 410-479-1414 or tips@todpolice.com
 or check Crimereports.com

Police Department Press Releases

Date: 01/13/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Lincoln St.

Denton Police charged Carlessia Johnson, 36 of Denton, with driving on a suspend and revoked license. Police had received information that Johnson was operating a 2006 Dodge on a regular basis and that Johnson's privilege to drive in MD had been revoked. Police researched Johnson's license status through MVA and found that her privilege was suspended and revoked. Police observed Johnson operating the vehicle in the area of Fifth and Lincoln Streets. Police stopped the vehicle and rechecked Johnson's license status through MVA and found that it was still suspended and revoked. Johnson was issued citations at the scene and released on her signature.

Date: 01/14/2009

Classification: Assault 1st Degree

Location: 400 block Lincoln St.

Denton Police are seeking suspect in a serious assault. Police were contacted by staff at Memorial Hospital at Easton who advised that they were treating Will Hall, 29 of Denton, for stab wounds. During the course of the investigation it was learned that Hall and Kevin Antonio Mason, 28 of Ridgely, had been playing video games at Hall's residence. The two left the residence and began to argue about an incident that occurred several months prior. The two then got into a physical altercation which Hall thought was only a fist fight. After a brief period Hall realized that Mason had a knife and that Hall had been injured. Hall was then taken by family members to Memorial Hospital where he was treated for wounds to his upper body and neck. Hall was later transported by Medivac to the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore for further treatment. Hall was listed as being in stable condition as of 8:40 a.m. on January 15, 2009. Charges are on file for Mason in this matter.

Date: 01/18/2009

Classification: DWI / DUI

Location: SHORE HIGHWAY

Denton Police arrested Timothy Paschall, 31 of Denton, for DUI. A Denton Police officer was travelling east on Shore Highway in the area of Camp Road when a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt passed the officer's patrol vehicle. The officer accelerated his patrol vehicle to a speed of 65 MPH and the Cobalt was still pulling away. The officer then activated his emergency lights and the Cobalt pulled abruptly to the right shoulder. Police identified the operator as Paschall and noted a strong odor of alcoholic beverage about Paschall's breath and person. Paschall was requested to submit to a series of field tests, which he agreed to do and failed to satisfactorily perform. Paschall was placed under arrest and taken to the MSP Barrack at Easton where a breath test was administered, the result of which was 0.16. Paschall was issued citations for DUI and speeding and released to on his signature.

Date: 01/18/2009

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 100 block Caroline Apts.

Denton Police arrested Jarrell Lake, 20 of Denton, for assault. Police responded for a report of a domestic dispute. They spoke with Lashae Gibson who advised that Lake had physically assaulted her when she asked Lake to leave her apartment. Lake then fled the area on foot but was located a short time later in the near area. Police charged Lake with second degree assault. Lake was released on his own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing with a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 01/19/2009

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 200 block Market St.

Denton Police are investigating a theft of a motor vehicle tag. Mark McGourn, 39, of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown removed the license plate MD 18P783, from his 1994 Ford Pickup while it was parked in the rear of the 200 Block of Market Street. Date: 01/19/2009

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 400 block N. Sixth St.

Denton Police are investigating

the theft of motor vehicle parts. Roland Corkell reported that person(s) unknown removed four (4) aftermarket hubcaps from his 1996 Plymouth minivan while it was parked in the Bullock's Plaza parking lot. The hubcaps are valued at \$20.00.

Date: 01/19/2009

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 100 block S FIFTH AVE

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Douglas Hollingsworth, 47, of Denton, reported that person(s) unknown stole various construction tools from Hollingsworth's 1994 Ford Pickup while it was parked at the St. Luke's Church parking lot. The tools are valued at \$3000.00.

Date: 01/20/2009

Classification: CDS: Possess-Not Marihuana

Location: 400 block S. Seventh Street

Denton Police arrested Tammy Abbott, 28, of Federalsburg, for possession of CDS and traffic violations. Police were requested to check Abbott's welfare by staff of the Health Department. Abbott was located seated in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle in the parking lot of the H. A. P. S. building and when she observed police she switched seats with the passenger in the vehicle. When police questioned Abbott about her actions she stated she didn't feel like driving. A Denton Police K-9 conducted a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle and the K-9 alerted the presence of CDS. Further investigation led to the seizure of six (6) Xanax tablets on Abbott's person. The tablets were not prescribed to Abbott. A check of MVA records revealed that Abbott's privilege to drive in MD was suspended. Abbott was charged with driving suspended and possession of CDS. Abbott was released on her own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 01/21/2009

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 900 block Crystal Ave.

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Employees of J. R. Smith

Inc. reported that person(s) unknown entered a secured fenced lot and removed various tools from a work truck. The tools have an estimated value of \$600.00.

Date: 01/21/2009

Classification: Robbery

Location: 500 block MARKET ST
Denton Police arrested Norman Carter, 25, of Denton, for robbery. Police were called to the Royal Farm Store where Andrew Kinsey reported that he was riding his bike in the 500 block of Market Street when he was approached by a person unknown to him (later identified as Carter). When Kinsey stopped his bike Carter grabbed Kinsey and removed Kinsey's wallet from a pants pocket and a partial pack of cigarettes from another pocket. Kinsey then stated that Carter demanded that Kinsey go the Farms Store and get cash from an ATM or Carter would shoot Kinsey (no weapon was displayed). Kinsey then advised that Carter stayed outside the store while Kinsey went to the ATM.

When Carter wasn't looking Kinsey hid and requested clerks call the police. Kinsey provided a description of the suspect. When Police arrived, Carter, who was still at the store, attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended a short distance later. Carter was charged with robbery and assault and held on \$15,000.00 bail at the Caroline County Detention Center.

Date: 01/22/2009

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 700 block Caroline Apts.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Tiffany Wright reported that person(s) unknown scratched the side of her 2003 Saturn while it was parked at Caroline Apartments. Damage is estimated at \$250.00.

Date: 01/24/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: S. Fifth Ave.

Denton Police charged India Thomas, 20 of Hurlock, with driving on a suspended license. Police stopped a 2005 GMC for failing to use a turn signal while making a left hand

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Planning and Codes . . .

Moratorium Ordinance Adopted

The Town Council adopted a moratorium ordinance at its February 2, 2009 meeting. This ordinance establishes a ten month moratorium on the processing and approval of any residential site plans, major subdivisions or residential floating zones which would permit development of more than three residential dwelling units. The ordinance is intended to apply to residential development proposals and will not affect the processing or approval of any non-residential site plan or subdivision.

The moratorium shall not apply to any residential development

that has received a preliminary, final subdivision plat or final site plan approval by the Planning Commission, nor shall apply to any properties that are located within a floating zone approved by the Town Council.

The moratorium was adopted to allow sufficient time for the town to complete and adopt a new Comprehensive Plan, and to consider revisions to the zoning ordinance.

Any questions may be directed to the Office of Planning and Codes at (410) 479-3625.

Refer to text of Ordinance no. 571 for details.

Ordinance # 571

Ordinance #571 – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting a moratorium on the processing and approval of any Residential Floating Zone, Major Subdivision, and any Site Plan which would permit development of more than three (3) residential dwelling units for a period of ten (10) months pending consideration and adoption of a revised comprehensive plan and such other legislation as the Town Council may consider advisable to promote public health, safety, and

welfare. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for review at the Denton Town Office during the normal business hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the Denton Website at www.dentonmaryland.com. The public hearings will take place at the Denton Police Dept. building at 100 N. Third Street.

By Authority: Denton Town Council

Wanted

Town of Denton Resident Volunteers for the Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

Duties: Assist Planning Commission and Town Staff with Setting Goals and Objectives for Denton's 2009 Comprehensive Plan

We want you to be informed, involved, and help influence our future.

If interested, please call the Denton Office of Planning and Codes at 410-479-3625

Building Permits

Lutz, 316 S. Third St, Roof
Flack, 703 Camp Rd, Roof
Sakers, 608 Market St, Roof
Kampmeyer, 235 Siesta Dr, Shed demolition
Fenzel, 108 Sunset Dr, Dead tree removal
Kampmeyer, 235 Siesta Dr, Accessory shed
Arthur, 711 Camp Rd, Electrical Inspection
Gables at Caroline, 701 S. 5th St, Fence
Pitts, 408 S. 5th St, Roof
Pulimood, 101 N. 6th St Apt. A, Rehab
Pulimood, 101 N. 6th St Apt. B, Rehab
Town of Denton, 13 N. Third St, Election Banner
Gems Event Production, 9 S. Third St, Sign
Rementer, 300 S. Third St, Windows & Siding
Mackel, 201 S. 5th St, Roof

Zepp, 309 Sydney Lane, Mechanical
Smith, 325 Carter Ave, Shed
Dunkin Donuts, 601 Legion Rd, Help wanted banner
Hollingworth, 319 S. 4th St, Handicap ramp
McCreary, Daniel 424 E. Wesley Circle, Lot 60, Demolition
Denton Wesleyan Camp 424 E. Wesley Circle, Lot 8 Demolition
Denton Wesleyan Camp 424 E. Wesley Circle, Concrete slab
Geisel, 105 S. 5th Ave, Pellet stove/ Mechanical
Chance, 711 Camp Rd, Roof
Lockerman, 616 Camp Rd, Roof
Joyce, 319 Academy St, Roof
Kampmeyer, 235 Siesta Dr, Electrical inspection
PNC Bank, 207 Market St, ATM Machine
Garland & Hobbs, Savannah Overlook, Entrance Sign

Break Out Those Lawn Mowers, It's Grass Cutting Time

Please take a moment to assess the need for mowing on your property. The Town of Denton would like to have all grass and weeds at ten inches in height or below to



prevent insect and rodent infestation and to control growth of plants. Avoid discharging grass clippings from mowers into the street. Grass clippings contribute to storm drain clogs. Thank you.

New Comprehensive Plan

The Denton Planning Commission and Planning Staff have begun the process to develop a new Comprehensive Plan with the intention to complete and adopt by November 2009. The plan last adopted by the town was in 1997. Although a draft 2006 Comprehensive Plan was written, it was never adopted by the Town Council, which has requested that a new plan be written. The 2006 draft copy can be found on the Town of Denton website (www.dentonmaryland.com) under the Planning Commission section.

The Planning Commission will have monthly working sessions to develop the new plan with input from town residents, other stakeholders, and the town planning staff. Town citizens will be informed, involved with and help influence the plan as it takes shape throughout the year. Public hearings will be held before the final document is adopted by the Town Council.

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Planning Commission Annual Report from page 1 approvals.

Upon review by the planning staff it was determined that many subdivision and site plans, both preliminary and final, had lapsed due to missing code-required timeframe dependent subsequent steps. Most of these applications were not resubmitted for consideration due to the downturn in the real estate market.

Denton began its first ever Critical Area growth allocation associated with a Denton Planning Commission approved 41-lot subdivision in a recently annexed area.

Planning Staff began work to create a new Official Zoning Map to replace the one approved in May 1999.

During the 2008 calendar year, 175 permits were issued, of which 17 were for new residential units. This represents a 33% decrease in total permits from 2007. New construction for both the commercial and private sectors totaled \$4,883,930. Total dollar amount for all construction, including renovations and new for this period, was \$10,093,454. This year's construction of approximately \$10 million decreased 41% from last year's total of approximately \$17 million.

The following projects are ongoing:

- Denton Development Corporation development of Crouse Park waterfront visitor's center and restaurant – approval stage
- Savannah Overlook (Cattail Commons) 161 unit residential subdivision completely built; phase IV of two lots approved but not yet under construction
- Mallard Landing 187 unit residential subdivision – 98 percent built
- Trice 41 Lot Residential Subdivision – 36 percent built
- Sandy Meadows 58 Dwelling Unit Residential Subdivision – 72 percent built
- Parkview Estates 26 unit residential subdivision – 27 percent built
- Gannon's Purchase – Village at Watts Creek 250 unit Planned Neighborhood (PN) preliminary site plan with approved Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement – not yet under construction
- The Gardens 62 unit residential subdivision (final plat recorded in 2006) – not yet under construction
- Fearins Crossing I 60 lot residential subdivision – not yet under construction
- Fearins Crossing II 14 lot residential subdivision – final approval rescinded due to procedural irregularities. To be resubmitted as a 12 lot subdivision in 2009
- Glenfield – 41 Lot Residential Subdivision final approval (conditioned upon growth allocation and project approval by Critical Area Commission)
- Gay Street Redevelopment 25 residential unit subdivision – denied, but may be resubmitted in 2009
- West Denton – 3,000 Dwelling Unit Planned Neighborhood (PN) concept plan (no approved findings of fact)
- Pines at Franklin – 120 residential unit site plan – concept plan approved
- Vineyards JPA Venture, LLC – 250 Lot Residential Subdivision-concept plan
- Pearson Road 119 unit residential Planned Neighborhood (PN) – no approvals
- Pritchetts Farm 472 unit residential Planned Neighborhood (PN) – no approvals
- Walmart – preliminary site plan approved
- Chesapeake Culinary Center – concept plan approved

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

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

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

- Adopt a new official zoning map as soon as possible.
- Finish the draft Comprehensive Plan, including the new state required growth and water resources elements, by October 2009.
- Incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan robust transportation, economic redevelopment, and recreation components.
- Rewrite zoning and land use codes to support the intent of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan.
- Revise zoning and land use codes as appropriate throughout the 2009 year based upon Planning Commission and planning staff recommendations.
- Continue any and all activities, plans, processes and/or procedures which encourage infill and redevelopment opportunities.
- Ensure that quality of life considerations for health, safety, and welfare of town residents are appropriately addressed.
- Support the enforcement of the sidewalk policy ordinance & require sidewalks or a pedestrian trail on at least one side of every street.
- Continue requesting SHA approval for access onto MD Route 404 at Gay Street intersection, which allows access via Commerce Drive, from Legion Road.

The Town of Denton has received a significant increase in residential development with little corresponding commercial growth. While a number of commercial development projects are in the planning stages, the Planning Commission remains concerned about this trend and recommends that the Council implement policies that will encourage balanced growth going forward. The ultimate goal should be to foster local job growth to complement and support our growing population.

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

Denton Public Works . . .

Sulfur Facts

Why does my water smell like rotten eggs? The “rotten egg” smell that occasionally comes from your faucet is likely hydrogen sulfide. Hydrogen sulfide (commonly called sulfur) odors often present themselves in a homeowner’s hot water. Sulfur is a mineral, which like many other minerals, exists in the ground, and is dissolved in the well long before being pumped out of the ground. Even though this odor is a nuisance, the water is safe for consumption with low levels of sulfur.

What can I do to help control the odor? There are several different steps you can take to help alleviate the odor. The first thing to try is to turn on the hot water throughout your home and let the water run until cold. Doing this flushes out the water heater and will eventually lessen the odor. You may have to do this more than once, and you may need to do it periodically to keep the tank flushed out. Another thing you can try is to have a plumber remove the magnesium corrosion rod from your water tank, and replace it with an aluminum rod. The factory installed magnesium rod in water heaters causes the dissolved sulfur to precipitate into a gas, causing the odor at the faucet. Water heater chlorination can also be done, however if you are unsure of how to do this, you should hire a qualified plumber.

Why does the cold water smell like sulfur as well as the hot water? Chances are you smell the remnants

of the hot water, and if you allow the cold faucet to run longer, the odor should disappear. Your outside faucets are plumbed directly to cold water, and there likely will not be a sulfur smell on those faucets. That will help you to determine if the source is your water heater.

What if the odor does not go away? Please feel free to contact Mark Chandler at 410-479-5446 to discuss the problem you are having. Even though we will not be able to enter your home and work on your plumbing, we will gladly discuss the issue with you and provide you with as much information as possible on how to alleviate the odor.



Is Town water safe to drink? Denton Public Works takes all measures necessary to provide Town residents with safe water that is free from objectionable odors, tastes, and color. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment set stringent levels of regulation for Town water. Daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual water samples are monitored. Please see the annual water quality report for details on what parameters are tested and the lab results.

For more information on water quality and testing requirements, please visit www.dentonpublicworks.com/water/sulfur_facts, www.mde.state.md.us or www.epa.gov/safewater.

Prevent Sewer Back-ups

A back-up of sewage through the drains in your home or business is an unpleasant prospect. Fortunately there are some steps you can take to help reduce the back-ups.

Wastewater flows through the small sewer pipes in your home and on your property to the larger Town-owned lines in the street. From there the sewage travels by gravity or pumping stations to the wastewater treatment plant. The flow to the plant is continuous, having peaks in the morning and evening. Each day thousands of gallons of wastewater safely reaches our plant and after treatment, is returned to the environment.

Unfortunately, a blockage in the sewer line can interfere with this normally quiet, out-of-sight process. A blockage in your private line or the Town line can cause a back-up through floor drains and toilets at the lowest point in your home or business. The back-up will continue, even causing an overflow, until the blockage is removed or until sewage is no longer entering the line.

If an overflow occurs, call 410-479-2050 during normal business hours. If your sewer cleanout near the street is accessible, Town personnel will be able to determine if the blockage is in the resident’s line or the Town’s line. If the blockage is in the Town’s line, our personnel will be able to break the blockage ending the back-up.

What Causes a Sewer Back-up? Anything which should not be in a sewer line has the potential of causing a blockage. Kitchen grease, disposable diapers, and sanitary napkins can accumulate and cause a blockage. Tree roots seeking moisture can grow through cracks in the lines causing a blockage. Illegal hookups allow excess water into the lines. Outside stairwell drains,

sump pumps, roof leaders, and drain gutters should never be connected to the sewer system. A sewer system is designed to carry a predetermined amount of sewage. Rain water not only overloads the system, but also raises the cost of the treatment system.

What Can I Do to Prevent Back-ups? A few simple Do’s and Don’ts to protect your property:

DON’T put diapers or sanitary napkins in the toilet.

DON’T dispose of grease down the drain.

DON’T plant trees near sewer lines.

DON’T connect any drains or sump pumps to the sewer system.

DO install a plumber’s test plug at the lowest floor drain in your home.

DO hire a plumber to install a backflow valve on the lowest drain line. Regularly inspect and maintain the valve.

DO replace broken or missing cleanout caps to help prevent debris and rainwater from entering the line.

DO check your homeowner’s insurance policy. If you are not covered for back-ups, call your agent for information on costs and coverage options.

Legislation passed by the 2008 Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2008, requires all homeowner insurers to offer water and sewer backup coverage. Despite the most rigorous maintenance program, unavoidable occurrences happen that may cause a backup. Homeowners can protect themselves from unavoidable backups that may occur by purchasing the coverage which must be offered by their homeowner insurer.

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Set your clocks
ahead 1 hour
before you go
to bed
Saturday
March 7th



Denton Public Works
dentonpublicworks.com

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Do You Know Where Your Cleanout Is? You should familiarize yourself with your cleanout location. The cleanout is a vertical pipe located near the property line that rises from your sewer line to ground level and is capped. As a property owner, you are responsible for your cleanout. If the cleanout is buried, a registered

plumber should be able to locate and raise it for you. The cleanout is used by Town crews to determine whether a stoppage occurred on the homeowner's side or the Town's side of the sewer lateral.

Check out the Denton Public Works website at www.dentonpublicworks.com.

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turn. The operator was identified as Thomas. A check of MVA records revealed that Thomas' license was suspended for failing to pay a citation or failing to appear in District Court as directed. Thomas was issued a citation at the scene and released on her signature.

Date: 01/25/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 500 block MARKET ST.

Denton Police charged Leeann Dean, 28, of Denton, with driving on suspended license. Police responded to the 500 block of Market Street for a reported motor vehicle collision. Police learned that Dean was operating a 1999 Ford Explorer when it struck a parked motor vehicle. No one was injured. A check of MVA records revealed that Dean's privilege to drive in MD was suspended for failing to pay a citation or appear in court as directed. Dean was issued a citation at the scene and released on her signature.

Date: 01/27/2009

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 500 block Market St.

Denton Police are investigation a theft. Richard Tuneff reported that person(s) unknown removed a white wicker chair from his front porch. The chair is valued at \$20.00.

Date: 01/27/2009

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: N. Sixth St.

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Christian Schultz reported that person(s) unknown removed a girls, pink in color, Mongoose bike from his residence. The bike is valued at \$140.00.

Date: 01/28/2009

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 1600 block Blue Heron Dr.

Denton Police arrested Kevin Cahall, 25, of Federalsburg, for second degree assault. Police were contacted by Tiffany Collins, 22, of Denton, who reported that she had been assaulted by Cahall. Police noted injuries consistent with Collins' report. Cahall had left the scene prior to police arriving. Cahall was arrested without incident later that same evening and charged with one count of second degree assault. Cahall was released on personal recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 01/29/2009

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 200 block S. Second St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Mevludin Kadric reported that person(s) unknown cut two (2) tires on a 2000 Ford and two (2) tires on a 2001 Chrysler that were parked at the rear of Kadric's residence. Total loss is estimated at \$400.00.

Date: 01/29/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: S. Second Street

Denton Police charge Fletcher Wheat, 21, of Denton, for driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 1994 Chevrolet traveling south on S. Second Street in the area of Randolph Street (that area of S. Second is one way traveling south to north). The vehicle was stopped and the operator was identified as Wheat. Wheat was unable to produce a driver's license when requested and advised that his license may be suspended. A check of MVA records revealed that Wheat's privilege to drive had been suspended for failing

to pay child support. Wheat was issued a citation at the scene and released on his signature.

Date: 01/29/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: N Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Donna Dowling, 39, of Denton, with driving on a suspended license. Police stopped a 2006 Chevrolet for an equipment violation and identified the operator as Dowling. A check of MVA records revealed that Dowling's privilege to drive had been suspended due to a reciprocity violation. Dowling was issued a citation at the scene and released on her signature.

Date: 01/31/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 600 block Legion Rd.

Denton Police charged James Getson, 26, of Easton, with driving on a suspended license. Police stopped a 2002 Ford pickup for speeding (49 mph in a 25 mph zone) on Legion Road near Shore Highway and identified the operator as Getson. Getson was unable to produce a driver's license when requested. A check of MVA records revealed that Getson's privilege to drive had been suspended for failing to attend driver improvement classes. Getson was issued a citation at the scene and released on his signature.

Date: 02/01/2009

Classification: Burglary 3rd Degree

Location: 500 block S. Second St.

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Laura Kampmeyer reported that sometime between January 31, 2009 at 1:00 a.m. and February 1, 2009 at 3 p.m. person(s) unknown forced entry into her residence and went through several cabinets and drawers. Nothing was reported stolen.

Date: 02/02/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Market St.

Denton Police charged Amy Stubbs, 27, of Greensboro, with driving on a suspended license. Police stopped a 1983 Lincoln for failing to stop at a stop sign at Market and Gay Streets

and identified the driver as Stubbs. Stubbs was unable to produce a driver's license on request. A check of MVA records revealed that Stubbs' license was suspended. Stubbs was issued citation for driving suspended and failing to stop at a stop sign and released on her signature of those citations.

Date: 02/03/2009

Classification: Driving w/o license

Location: 700 block N. Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Mark Green, 36, of Denton, with driving without a license. Police stopped a 1983 Lincoln for failing to stop at the stop sign when exiting Goose Creek parking lot onto Greensboro Road and identified the operator as Green. A check of MVA records revealed that Green did not possess a driver's license. Green was issued a citation for driving with out a license and released at the scene.

Date: 02/03/2009

Classification: CDS: Possess-Not Marihuana

Location: 600 block N. Sixth St.

Denton Police arrested Amy Stubbs, 27, of Greensboro, for possession of suspected CDS. Police stopped a 1983 Lincoln for failing to stop at a stop sign. During the course of that stop a plastic baggie that contained suspected marihuana was observed on the passenger floor. The passenger, who was identified as Stubbs, was removed from the vehicle and searched. That search revealed four (4) pills that were identified as methadone. Stubbs did not have a prescription for the medication. Stubbs was charged with possession of suspected CDS and was ordered released on her own recognizance by a District Court Commissioner after an initial appearance hearing.

Anyone with information regarding any of the above matters is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or via e-mail at tips@todpolice.com.



Denton Main Street . . .

Denton's Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee

In an effort to preserve the Denton Main Street's commercial future, Denton's Main Street Manager, Ann Jacobs, created a diverse team for discussion on its Economic Restructuring. The goal of the discussion was to introduce new members and to become familiar with the responsibilities of the Economic Restructuring Committee and how it fits into the Main Street Program. The Main Street Program has a "Four point approach; 1. Economic Restructuring (to improve its economic stability); 2. Design (to maintain Denton's rich historical attributes and visual appeal); 3. Organization (to come together and work towards the same vision); and 4. Promotion (to attract visitors to its area). The Economic Restructuring Committee will focus Denton's Economic Goals for 2009 to include a market analysis and identification of existing businesses and spaces for potential new businesses. During the meeting, the Economic Team

elects Ummu Bradley Thomas as its Committee Chair. The purpose of the Committee Chair is to recruit members, run meetings, and organize work plans. As part of its goals, the committee will choose Chairs for its Business Recruitment Subcommittee and for its Business Retention Subcommittee. The Committee encourages aspiring business owners to contact Ann Jacobs at the Main Street Office located at 15 North Third Street to discover how Downtown Denton Main Street, Inc. can help promote their potential business venture on the Main Street. The Main Street is an excellent location to open a variety of businesses as it boasts beautiful historic landmarks such as its courthouse and waterfront marina.

The Economic Restructuring Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, at the Main Street Office.

Cindy Draper & Associates Offers Workshops

Cindy Draper & Associates is offering workshops for improvement of body, mind and spirit.

On Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cindy and her associate Karen Potter will be offering couples massage, a class that will teach a basic relaxation massage. Couples will learn techniques to promote relaxation, improve blood circulation, and soften muscle spasms. There will be a half hour lunch break, please bring a bag lunch. Pre – registration and \$50.00 per couple fee required in advance.

Join Donna Connell Wednesday, April 8 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a reflexology workshop – an introduction to the

basics. Reflexology is a science that deals with the principle that there are reflex areas in the hands and feet that correspond to all the glands and organs of the body. Reflexology relieves stress and tension, improves blood supply, promotes the unblocking of nerve impulses, and helps our bodies to achieve homeostasis. Pre – registration and \$25.00 fee required in advance.

Cindy Draper and Cindy Spicer are offering Level I Reiki Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre – registration and \$100.00 fee required in advance.

For more information and to register please call Cindy Draper & Associates (410) 479-0596.

3rd Annual Denton Spring Gala

On Saturday, May 2nd, Downtown Denton Main Street will be hosting the 3rd Annual Spring Gala, an adult progressive fundraising event supporting downtown Denton. This year's event will feature regional artists, live music, Clydesdale horse-carriage rides, wine and beer tastings, restaurants, and a silent auction.

This year's event will begin at Third and Market Streets. Guests can then stroll or take a carriage ride to more than 20 merchants and restaurants that will be featuring art, food and spirits. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m.

Featured artwork at Denton's Spring Gala will include paintings and drawings, artisan jewelry, hand-crafted pottery and more. The evening will also feature an extensive silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

For the wine connoisseur, Boordy Vineyards will be hosting a wine tasting at the Museum of Rural Life. Local wine aficionado George Sands will be speaking on a selection of his favorite frugal wines. Eastern Shore Brewing, a local brewery from St. Michaels, will also be hosting a beer-tasting where guests can sample craft-brewed beer.

Featured musical performances of the evening include Comfort Zone and the Boys of Bay Hundred. For those looking to extend their evening past 9, The Guthrie Matthews Method will be playing at the Market Street Public House following the Spring Gala.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, and are available through Downtown Denton Main Street. For more information, contact Main Street Manager Ann Jacobs at 410-479-4315 or ann@downtowndenton.com.



Denton Spring Gala

13th Annual Caroline County Friends of Hospice Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1, 2009

Caroline Country Club
Denton, MD

For Information
Contact Joyce Moore at
Centreville National Bank
877-758-1600

○ \$10,000 for hole-in-one
(restrictions apply)

○ Gift Baskets

Main Street Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wondered how you can contribute to revitalize the Denton Main Street commercial district? If so, you can assist in a variety of ways by becoming a Downtown Denton Main Street Volunteer. The Denton Main Street program is volunteer-driven and its Economic Restructuring Committee is seeking four residents to appoint to the following positions: Economic Newsletter Editor, Economic Team Secretary, Economic Fundraiser, and an Economic Team Web Developer. The positions require a less than three hour donation per month and a one-hour monthly meeting. The appointment terms are one year. Interested candidates should contact Denton's Main Street Manager Ann Jacobs by email at ann@downtowndenton.com. These appointments are vital to the success of the Main Street Program and its four key area's 1. Economic Restructuring (to improve its

economic stability), 2. Design (to maintain Denton's rich historical attributes and visual appeal), 3. Organization (to come together and work towards the same vision), and 4. Promotion (to attract visitors to its area). Volunteers are essential to the success of the Denton Main Street program. The Committee also encourages aspiring business owners to contact Ann Jacobs at the Main Street Office located at 15 South Third Street to discover how Downtown Denton Main Street, Inc. can help promote their potential business venture in Downtown Denton. Downtown Denton is an excellent location to open a variety of businesses as it boasts beautiful historic landmarks such as its courthouse and waterfront marina. The Economic Restructuring Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on March 12, 2009 at the Main Street Office.

What is a Food Cooperative?

Blades Orchard is starting something new and we want you to be part of it. It is a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) or Food Cooperative.

WHAT IS IT?

Locally grown food supplied weekly throughout the growing season (20 weeks). There is a one-time fee for your produce this year.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Save money and provide input regarding what will be planted this spring. You are directly connected with the local growers and other consumers that are looking for a better way to get good produce. You pick up your produce weekly at the orchard or other designated locations including the Denton Farmers Market and Cambridge Farmers Market.

WHAT DON'T YOU DO?

Wonder where your produce was shipped from or how long it took to reach your family. You don't buy produce at the grocery store.

HOW DO YOU GET

INVOLVED?

E-mail us at bladesorchard@bladesorchard.com and we will send you information about our first meeting along with the fee schedule.

WHY?

This is less expensive than store bought produce. You will be part of a group of people just like you. We all want to save money while giving our family the best food possible

We are offering two types of shares, a Full Share and a Half Share. A Full Share is \$400 and is enough produce to feed a family of 4-5 people weekly for 20 weeks. A Half Share is \$200 and enough produce to feed a smaller household weekly for 20 weeks.

Reserve a share for your family by March 15th. Planting begins in March. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information please email Blades Orchard at bladesorchard@bladesorchard.com.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Volunteers at work in hospices are an essential part of the hospice philosophy of care which recognizes that dying is not just a medical event but a personal one as well.

Volunteers are important members of an interdisciplinary team working to "deinstitutionalize" the dying experience and provide a more humane system of care for the dying and their families.

Often the most important thing a hospice volunteer can do is just "be there" for patients to reassure them they are not alone, to hold a hand, to offer a smile, or to just listen.

Volunteers needed at Caroline Hospice Foundation:

Patient Care Volunteers: Provide hands-on personal care to residents at Caroline Home for Hospice.

Patient Companion Volunteers: Provide companionship to

residents at Caroline Home for Hospice and also in patient's homes.

Patient Sitter Volunteers: Sit with patients in their homes to provide respite to patient caregivers. Also needed at Caroline Home for Hospice in the afternoons.

Bereavement Volunteers: Work with Bereavement Counselor to provide grief support to families that have lost a loved one. Includes making phone calls and visits to the grieving person.

Fundraising Volunteers: Work with Fundraising Committee to plan and execute fundraising events. New ideas are always welcome.

Volunteer training is provided at no cost to the volunteer. Please call Lynn Davis, Hospice Services Manager at 410-479-3500 for more information.



Caroline Hospice Foundation Information & Upcoming Events

Friday, March 14 Blue Jeans Ball Wear your jeans and dance the night away. We need a place and a D.J. Can you assist us? If so please call 410-479-3500.

Caroline Hospice to host a Homes Tour. Calling all homeowners. Interested in showing your home? Caroline Hospice is planning a Homes Tour this spring. If you would like to have your home included in the Homes Tour, please contact the Hospice House. Tick-

ets, tour, & refreshments \$10 All for the Benefit of Hospice.

For more information about these or upcoming events please contact the Hospice House at 410-479-3500.

The success of the Hospice House is dependent upon the donations of individuals and corporate sponsors. We do not receive funds from any other source. If you can volunteer or donate please contact the Caroline Home for Hospice.

Hospice Positions Available

A paid part-time caregiver is sought to work in the Caroline Home for Hospice Patient Care Wing. This wing serves 3 residents. The position requires flexibility to work overnight and day shifts as needed. \$8.00 per hour. Please make application in person at Caroline Home for Hospice, 613 South 5th Ave., Denton.

Volunteer opportunities are also available to benefit Hospice patients in the community as well as at the Caroline Home for Hospice. For more information on volunteer positions please contact Lynn Davis at 410-479-3500.

Comp. Plan from page 6

See notice on page 6 calling for volunteers to join a Citizen Advisory Committee .

The following is a synopsis of Maryland Department of Planning documentation on comprehensive planning:

Comprehensive Plans
determine how residents want their community to function and grow. Once adopted, zoning regulations are redrafted to govern the type of land uses permitted and how they can be configured on the land.

The Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act of 1992 (the Growth Act) requires jurisdictions to periodically review their Comprehensive Plans and implementation measures. The Growth Act requires all jurisdictions, at intervals of no more than six years, to review and, if necessary, update the Plan. Implementation regulations that are consistent with the updated Plan, such as revised zoning and subdivision laws, should also be adopted.

Good planning is not the result of a static document, but is rather a continued reflection upon the Plan's actual results and whether those results are satisfactory to the community and consistent with the Plan.

The six year update is an opportunity to take stock of current conditions, plan actions to correct problems, and determine ways to capitalize on assets. Assessing the Plan creates opportunities to evaluate Plan goals and objectives, address new development issues, access new data, expand plan elements, integrate with other local plans, and integrate the Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation initiatives.

Evaluate Plan Goals and Objectives

Reviewing Plan goals, objectives, and policies will help determine if desired results are being achieved. An inventory of successes and failures can lead to recommendations for corrective measures where weaknesses or deficiencies are noted.

Address New Development

Issues

Look at new development issues, such as cellular towers and "big box" stores, which may now, or soon will, face the community. Reassess the validity of the Plan's recommendations in the face of contemporary development issues to ensure that the Plan adequately addresses these issues and that resulting development is consistent with the Plan's overall vision. There may be trends that the locality wants to accommodate. For example, zoning for home occupations can address growth in home-based technology jobs. Aging baby boomers with "empty" large homes have potential to provide a supply of accessory apartments as part of an affordable housing strategy.

Access New Data

Examine more current data such as population estimates and data from new sources, such as the last Census. Are the population projections in the Plan still accurate?

Expand Plan Elements

Broaden existing Plan elements to enhance their effectiveness. For example, the 1992 Growth Act requires a Sensitive Areas Element which establishes policies to protect streams and their buffers, 100-year floodplains, habitats of threatened and endangered species, and steep slopes. A jurisdiction can include other types of sensitive areas that may need protection such as greenways, scenic vistas, geologic features, well head areas, and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (CBCA). Recently enacted legislation requires a Growth Element and a Water Resources Element

Integrate with Other Local Plans

Revisiting the Comprehensive Plan provides an opportunity to coordinate and integrate its goals, policies, and recommendations with other local plans and programs. For example, a local government can simultaneously evaluate its CBCA Program for consistency with elements of the Plan. Periodic and concurrent updates to both documents can ensure a coordinated

approach to land management and sensitive areas protection.

The Water and Sewerage Plan and Educational Facilities Master Plan are examples of other important documents that should be considered as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Incorporate New Plan Elements

Include new elements which are not in the Plan. For example, although not required, a Housing Element is an important component for sound growth management. A Plan should address a number of housing issues including location, type, condition, affordability, and community design. Another optional element is a Community Revitalization Strategy, which can serve as a catalyst to reclaim deteriorating areas. A Neighborhood Business Element in the Plan can support eligibility for State incentives and programs. A Land Use - Transportation Element can improve integration of these two major growth management forces.

Integrate the 1997 Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation Initiatives

Build on the Visions for Maryland's future by incorporating Smart Growth principles into the Plan. Smart Growth strengthens the State's ability to influence growth

and enhance older developed areas. It also offers voluntary programs for growth and rural conservation. A local government that incorporates a foundation for Smart Growth into a revised Plan can take advantage of State funding and regulatory initiatives intended for both growth and resource protection.

Priority Funding Areas

The Smart Growth Areas Act targets growth-related State infrastructure funding to "Priority Funding Areas" (PFAs). These areas typically have, or are planned for, significant infrastructure investment. In the plan update process, a jurisdiction can include data and policy support for the location and certification of PFAs.

Special Municipal Considerations

The Smart Growth Areas Act significantly affects a municipality's relationship with the State, its county, and school board. A municipality can, for example, certify new PFAs to the State for land annexed after January 1, 1997; conduct a land capacity and demand analysis, particularly infill capacity and redevelopment potential; adopt adequate facility standards for schools; and participate in education planning coordination with the school board and county.

Leaf Collection from page 1

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 17 through April 27, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST
AUGUST 14TH & 15TH 2009
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RESTAURANT GUIDE

A guide to local dining in Denton, Maryland

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 - * Catering
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Denton Restaurants

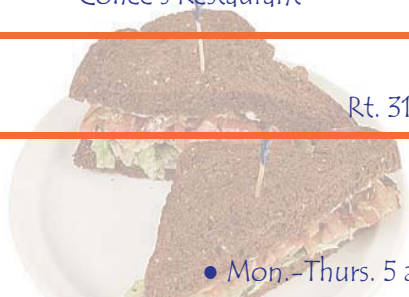
Arby's at Goose Creek
 Sub Station & Pizza at Bargain Beverage
 Bullock's Deli
 Burger King
 China House
 Cindy's Country Store
 Cohee's Restaurant

Colosseum Pizza & Subs
 Domino's Pizza
 Dunkin' Donuts
 Emerson House Restaurant
 Firehouse Coffee
 Joe's Hoagie House & Catering
 Lily Pad Cafe & Catering

Market Street Public House
 McDonald's
 Pizza Hut
 S & R Family Restaurant
 Snappy's Bar & Grill
 Subway
 Susie's Seafood

Arby's

Rt. 313 & 404 • 410-479-9420 • Dine-in & Drive-Thru



Bullock's Deli

422 N. Sixth St.
 410-479-0270

• Mon.-Thurs. 5 a.m.- 9 p.m. • Fri.-Sat. 5 a.m.- 11p.m. • Sunday 6 a.m.- 9p.m.

Bullock's Deli has been owned and operated by Rick and BJ Bullock, of Denton, since March 1, 1976. The store began with cold food, gas, lottery, convenience items and friendly service. Over the last 5 years they have added a grill, ice cream parlor with jukebox, 50's style dining area, lottery bar and many conversation pieces they have picked up through their travels. The atmosphere is fun, laid back, anything goes! Though they have added many additions to their business one thing has never changed: friendly service. They truly enjoy seeing their customers everyday!

Breakfast Served All Day!

Our famous breakfast links	2.50
Scrapple, Egg & Cheese	3.29
Sausage, Egg & Cheese	3.29
Bacon, Egg & Cheese	3.49
Pancakes	3.49
French Toast	3.49
Chipped Beef & Gravy	3.89
Home Fries	2.50

Hot Subs

	small	large
Cheese Steaks	5.49	8.99
Chicken Cheese Steaks	5.49	8.99
Cheese Burger Sub	5.49	8.99
Belly Buster (fish)		8.99

Foot Long Hot Dog

3.99

Cold Sandwiches

Our Famous Cold Cut	4.99	7.99
Turkey	4.99	7.99
Roast Beef	4.99	7.99
Ham	4.99	7.99

Hot Sandwiches

Cheese Burger (all angus beef)	4.59
Bacon Cheese Burger	4.89
Grilled Reuben	5.29
Chicken Filet	4.89
BLT	3.59

* all prices subject to change

We Also Have

Fried Chicken
 Buffalo Wing Trays
 Crab Cakes
 Fried Shrimp
 Deli Trays
 Vegetable Trays
 Salads made fresh daily

Desserts

Ice Cream

Many flavors of hand dipped ice cream
 Soft Serve with Flavor Burst
 Banana Splits
 Sundaes (create your own!)
 Milkshakes
 Soda Floats
 Ice Cream Cakes and much more!

Burger King

Rt. 313 & 404
 410-479-9596

- Dine-In, • Drive Thru,
- Indoor Play Place

China House

16 Denton Plaza
 410-479-3595

- Appetizers • Soup • Carry-Out

Cohee's Restaurant

Rt. 404 South of Denton
 410-479-1151

- Dine-In

Colosseum Pizza & Subs

14 Denton Plaza
 410-479-4600

- Fine Dining • Casual Dining
- Carry-Out
- Pizza • Salads • Subs • Pasta
- Seafood

Cindy's Country Store

Rt. 313 & Rt. 404
 410-479-0088

- Open 7 Days a Week
- Breakfast Sandwiches
- Sandwiches • Salads • Soup
- Carry-Out

Domino's Pizza

28 Denton Plaza
 410-479-5600

- Delivery • Carry-Out
- Pizza • Sandwiches



Dunkin' Donuts

Legion Rd. & Rt. 404
410-479-5408

- Drive-Thru • Dine-In
- Donuts • Coffee • Pastries
- Breakfast Sandwiches

Subway

Legion Rd. & Rt. 404
• Dine-In • Carry-Out

Snappy's Bar & Grill

3234 Legion Rd
(next to Rose's)

- 410-479-5660
• Dine-In • Carry-Out

Firehouse Coffee

300 Market St.
410-479-0880

- Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Open Until 10 p.m. during special downtown events.



Firehouse Coffee, owned and operated by professional firefighters & family, opened on April 16, 2007. Firehouse Coffee Captain Gregory Socks, a local resident of Denton, Linda Redfern Socks, his wife, and Lieutenant Gregory Junghans are the owners. Firehouse Coffee is a unique coffee café!

While visiting Firehouse Coffee, you can sit and relax inside, outside, and all around while listening to great music of many genres. The owners want to make your visit a memorable and comfortable one, just as if you were sitting at the fire house. The walls have a variety of old and new fire department related pictures, awards, an autographed sign from the sign crew on Ladder 49", and other items to view. You can see an old "Call Box" on the wall given by a Chief, an out-of-service ladder, which serves as a magazine rack, old fire department helmets that grace the menu board, pictures of actual fires, and more.

Firehouse Coffee provides bagged coffee beans and ground coffee for home machines. The menu has expanded to include Italian Panini hot off the grill.

All and all, Linda and both Gregs hope to have an early retirement from putting out fires and moving to hot items, such as coffee. They are offering Denton a place to mingle, drink coffee, tea, fruit smoothies and eat great pastries or wraps. They also provide gift cards! Oh! The leather chairs are so comfy; you will swear you are in the firehouse.

MENU ITEMS INCLUDE: Caprese Vegetarian Panini, Spicy Roast Beef Panini, Sizzling Italian Panini, and Turkey Delight Panini all on Ciabatta bread. Also available: Turkey, Chicken Salad, and Tuna Sandwiches.

Joe's Hoagie House & Catering

601 N. Sixth St
(next to Pizza Hut)
410-479-3384

Locally owned and operated by the Caccoanle Family for over 28 years.

- Hot & Cold Hoagies • Fresh Dough Pizza • Lasagna • Baked Ziti • Stuffed Shells • Spaghetti & Meatballs • And More
- Custom Dinners for 4 or Families for pick-up

Lily Pad Cafe & Catering LLC

104 S. 2nd St.
410-479-0700

- Lunch: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Dinner: Friday & Saturday 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- On & off premise catering • Lunch Delivery with \$50.00 minimum • Dine in or Carry Out



Joann and her husband Vic, who is a native to Caroline County, have been living in Denton since 1992. They have two sons, Jake who is currently serving in the USCG and Luke who will graduate this year from NCHS. Although they know 2009 will be a transition year, they are very excited and proud to be the owners and operators of The Lily Pad Café & Catering. It is their intention to make The Lily Pad a premier location for Weddings, Anniversary & Birthday Parties, Reunions, Fundraisers and Banquets, all while serving a top notch lunch Monday through Saturday. Customer Service is number 1!

Menu Items: • Lily Pad Salad-Mixed Greens topped w/our Chicken Salad, walnuts, cranberries & Gorgonzola Cheese
• Black Dog-Roast Beef on Ciabatta with Caramelized onion, roasted red peppers, portobello mushrooms and melted provolone cheese • Sanfe Fe Wrap-Black Beans, corn, sweet peppers, avocado, lettuce tomato and cheese • Oven Roasted Turkey Reuben-Served with sauerkraut and cheese on grilled pumpkinnickle • Oven Roasted Turkey, Cheddar & Cranberry-Pecan Sandwich on Croissant

Market Street Public House

200 Market St.
410-479-4720

- Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
- Sunday Brunch • Live Entertainment
- Bar • Dine-In • Carry-Out

McDonald's

Rt 404 & 313
410-820-7972

- Drive-Thru • Dine-In
- Indoor Childrens Play Area

Pizza Hut

Rt. 313 & Rt. 404
410-479-1311

- Delivery • Carry-Out • Dine-In

S & R Family Restaurant

14 Denton Plaza
410-479-2824

- Family dining at its best

Sub Station & Pizza

(at Barbain Beverage)
100 Franklin St
410-479-2215

- Sub Sandwiches • Pizza • Salads
- Soup of the Day • Chili
- Carry-Out

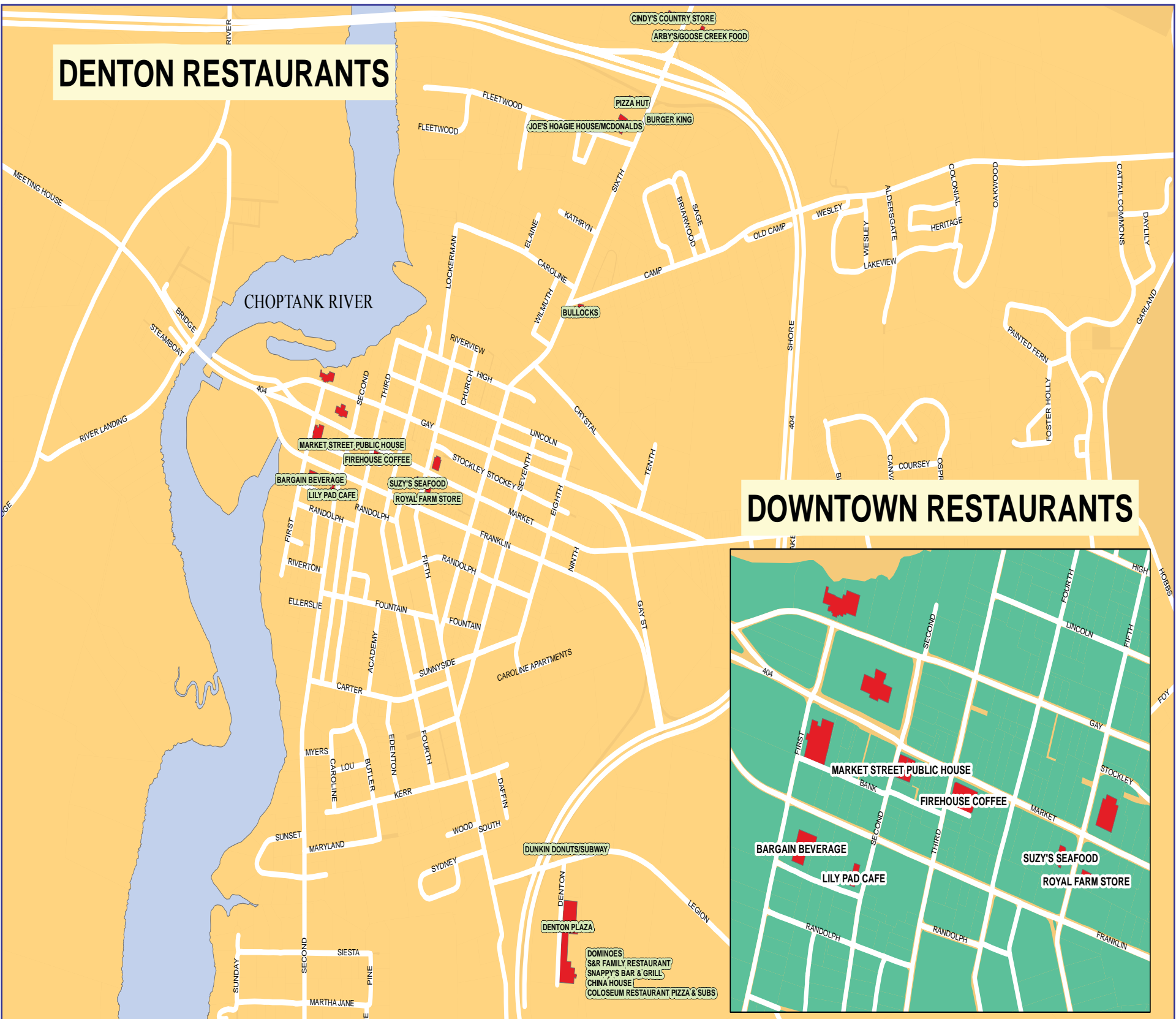
Susie's Seafood

4 S. 5th Ave
410-479-3922

- Lunch Specials • Carry-Out
- Seafood Market

DENTON RESTAURANTS

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS



DOMINOES
S&R FAMILY RESTAURANT
SNAPPY'S BAR & GRILL
CHINA HOUSE
COLOSEUM RESTAURANT PIZZA & SUBS

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constructed by the property owner, the Ordinance directs the Council to establish a special taxing district for this purpose.

Infrastructure in process or completed in 2008

- Market Street infrastructure repairs from 3rd Street east to Gay Street was completed
- Fifth Avenue infrastructure improvements design complete with project commencement pending funding
- Construction of Well #6 on Camp Road design complete; project pending need assessment and / or funding
- Expansion of the lift station at the Wastewater Treatment Facility is under design
- North Denton Phase I infrastructure repairs for High Street and Lockerman Street is underway
- Lockerman Pump Station completed
- Replacement of sewer line on N. Third Street between High & Lincoln Street completed

Pending Infrastructure

- Municipal building design underway; potential for project to commence upon receipt of funding

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

**Town of Denton
Planning Commission**

Planning Commission Members, 2008

Doris Walls, Chairperson
 Valerie Miller
 Dean Danielson
 William Quick
 Ummu Bradley Thomas (appointed 08/08)
 Jake Holmes (resigned 6/08)

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

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

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

- Review, evaluate, and approve or disapprove plans for subdivisions, and mobile home subdivisions in accordance with the Denton Zoning Ordinance and Denton Subdivision Ordinance.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council

regarding proposed changes or amendments to the Denton Comprehensive Plan.

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

The following represents action taken by the Planning Commission during calendar year 2008:

Subdivision/Site Plan Approval: The Planning Commission reviewed twelve (12) site plans, three (3) major subdivisions, and one (1) minor subdivision. Major subdivisions cannot proceed to final subdivision approval until the water/sewer allocation is reviewed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (coordinated through Caroline County). One (1) major subdivision and one (1) minor subdivision were granted final approval. In addition, three (3) concept plans and two (2) Board of Appeals applications were reviewed.

There were five (5) administrative site plans and seven (7) administrative line revisions approved at staff level. Concept plans that age more than four months before returning to the Planning Commission for preliminary review are required to resubmit as concept plans before moving forward. Administrative site plans and line revisions are handled at staff level and reviewed at Planning Commission level at the discretion of the Director of Planning and Codes.

Annexations: No annexation petitions were filed during 2008.

Meetings: There were eleven (11) regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings, five (5) public hearings, two (2) special meetings and seven (7) training or working sessions.

**Town of Denton
Board of Appeals**

2008 Members

Florence Doherty, Chairperson
 Scott Brewster
 Frank Fluharty
 Michelle Wasson, Alternate (appointed 06/08)
 Barbara Porter, Alternate (term expired 05/08)

The three regular members and one alternate of the Board of Appeals are appointed by the Town Council. They serve as a citizen review board for conditional uses, variances, and appeals cases. The Board of Appeals holds public hearings and open meetings at the call of the Chairperson and at other times, as deemed necessary by the members of the Board.

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Hearings and meetings are both held in the Town of Denton’s Hearing Room at 13 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland.

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

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

In 2008, the Board of Appeals scheduled four (4) public hearings and reviewed three (3) cases. These cases consisted of three (3) requests for variances and one (1) special exception request which was not reviewed due to the applicant’s absence.

Town of Denton Historic and Architectural Review Commission

2008 Members

- Kathy A. Mackel, Chairperson
- Richard Peterson
- Melissa Jones
- Damian Dowdall (appointed 04/08)
- Ray Claytor (appointed 04/08)

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

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

- Maintain and update an inventory of historic resources within the Town.
- Review applications for designation of or removal of Historic Overlay Zones, and to forward recommendations to the Mayor and Council who will approve or disapprove the designation of or removal of a Historic Overlay Zone.
- Review and process applications for Historic Area Work Permits.

- Make recommendations to the Planning Commission on courses of action in the event of subdivision of land within a Historic Overlay Zone as it relates to the preservation of the historic resource, of the architectural setting, and of the environmental setting in which the resource is located.
- Review any legislation and proposal affecting historic preservation, including preparation of master plans, and to make recommendations on said legislation and proposals to the appropriate authorities.
- Research Town historic resources and recommend applicable sites and structures to the Mayor and Council for designation as Historic Overlay Zone(s).
- Serve as a clearinghouse for information on historic preservation for Town government, individuals, citizens’ associations, historical societies, and local advisory committees; provide information and educational materials for the public; and, undertake activities to advance the goals of historic preservation in the Town of Denton.
- Regularly inform the Maryland Historical Trust of addition or removal of Town Historic Overlay Zones and of new information or data found or researched regarding historic sites or structures in the town.
- Employ consultants or other temporary personnel, consistent with Town contract provisions, as deemed necessary to assist the Commission in the accomplishment of its functions.

The Historic and Architectural Review Commission held eight (8) regular meetings in 2008. The board reviewed eighteen (18) applications for various exterior improvements.

Map Amendments

(Rezoning Petitions and Critical Area Map Amendments)

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

With respect to critical area map amendments the Town Council can:

1. Elect to amend the critical area boundary or classification when

Denton Town Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2008 Regular Meeting

Mayor Foster called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present.

Councilman Clendaniel wanted to clarify from the November 3, 2008 meeting that the Gold Star Group represents the mothers and fathers of service men and women who have lost their lives while on active duty.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 working session, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Public Hearing

None

Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communication

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1- Holiday Schedule

This item was deferred during the November meeting so that Staff could pull together a cost for providing an extra holiday. The cost was provided to the Council.

Councilman Moore made a motion to close as a holiday on Christmas and New Years day and to close the day after Christmas and to have employees take their own leave time for that day, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 - AT&T Lease Amendment

Black Dot Wireless, who represents AT&T, requested an amendment to the lease agreement between the Town of Denton and

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (Owned by AT&T). This pertains to equipment installed on the Camp Road water tower. A copy of the letter explaining the reasons for the request from Black Dot Wireless was provided to the Council for review. Additional information related to the existing AT&T lease and all other lease agreements was included as well, per the Council's request at their last monthly meeting. The proposed AT&T amendment will result in reduced lease payments but for an extended term. Additionally if the Town Council approves the amendment, AT&T has agreed to wait until the beginning of the next fiscal year to implement the new agreement. The Public Works Director requests the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mr. Getchell, Director of Public Works, explained that under the present lease the rent is \$9,266 per year and it expires July 31, 2009. The proposed lease amendment would reduce the contract amount to \$7,788 per year, but extend the lease for a longer term arrangement and would begin July 1, 2009.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement amendment, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 Neighborhood Conservation Initiative

The Denton Town Council approved, at their November 3, 2008 meeting, for the Town to submit a preliminary application. Town staff is seeking direction from the Council on the potential to submit a final application. A meeting is scheduled with County personnel for the week of December 8th. The application would be submitted, if approved, through the County. The Maryland Rural Development Corporation is the non-profit partnering with the Town of Denton. MRDC will be administering the NCI program for Caroline County outside of the incorporated limits of Denton. A copy of the revised foreclosure mapping representing

the third quarter statistics and revised guidelines were provided to the Council along with a copy of the preliminary application.

Mrs. Fearins, the Town Administrator provided details on the program funding and what benefits Denton could receive by participating in this program.

Councilman Branson confirmed that if Denton were to choose not to apply, MRDC would include Denton in with the rest of the County when working and implementing.

Councilman Moore asked how staff would handle running the program. Mrs. Fearins advised that the Town would hire a contract employee to work on the program while funding was in place.

Councilman Moore and Councilman Clendaniel expressed concern about taking on the added administration.

Councilman Moore asked staff to find out what the Town's responsibilities would be.

Mayor Foster added that he did not want the Town to become realtors, and that the Town has enough to keep staff occupied.

Councilman Moore made a motion for MRDC to administer and for the Town to lend support, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #4 Dollar General Lot

The Town of Denton has received notice from Mr. Bill Maloney that he will not be preceding with the redevelopment of the 303 Market Street Property. Previously the Town Council had indicated that they would seek to repurchase the lot. Brynja Booth prepared an ordinance and contract to purchase for the Council's consideration.

Councilman Branson asked where the funding would come from to reacquire the property and staff advised that the Town would have to use money from the reserve fund. Once the property is resold the funding would be replaced.

Councilman Porter made a motion to introduce Ordinance #570 to repurchase the property at

\$63,000, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Agenda #5 – Boat Ramp Fee

Ms. Sue Simmons met with the Town Council at the November 17, 2008 working session. This item was placed on the agenda to see if the Town Council would like to further discuss the proposed fee.

The Mayor indicated that he would like to have discussion with the Town Attorney on this topic. An executive session will be scheduled for the January 2009 meeting.

Councilman Branson made a motion to table this item, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

New Business

Agenda #1 – Glenfield Critical Area Growth Allocation

The Council reviewed a request from Mr. Coile seeking Critical Area Growth Allocation for the Glenfield Subdivision. The Caroline County Commissioners voted on November 19, 2008 to approve the grant of Critical Area Growth Allocation from LDA to IDA to the Town of Denton. Mr. Coile is applying for an Amendment in the Critical Area District (§ 128-174) and a Change of the Official Zoning Map (§ 128-173).

The Town Attorney provided an overview of the growth allocation program and advised the Council to refer to the Planning Commission and Critical Area Commission for review and comments. Once reviewed and comments are received this will come back to the Council for consideration to adopt an ordinance and hold a public hearing.

Councilman Branson made a motion to refer to the Planning Commission and the Critical Area Commission, seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion Councilman Clendaniel asked how the developer decides what they are going to name the streets, expressing that he felt that they should be named after prominent Dentonians. The Town Administrator advised that Staff is currently working on pulling

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together a list of former Council members. The Town Attorney advised that the Developers would probably be open to this idea. There being no further discussion the Mayor called for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #2 - Planning Commission Alternate Appointment

Four applicants requesting appointment to the newly created Alternate position on the Planning Commission were reviewed by the Planning Commission and their recommendation was forwarded to the Town Council for consideration. Appointment would be for five years commencing from the effective date of appointment. The Director of Planning & Codes requested that an appointment be made and become effective January 1, 2009.

Councilman Branson made a motion to appoint Dr. Agnes Case to serve as an alternate on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 - Official Zoning Map Presentation

The Director of Planning & Codes, his staff, and the Town Attorney have reviewed all changes since the last Official Zoning Map (May 1999). The changes include all subsequent annexations, ordinance authorized parcel-specific zoning changes, error corrections, and removal of dual zoning on various single parcels.

William Kastning, Director of Planning and Codes, provided an overview of the current zoning maps, identifying all of the proposed changes, and requested the Town Council make a recommendation to forward to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendations. Upon Planning Commission review on January 27, 2009, the Town Council may wish to introduce an ordinance adopting the map on or after February 2, 2009. A public hearing must be held to address the proposed changes, after which the Town Council shall consider adoption of a revised Official Zoning Map on or after March 2, 2009.

Councilman Moore made a motion to update the map and to have the Planning Commission review and make recommendations, seconded by Councilman Branson. Additional discussion was held regarding possibly having a separate zoning for parks. With no further discussion the Mayor called for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #4 - Water and Sewer Allocation

Lane Engineer, LLC submitted a request for water and sewer allocation for Fearins Crossing Phase 2. The Town Council had previously approved the submission of an amendment to the County Water and Sewer Plan. This amendment had been approved by the County on June 24, 2008. The allocation is for 14 units and is at a rate of 3150.

Mr. Kastning advised that the development has already received approval, however, there was a lot of discussion at the Planning Commission level and it did not receive unanimous approval.

Councilman Porter made a motion to grant the water and sewer allocation because the project has met all of the requirements, seconded by Councilman Branson. The motion did not pass 2-3, with Councilmen Moore and Porter voting yes and Councilmen Branson, Clendaniel and Mayor Foster voting no.

Further discussion was held in which Councilman Branson raised a concern about denying the allocation and the ramifications and considered changing his vote. Discussion continued after which Councilman Branson decided to leave his vote as is and wait and see what happens. The motion stood.

Agenda #5 - Denton Police Dept. Capital Expenditure

Chief Cox is seeking authorization to spend capital funds in the amount of \$8,551.16 to purchase new tactical bullet resistant vests for the tactical team. Currently officers are using their issued concealable body armor they wear while on routine patrol to conduct special operations. The concealable body armor is less resistant to bullet penetration, covers less of the body, and is not

designed for high threat operations. The proposed body armor is more resistant to bullets, covers more of the body, and is designed for higher risk operations. Chief proposed to purchase a total of 6 vests.

Mayor Foster stated that he would like to discuss this in executive session along with some other issues and seek legal advice.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to table this agenda item to obtain some legal advice on police issues, seconded by Councilman Moore. The Mayor asked to have this item placed on the agenda for discussion with the boat ramp fees in executive session at the January meeting.

Councilman Branson thanked Mr. Kastning for a wonderful presentation on the zoning map and asked him to express appreciation to his staff for their work efforts in pulling this together.

Councilman Branson thanked Councilman Randy Moore for his time on the board.

Councilman Moore thanked his fellow Council members for being so nice to him and expressed thanks to the staff for working so well with him.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Branson made a motion at 8:49 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

January 5, 2009
Regular Meeting

Mayor Foster called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect that Councilman Branson was absent due to illness, the rest of the members were present.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2008 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 regular meeting, seconded by Mayor Foster, passing

unanimously.

Swearing in of New Denton Town Council Members

Conway Gregory was sworn into office to serve a two year term on the Denton Town Council by Councilman Robert Clendaniel.

John Foster was sworn into office to serve a five year term on the Denton Town Council by Councilman Robert Clendaniel.

Annual Election of Officers
Office of Mayor

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to appoint John Foster to serve as Mayor of the Denton Town Council for 2009, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Office of Vice Mayor

Councilman Gregory made a motion to appoint Robert Clendaniel to serve as Vice Mayor of the Denton Town Council for 2009, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Office of Mayor Pro-tem

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to appoint Lester Branson to serve as Mayor Pro-tem of the Denton Town Council for 2009, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect the installation of officers for 2009.

Public Hearing
Ordinance #570

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:11 p.m. to receive public comments on Ordinance #570; an Ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the purchase and acquisition of property located at 303 Market Street.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public – there were none.

A letter received from the Denton

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Development Corporation offering their support for the Town reacquiring the property was presented.

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:14p.m.

Petitions, Remonstrances, and CommunicationShore Health Systems Presentation

Mr. Joseph P. Ross, CEO, Shore Health System came before the Town Council to provide an update on the strategic planning of Shore Health System and answer questions about future plans and concerns.

FY2008 Financial Report Presentation

Mr. John Montoro of Cherry, Bekeart & Holland, the Town's Auditor, came before the Council to provide an overview of the Town's FY2008 Financial Report regarding the annual audit. Mr. Montoro advised that the review of the Town finances went smoothly and the Town was found in compliance with all laws.

Councilman Clendaniel took the opportunity to express appreciation and thanks to the Staff of the finance department and the Town Administrator for doing such a good job in keeping the Town's financial records in compliance.

Caroline County Hospice

Caroline County Hospice Director Linda Evans came before the Council to present a special invitation to the open house scheduled for Jan. 22, 2009. Mrs. Evans expressed appreciation for the Council's support.

Market St.

Mr. Yarber had previously asked for an opportunity to meet with the Council to discuss some issues on Market Street. Mr. Yarber was absent, the Council moved onto the next agenda item.

Ordinances and ResolutionsOrdinance #570

Ordinance #570 authorizes the purchase and acquisition of 303 Market Street. This ordinance was introduced at the December 1, 2008, Council meeting and was brought before the Town Council for

consideration of adoption.

Councilman Porter made a motion to adopt ordinance #570 to repurchase 303 Market St for \$63,000, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board, and Committees

None

Unfinished BusinessAgenda #1 Denton Police Dept. Capital Expenditure

This item was deferred at the request of Mayor Foster to be discussed in Executive Session later in the evening.

New BusinessAgenda #1 – Moratorium Ordinance #571

An Ordinance adopting a moratorium on the processing and approval of any residential floating zone, major subdivision, and any site plan which would permit development of more than three (3) residential dwelling units for a period of ten (10) months pending consideration and adoption of a revised Comprehensive Plan and such other legislation as the Town Council may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety and welfare. This ordinance was presented for consideration of introduction.

Councilman Gregory questioned what effect this would have on developments already in the pipeline, wanting to make sure that all the legalities have been thought out. Staff advised that this ordinance would not affect the projects that have already received preliminary or final approval.

Councilman Clendaniel explained that the moratorium would only be for a short term to allow staff the time to finish the comprehensive plan and implement the updates.

Staff had recently made a presentation on the status of the proposed developments and which ones would be affected by this ordinance. This information will be provided to Councilman Gregory for review.

Mr. Nick Carter addressed the Council on behalf of the Caroline Citizens for Responsible Growth committee. Mr. Carter submitted

a petition with 437 signatures in support of a moratorium, and discussed with the Council their reasons why.

Mr. Dean Danielson asked that the Council not be so concerned for the developers as the residents should come first.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to introduce Ordinance #571, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Councilman Porter commented that he was generally opposed to a moratorium unless in an emergency situation, hopefully there would be no anticipated consequences.

Agenda #2 - Planning Commission Appointments Resolution #710

A resolution to re-appoint the existing regular members of the Planning Commission to staggered five-year terms to comply with the requirement of MD. Code Ann. Article 66B, § 3.02 that terms be staggered. All regular Planning Commission members have agreed to their new terms. The resolution also reconfirms the recent appointment of the one alternate.

Councilman Porter made a motion to adopt resolution #710, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 -Planning & Codes Department Wide-Format Printer

The Planning and Codes Department came before the Council to request permission to purchase an HP Plotter Designjet T1100ps Printer. Price quote and product description were provided. The net purchase price of \$6,265.00 includes a three-year warranty, on-site installation and set-up, and a cash-in trade up promotion of \$1,000.00. This wide-format printer will produce color and black and white GIS and CAD drawings up to 44-inches in width on various output mediums (paper, polypropylene, etc.). It supports input files formats include JPEG, TIFF, PDF and PostScript. The device will allow wide-format printing for Comprehensive Planning Process. If approved, the DPW, Administration, and Planning and Codes will share the cost of the acquisition using the capital impact

funds for the Planning and Codes portion. Staff anticipates the life of the machine to be 4-5 years.

Councilman Porter made a motion to authorize the purchase of the printer, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #4 - Maryland Municipal League Convention

The Annual MML Convention is scheduled for June 28 – July 1. Notification for reservations is generally provided by MML by the third week in January. Town staff came before the Council seeking direction on attendance for this year's event as well as participation in the Municipal Main Street. The Town has participated as an exhibitor the past two years.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to attend the MML Convention and to register to participate by having a booth in the Municipal Main Street area, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #5 - Caroline County Council of Governments Bylaw Amendment

A letter from Ms. Betty Ballas, President, COG, providing each of the Towns notice of the "proposed amendment change" was reviewed by the Council. The meetings are proposed to be changed to January, May, and September, with September being designated as the annual meeting. The group is requesting support from the towns.

The Council unanimously acknowledged the proposed changes and offered their support.

Governor's Letter of Economic Recovery Package

The Council reviewed a letter from Governor O'Malley regarding the federal Economic Recovery package.

The Council asked staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor to sign to send in response to the Governor's letter listing the projects that the Town is working on that the federal funding would be most needed for.

Agenda #6 - Mutual Aid Agreement

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The Kent County Sheriff's Office provided a Police Mutual Aid Agreement between Kent County and Denton, Maryland for consideration. At the Mayor's recommendation discussion on this item was deferred until after the executive session.

Executive Session

At 8:57 p.m. Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to hold an executive session to seek legal advice on personnel matters, water and sewer allocations and mutual aid agreements, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

At 10:35 p.m. Councilman Porter made a motion to close the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Regular Session Reconvened

NB – Agenda #6 – Mutual Aid Agreement

The Council directed Chief Cox to send a letter to the Kent County Sheriff's Office that the Town does not want the Denton Police Dept. to go out of Caroline County at this time.

Chief Cox mentioned holding an open house for the Council to have an opportunity to meet the individual officers and to see some of their specialized training abilities.

UB – Agenda #1 - Denton Police Dept. Capital Expenditure

Chief Cox is seeking authorization to spend capital funds in the amount of \$8,551.16 to purchase new tactical bullet resistant vests for the tactical team. Currently officers are using their issued concealable body armor they wear while on routine patrol to conduct special operations. The concealable body armor is less resistant to bullet penetration, covers less of the body, and is not designed for high threat operations. The proposed body armor is more resistant to bullets, covers more of the body, and is designed for higher risk operations. A total of 6 vests will be purchased.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to authorize the purchase of the tactical vest, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing

unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Fearins Crossing – Phase II Water/Sewer Allocation

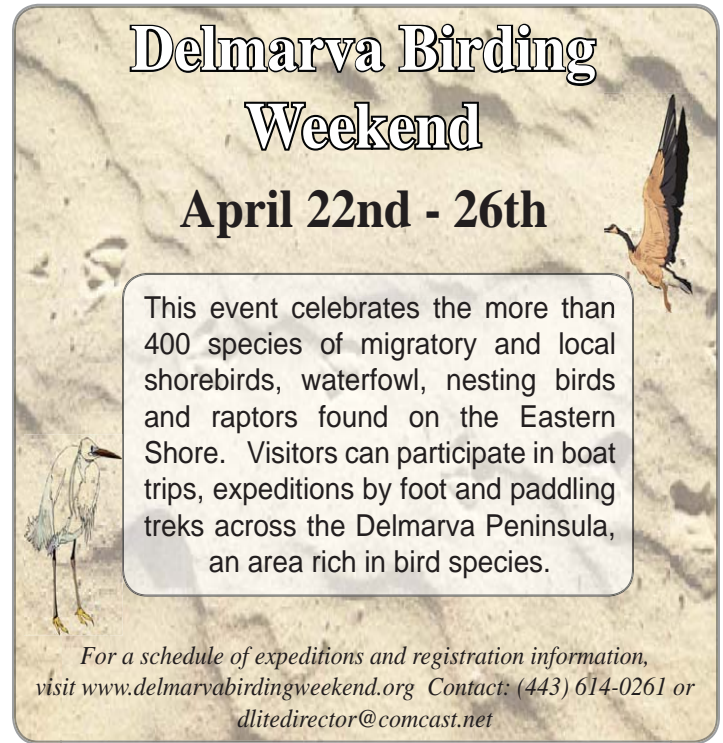
Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to grant a water/sewer allocation for twelve (12) units for Fearins Crossing – Phase II, seconded by Mayor Foster, passing unanimously.

Boat Ramp Fees

Mr. Dave Thompson, Attorney for the Town, would like some additional time to research the topic and to talk about the rates proposed in the County plan. The Council agreed to hold discussion during an executive session on February 2, 2009.

With no further discussion Mayor Foster adjourned this meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer



Delmarva Birding Weekend
April 22nd - 26th

This event celebrates the more than 400 species of migratory and local shorebirds, waterfowl, nesting birds and raptors found on the Eastern Shore. Visitors can participate in boat trips, expeditions by foot and paddling treks across the Delmarva Peninsula, an area rich in bird species.

For a schedule of expeditions and registration information, visit www.delmarvabirdingweekend.org Contact: (443) 614-0261 or dlitedirector@comcast.net



Denton Spring Gala

Celebrate Denton at the 3rd Annual Spring Gala! This fundraising event will support downtown Denton and feature artists, restaurants, Maryland wine and beer and musicians. Stroll or take a carriage ride throughout the streets of downtown Denton to enjoy local art, music, food and spirits.

Saturday, May 2, 2009
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

An adult progressive event starting at Third and Market Streets

Tickets available from Downtown Denton Main Street. Purchase tickets early as space is limited.

Come and enjoy this progressive event throughout Denton's Main Street district. Activities include music by the Comfort Zone and The Boys of Bay Hundred, an extensive silent auction, beer and wine tastings and a special door prize.

For more information, please contact:
Ann Jacobs, 410-479-4315
ann@downtowndenton.com
downtowndenton.com



Caroline County Council of Arts Scholarship Deadline March 31st

The Mark Grande Arts Scholarship fund has been established by the Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA) in honor of Mark Grande, who was the CCCA Executive Director before his death in 2005.

Mark was an extremely talented man who gave freely of his time in a number of areas. In addition to his duties with the CCCA, he was a musician and photographer. The fund will help graduating Caroline County students who are pursuing studies in the performing and visual arts.

This year the CCCA will award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2009.

To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a graduating Caroline County High School Senior, have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and plan to study performing or visual arts at



a college or university by the fall of 2009.

Applications and detailed information can be obtained online at www.carolinearts.org, click on grants and awards and then scholarships. or call the CCCA at 410-479-1009.

Application submissions are due Tuesday, March 31, 2009 to:

CCC A
 – Mark Grande
 Arts Scholarship Fund, PO Box 292,
 Denton, MD 21629
 or call 410-479-1009 by Monday,
 March 30, 2009 to

arrange a drop off time.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of May 2009

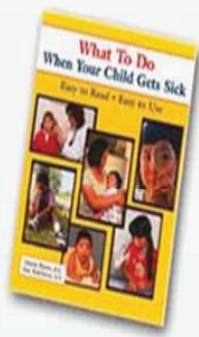
Award certificates will be presented at the high school's Awards Ceremony.

Award payments will be made in the scholarship recipient's name and paid directly to the college/university to which they are enrolled upon receipt of a copy of the acceptance letter from that school.

What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick

One of the hardest parts of being a parent is knowing what to do when your child gets sick. To help parents during this time, Priority Partners offers: *What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick*. Participants will be given a copy of this book. It is a guide that teaches parents how to handle various childhood illnesses, such as ear infections, teething, and food allergies. This book is available in English and Spanish. It also covers:

- When it is time to call a doctor
- What you can do at home to help your sick child



- How to prevent accidents around your home
- What to do in an emergency

This class lasts about 1 hour and can be given at your location if you have a group of 5 or more people. This training is great for church and support groups, clubs, schools, and countless other organizations. There is no charge for this class.

For more information or to schedule a class, please contact Jenny Schiltz, Community Health Advocate at 410-810-1025 or email at jschiltz@jhhc.com.

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA) invite 4th grade students throughout Maryland to participate in a statewide essay contest: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

The contest gives students a chance to creatively use cognitive and grade-specific language arts skills and civics/social studies knowledge.

About Maryland's Cities & Towns:

City and town governments can choose to provide many services to their citizens such as trash collection, leaf collection, recycling, snow removal, police protection, water, waste water treatment, planning for how land can be used, inspecting the safety of buildings, and parks and playgrounds. Many cities and towns do not provide all of these services. The mayor and council decide what services can be provided based on what citizens want and the amount of money in the budget to pay for services.

Cities and towns in Maryland are not responsible for schools. Decisions about schools are made by State and County government and each county's school board.

Essay Contest Theme

Every little bit we can do to encourage everyone in our cities and towns to think "green" and protect our environment takes us one step closer to saving our planet. Everything from creating a recycling program, to cleaning up a stream or park or saving energy can make a difference in the quality of life we will enjoy in the future.

If you were Mayor, how would you encourage your citizens to get on board and "GO Green?" What programs could you put in place to encourage your citizens to preserve our natural resources?

Be creative with your ideas!

Contest Rules

- The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2008-2009 school year.
- Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."
- Essays may not exceed 275 words.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.
- Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays.
- Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2009. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2009.

Sometime during the month of May, the 11 winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis.



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- it is found that there was a mistake in the original classification, or the site will be granted the Growth Allocation (GA) floating zone district classification.
2. Elect to add land to the critical area district.

The findings of fact that the Town Council will consider include but are not limited to:

1. Population change
2. Availability of public facilities
3. Present and future transportation patterns
4. Compatibility with existing and proposed development
5. Compatibility with the Town's Comprehensive Plan

Map Amendments Proposed and or Effective in 2008

Three (3) rezoning petitions were filed in 2008. One (1) rezoning petition was denied by the Planning Commission. Two (2) remaining petitions will proceed to the Planning Commission and Town Council in 2009.

**2008 Town of Denton Boards Applications
Planning Commission
SITE PLANS**

- SP-08-001 Town of Denton/Sharp Road Park Concept Plan
- SP-08-002 Black Oak Associates/Hershey Creamery Preliminary Site Plan/Denton Ind. Park
- SP-08-003 Wal-Mart #3843-03 Preliminary Site Plan/610-640 Legion Rd.
- SP-08-004 J. W. Logan, Jr. - JWL, Inc. Concept Plan
- SP-08-005 Chesapeake Bluff Simplified Site Plan
- SP-08-006 Patti's Petals Administrative Site Plan
- SP-08-007 Lil' Taste of Dresden Simplified Site Plan
- SP-08-008 Allright Rentals/Denton Carpets, Inc. Simplified Site Plan
- SP-08-009 A Beautiful Day Administrative Site Plan
- SP-08-010 Choptank Community Health Systems Simplified Site Plan.
- SP-08-011 Garland & Hobbs, LLC Concept Plan/The Pines at Franklin St.
- SP-08-012 Gems Event Production Simplified Site Plan
- SP-08-013 Denton Liquor Outlet Administrative Site Plan
- SP-08-014 212 Market St., LLC Administrative Site Plan
- SP-08-015 Chesapeake Bluff Simplified Site Plan
- SP-08-016 Preston Creative Arts Studio, LLC Simplified Site Plan

- SP-08-017 Town of Denton/Sharp Road Park Final Site Plan
- SP-08-018 Adjustfirst Chiropractic Simplified Site Plan
- SP-08-019 Garland & Hobbs, LLC Revised Concept Plan/The Pines
- SP-08-020 Town of Denton/Crouse Park Revised Final Site Plan
- SP-08-021 What's New Shop Administrative Site Plan

**Planning Commission
SUBDIVISIONS**

- SD-08-001 Joseph & Zina Lichaa Administrative Line Revision
- SD-08-002 Town of Denton/4th Street Administrative Line Revision
- SD-08-003 Dixon Brothers, Denton, LLC Fearins Crossing Phase II/ Final
- SD-08-004 Chris Coile Development D, LLC Glenfield/Final
- SD-08-005 Garland & Hobbs, LLC Savannah Overlook Phase IV/ Final
- SD-08-006 Chris Coile Development D, LLC Glenfield/Final
- SD-08-007 Caroline Nursing Home Administrative Line Revision
- SD-08-008 Dixon Brothers, Denton, LLC Fearins Crossing Phase II/ Final
- SD-08-009 Town of Denton/Denton Police Facility Administrative Line Revision
- SD-08-010 Joseph Quinn Administrative Line Revision
- SD-08-011 CIII Builders, LLC Gay Street Redevelopment/Final
- SD-08-012 Drew & Andrea Martin Administrative Line Revision
- SD-08-013 Choptank Community Health Systems Administrative Line Revision

**Board of Appeals
SPECIAL EXCEPTION, VARIANCE OR APPEAL**

- BOA-08-001 Sharon Hall Special Exception/Assisted Living Facility
- BOA-08-002 J. W. Logan, Jr. - JWL, Inc. Variance
- BOA-08-003 J. Rick Breeding Excavating Variance
- BOA-08-004 Gables at Caroline, Inc. Variance

RE-ZONING

- RZ-08-001 John & Carol Donohue 808 S. Fifth Ave.
- RZ-08-002 Rede, LLC Caroline & 6th Street
- RZ-08-003 Chris Coile Development Glenfield Growth Allocation

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**GOLDSBORO VOL. FIRE CO.
LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO**

Sunday, March 1st
Doors open 1 p.m.- Bingo starts 2 p.m.

Tickets \$20
Includes: 1 regular book & 1 door prize ticket.
Special and Raffle tickets sold separately

Routes 313 & 287 Goldsboro Md. Call 410-482-7183 for info.

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2008	Percent	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
New Single Family Homes/Multi-Family	10%	17	67	147	138	64
New Accessory Structures	9%	15	20	11	21	18
New Roof/Repairs	13%	23	31	26	28	25
Building Maintenance	29%	51	104	143	97	74
Pools	6%	10	8	9	6	13
New Industrial Construction	1%	1	0	4	0	2
New Commercial Construction	0%	0	3	4	2	1
New Institutional Construction	1%	1	0	1	0	0
Demolition	4%	7	4	12	3	8
Signs (Banners)	6%	11	23	32	23	43
Rezoning/Other	22%	39	0	0	0	3
Total	100%	175	260	389	318	251

Town of Denton Construction Dollars

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Residential	\$ 5,433,000	\$ 14,235,043	\$ 20,190,599	\$ 15,299,560	\$ 3,133,930
Accessories	\$ 96,675	\$ 42,469	\$ 61,704	\$ 39,162	\$ 76,520
Major Renovations (over \$5,000)	\$ 303,068	\$ 1,913,602	\$ 886,062	\$ 625,980	\$ 151,405
Minor Renovations (under \$5,000)	\$ 129,827	\$ 128,032	\$ 243,608	\$ 157,623	\$ 4,453,546
Pools	\$ 53,508	\$ 68,950	\$ 122,067	\$ 9,035	\$ 135,940
Subtotal	\$ 6,016,078	\$ 16,388,096	\$ 21,504,040	\$ 16,131,360	\$ 7,951,341
Commercial, Institutional	\$ 159,675	\$ 1,348,840	\$ 856,848	\$ 782,708	\$ 380,113
Institutional	\$ 750,886	\$ 20,000	\$ 310,630	\$ 18,828	\$ 1,412,000
Industrial	\$ 101,642	\$ 50,240	\$ 1,763,175	\$ 43,500	\$ 350,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,012,203	\$ 1,399,080	\$ 2,930,653	\$ 845,036	\$ 2,142,113
TOTAL	\$ 7,028,281	\$ 17,787,176	\$ 24,434,693	\$ 16,976,396	\$ 10,093,454

Human Service Council
St. Patrick's Day 5K Race/Fun Walk

Saturday, March 14th
10 a.m.



Bring the family out for this fun run/walk event.
Proceeds benefit the Hand-in-Hand Fund.
Registration Fee: \$15 / \$20 after March 6th

Race begins/ends at the Old Button Factory
317 Carter Ave. Denton
For more info. or to register
call 410-479-4446 (ext. 114)

Yard Sale**Caroline County 4-H Park**

Detour Road (off Rte. 16) in Denton.

Saturday, April 4th
8a.m.-12p.m.

- ▶ Table rental \$10 each (tables/chairs will be provided)
- ▶ Food and Baked goods available for purchase
- ▶ Proceeds benefit Caroline County 4-H youth programs.

For more info. or to register your table call
410-479-4030 or email nowen@umd.edu





**TAX ASSISTANCE
AT THE LIBRARY**

Do you need a hand preparing your taxes? If so the Central Library in Denton will have Tax Assistance available to you. Tax Assistance will be held in the Large Meeting Room. For more information and to make an appointment, please call AARP Tax Assistance, 410-479-1343 ext. 2.

MARCH

12pm

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
31st

5pm

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,
30th

APRIL

12pm

7th, 14th

5pm

6th, 13th



Dog Licenses Now On Sale

Dog licenses for 2009 are now on sale. County dog licenses are required by law for all dogs four months of age or older. Before any license can be issued, the dog owner must produce a valid rabies certificate proving that the dog is currently vaccinated against rabies. One year and three year dog licenses are available. The one year license is valid for the calendar year, and must be renewed each year. The three year license is available to dog owners who have a three year rabies



vaccination certificate for their dog. Three year licenses issued during 2009 are valid until December 31, 2011. If the dog is spayed or neutered, the license fee is \$3.00 for the one year license, and \$9.00 for the three year license. If the dog is not altered, the fee is \$10.00 for the one year license, and \$30.00 for the three year license. Dog licenses may be purchased at the County Tax Office in Denton and the Caroline County Humane Society in Ridgely.

Low Cost Spay & Neuter Program

The Caroline County Humane Society offers a Low Cost Spay and Neuter Program that is available to all Caroline County residents. CCHS has received grant funding from PetSmart Charities and the Choptank Electric Trust to fund this program. Additional grant funding for low income and elderly residents is funded by the Snyder Foundation



for Animals. Pet owners can receive financial assistance from CCHS to have their dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens spayed or neutered, at a cost they can afford. Please help us fight the overpopulation of unwanted pets by getting your pet altered. Call the Caroline County Humane Society at 410-820-1600 for more information.



CAROLINE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

RABIES CLINIC

SATURDAY March 7, 2009

FROM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

At The

**CAROLINE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
407 WEST BELL ST RIDGELY, MARYLAND 21660**

RABIES SHOTS: \$ 7.00

MICRO-CHIP: \$ 20.00 + \$14.99 Registration

COUNTY DOG LICENSE:

**ALTERED: \$3.00 – One Year / \$9.00 – Three Year
NON-ALTERED: \$10.00 – One Year / \$30.00 – Three Year**

ALL DOGS, CATS & FERRETS MUST BE ON LEASHES OR IN CARRIERS
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CCHS AT (410) 820-1600

St. Patrick's Day Events

Museum of Rural Life

March 14th - Caroline County Historical Society Annual St. Patrick's Day Party. 6:30 p.m. \$25 per person. Museum of Rural Life, 16 N. 2nd St. Denton. The Historical Society's Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for an Irish evening of fine food, spirits, and live music by Gypsy Wind! Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Carol Stockley at 410-479-1750.

Mom and Son Shamrock Dance

March 17th - Mom and Son Shamrock Dance. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ages 3-12 years old. Gen.Fretterd Community Center, Denton. \$30 per couple, \$5 each additional person. Dance the night away with your young prince. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, souvenir photos, and more. Register by March 10th. Call Stacy at 410-479-8120 to register.

Market Street Public House

March 17th - Irish Band and Pig Roast
11 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #570 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the purchase and acquisition of certain property located at 303 Market Street, Denton, Maryland. Introduced 12/1/08, adopted 1/5/2009, effective 1/12/2009.

Ordinance #571 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting a moratorium on the processing and approval of any Residential Floating Zone, Major Subdivision, and any Site Plan which would permit development of more than three (3) residential dwelling units for a period of ten (10) months pending consideration and adoption of a revised comprehensive plan and such other legislation as the Town Council may consider advisable to promote public health, safety, and welfare. Introduced 1/5/09, adopted 2/2/2009, effective 2/9/2009.

Ordinance #572 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Official Use Table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit Group Homes Private, as special exception uses in the Mixed Residential (MR), General Commercial (GC), Central Commercial (CC), and the Planned Neighborhood (PN) Districts, and to permit Group Homes Private as a conditional use in the Commercial Medical (CM) District; and to permit Group Home/Handicapped or Infirm Home as a special exception use in the General Commercial (GC), and Central Commercial (CC) Districts, and to permit such use as a conditional use in the Suburban Residential (SR), Town Scale Residential (TR), Mixed Residential (MR), Commercial Medical (CM) District, and Planned Neighborhood (PN) Districts; and to permit Trade

or Vocational Schools as conditional uses in the Suburban Residential (SR), Town Scale Residential (TR), Mixed Residential (MR), General Commercial (GC), Central Commercial (CC), and Commercial Medical (CM) Districts. Introduced 2/2/2009, will be considered for adoption 3/2/2009.

Resolution #710 - A resolution of the Denton Town Council re-establishing the terms of the Denton Planning Commission Members to comply with the requirements of

MD. Code, Ann. Article 66B 3.02 that the terms be staggered. Adopted 1/5/2009

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

Special Collection Reminder

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

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

Call all requests in to the Town Office at
410-479-2050.
Leave a message after normal business hours.

LOCAL EASTER EVENTS

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt
April 3rd - Preston Elementary School
April 8th - Greensboro Elementary School
7:45 p.m.
\$3.00 per child (before 4/2/09)
\$5.00 per child (after 4/3/09)
Bring your own flashlight
(up to 2 D battery size)



Tuckahoe's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 11th - Tuckahoe State Park,
Cherry Lane Picnic Area
1 p.m. sharp!
Free for children 10 years and younger.

Call Stacey at 410-479-8120 for event info.

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