

# Denton Town News

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**FREE**

## Dean Danielson Sworn In as Mayor



*Pictured above are the Denton Town Councilmembers: Robert Clendaniel, Dean Danielson, Dennis Porter, Agnes Case, and Conway Gregory.*

At the January 3, 2013, Denton Town Council meeting, Dean Danielson was elected Mayor of the Town of Denton. He will serve one year.

Also sworn in at the meeting was Dennis Porter. He was elected for an additional 5 year term as a Council Member during the November 2012 elections.

## Weaving Exhibit at Fiber Arts Center

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) exhibit "Weaving a Common Bond" is now on display until March 17, 2013, and features the work of Fiber Artists Wende Woodham and Heidi Wetzel. Located at 7 N. Fourth Street in Denton, Maryland, FACES is open Thursday through Saturday from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. and is dedicated to highlighting the work of fiber artists on the Eastern Shore. Visit [fiberartscenter.com](http://fiberartscenter.com) for more information.

Heidi Wetzel is an award-winning local fiber artist. She originally came from Germany as a teenager and now lives and weaves in Easton, Maryland. Her work reflects the beauty she sees in the world around her. Using unique materials she likes to mix textures and patterns. The finished results

form wall hangings, wrapped vases, ceramic bowls enshrouded by fiber, and interpretive abstract pieces inspired by nature. For more information, visit her website at [heidiwetzel.com](http://heidiwetzel.com).

Wende L. Woodham creates beautifully woven "quilt-like" ribbon and fiber pieces from her home studio on Kent Island. There is wonderful creativity in her unique use of colors, textures, and weaving patterns. Her one of a kind "woven pictures" are constructed from her large collection of ribbons and trims from around the world, with some designed by the artist herself. Her designs are very personal and always refreshingly different. For more information visit her website at [ribbonsacrossthechesapeake.com](http://ribbonsacrossthechesapeake.com).

## Proclamation Request Forms

In the last few months the Denton Town office has received a number of requests for proclamation for returning service members to the U.S.

In an effort to streamline requests and obtain correct information, two forms have been created to assist anyone that would like the Council to present a proclamation to someone during one of their meetings.

If you would like to recognize someone with a Town of Denton proclamation, please visit the Town website at [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) and click on "Town Council and Staff" to the left of the home page. There you will find a form to fill out and return to the Town office.

Once the proclamation request

has been received a staff member will contact you with the date the proclamation will be presented. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa at the Denton Town office at 410-479-2050.

## UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around April 1, 2013. To avoid having your water turned off, payment must be received by April 25, 2013. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.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, 2013 and will be due in full by July 25, 2013.

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## Town Calendar

### Town Council Meeting

**7 p.m. at Police Department**

March 7

April 4

### Council Working Sessions

**6:00p.m. at Town Office**

March 21

April 18

### Planning Commission Meeting

**6 p.m. at Town Office**

Office

March 26

April 30

### Historic Review Meeting

**6 p.m. at Denton Town Office**

Office

March 20

April 17

### Utility Commission Meeting

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Legion Road**

*As needed, check the website for dates [www.dentonpublicworks.com](http://www.dentonpublicworks.com)*

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### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

March 29 - *Good Friday*

### Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address:  
[www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)

## Tax Sale Reminder

The 2012 - 2013 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, 2012** and are to be paid at the Caroline County Tax Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Tax office at 410-479-0410. If you want to check to see if you have any other outstanding bills due on your property within the Town of Denton, please contact the Finance Dept. at 410-479-2050.

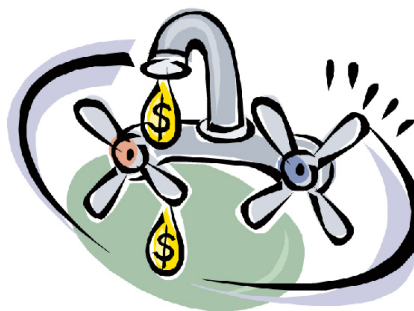
Town of Denton  
410-479-2050

### 2012 - 2013 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	10/01/2012	10/25/2012	10/26/2012	11/07/2012
October - December	01/01/2013	01/25/2013	01/28/2013	02/07/2013
January - March	04/01/2013	04/25/2013	04/26/2013	05/07/2013
April - June	07/01/2013	07/25/2013	07/26/2013	08/07/2013

### May - June 2013 ISSUE DEADLINE

*Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: [lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com) or fax: 410-479-3534 by April 10, 2013. Thank you.*



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

*Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050*



# Calendar of Events

## March 2013

**Monday Night Trivia at the Market Street Public House 7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. 200 Market St., Denton.** Join host Norm Amorose for a fun filled evening of trivia every Monday night. Call 410-479-4720 for more info.

**1 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Armed Forces Band 7p.m. Federalsburg Library. Free.**

**4, 11, 18, 25 - Tax Assistance at the Library 4:30p.m. Central Library, Denton.**

This service is provided for taxpayers of all ages with low to middle income with special attention to those aged 60 and older. Call for appointment. Walk-ins received as time is available. 410-479-1343.



**5, 12, 19, 26 - Tax Assistance at the Library 12p.m. Central Library, Denton.**  
This service is provided for taxpayers of all ages

with low to middle income with special attention to those aged 60 and older. Call for appointment. Walk-ins received as time is available. 410-479-1343

**7 & 8 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Mary Shaver Band 7p.m. Central Library Denton. Free.**

**16 - 5K Race/Fun Walk**  
Register 8:30a.m. at 317 Carter Ave, Denton. \$25. Burn off the Bangers and Mash at the 6th annual event. Proceeds benefit the Human Services Council. To register, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or call 410-479-4446.



**17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day**

**22 - Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt**  
\$5. Greensboro Elem. School and Preston Elem. School 8:15p.m. check in/ 8:30p.m.



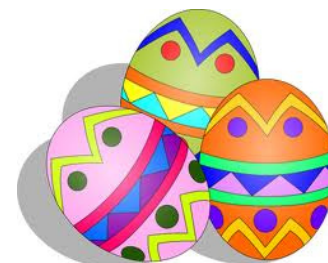
hunt begins. For ages 3-10 years old. Hunt for eggs in the dark with your flashlight. Special egg prizes. Bring a flashlight (size limit 2 D batteries), your Easter basket, or a bag to collect eggs. Call Stacey at 410-479-8120 for more details.



**22 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Ellen Cherry 7p.m. Central Library Denton. Free.**



**30 - Tuckahoe's Annual Easter Egg Hunt 1p.m. Sharp, Cherry Lane Picnic area. Free.**  
Hunt for over 4,000 plastic and boiled eggs, special prize eggs. Ages 10 and under.



## April 2013

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**2, 9 - Tax Assistance at the Library 12p.m. Central Library, Denton.**  
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**6 - Washington D.C. Bus Trip**  
\$25 open to all ages, Departs HAPS Building 8:30a.m. returns approx. 8:30p.m.

Get out and explore Washington D.C. There are so many things to see and do. Visit the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, any number of Smithsonian museums, and more. You are free for the day to explore on your own. Dinner stop at Old Country Buffet in Annapolis on the way back home. Call



Stacey at 410-479-8120 to pre-register.

**18 - High School Open Mic Night 7p.m.-9p.m. Foundry Building 401 Market St.** Open to all Caroline Co. High School students and their friends. \$2 with school ID. 6p.m. performer set-up. Call 410-479-1009 for more info.



**- Adkins Arboretum**  
#410-634-2847

[www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org)

**- Caroline Co. Arts Council**  
#410-479-1009  
[www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org)

**- Caroline Co. Public Library**  
# 410-479-1343  
[www.carolib.org](http://www.carolib.org)

**- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks**  
#410-479- 8120  
[www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org)

# Denton Police Department . . .

## MLK Basketball Tournament



*Cpl. Hall and Sgt. L. Nichols of Cambridge Police standing with a teenage Denton resident who just hit a half court shot to win \$250.00 from the FOP Lodge*

On January 21, 2013 Denton Police Department Cpl. E.V. Hall Jr. took part in the 8th Annually Martin Luther King Jr. Classic in Easton.

The event is a basketball tourney for boys and girls from the ages of 9-17 years old.

It was held at the YMCA & Easton Middle School and is sponsored by multiple local agencies representing the Mid-Shore Counties. Cpl. Hall served in different capacities for the event

including coaching three of the teams, the most notable being the headliner game, which was the final game of the afternoon that featured Cpl. Hall coaching against Cpl. A. Patton of Cambridge Police Department. All children participating in the event were giving MLK Jr. Classic t-shirts and hats along with lunch.

The event was a huge success and plans are being made towards MLK Jr. Classic 2014.

## Denton PD To Receive AED's

In conjunction with the local volunteer fire department, the Denton Police Department is often a first responder to emergency situations in the Denton area. Since the year 2000, over eighty-five calls have been received involving a situation where an AED would have been immensely beneficial. Although the fire department has multiple AED's, they may not always be the first on the scene.

In an event where an automated external defibrillation unit is needed, time is extremely crucial. Minutes and seconds can be the difference between life and death.

It is estimated that more than ninety-five percent of cardiac arrest victim's die before reaching the hospital. A victims chances of survival are reduced by seven to ten percent with every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation. Few attempts at resuscitation

succeed after ten minutes. The sooner the defibrillation shock the better because each minute the brain goes without oxygen diminishes the likelihood the victim will retain full brain function-even if resuscitation does occur within ten minutes.

Sudden cardiac arrest knows no age limit. It can strike anyone, at any time. As many as 7,000 children are struck down by sudden cardiac arrest each year. For perspective, sudden cardiac arrest takes more lives in America each year than breast cancer, prostate cancer, house fires, firearms, traffic accidents and AIDS combined.

Each squadron of officers will now have access to their own AED. All officers are trained and certified in the use of an AED. Replacement equipment, maintenance will be sustained through regular Denton Police Department budget allocations.

## Ambulance Subscription Plan



Did you know that in an emergency, the cost of ambulance transportation to the hospital can exceed \$600? Even if you have excellent insurance, your provider often only covers a fraction of the cost. The Caroline County Emergency Medical Services' Ambulance Subscription Plan ensures that you will not be charged for emergency ambulance transportation to a hospital.

For just \$45 per year for an individual or a family of two, the plan ensures that you won't have any expenses associated with transportation from your home to the hospital in the event of an emergency. The cost for a family of three or more is \$75, and businesses with up to five employees can enroll for \$100 per year, with each additional employee costing just \$10.

"We want the public to be

informed about this fantastic program that is offered to county residents," says Bryan Ebling, Director of Caroline County's Department of Emergency Services.

Enrollment in the Ambulance Subscription Plan also gives back to the community – funds are used to support Caroline's emergency service providers, including eight volunteer fire companies and the county paramedics.

In April, all households in Caroline County will receive enrollment packets for the plan in the mail. If you are interested in joining, simply fill out the subscription form and return it in the preaddressed envelope with payment. For additional information, please contact the Caroline County Department of Emergency Services at 410-479-4103 or visit [www.carolinedes.org](http://www.carolinedes.org).

## Special Event Request Form Info.

Frequently civic organizations plan special events or celebrations such as parades and block parties in Denton. Groups planning an event are required to complete a Special Events Request Form available from the Town Office, Police Department, or the Public Works Department located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Forms

are also available for download at [www.dentonpublicworks.com](http://www.dentonpublicworks.com).

Applicants are requested to submit their applications at least 60 days prior to their proposed event. This allows the Police and Public Works Departments to schedule employees to provide any assistance needed.

**Denton Police Department**

410-479-1414 \* [tips@todpolice.com](mailto:tips@todpolice.com) \* [www.dentonmdpolice.com](http://www.dentonmdpolice.com)



Walker # **PLEDGE SHEET**

Saturday, April 20, 2013 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. rain or shine

**Can't come but still want to help? Send a pledge and we will select a volunteer walker for you.***Please print clearly and complete all information.*

Walker's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Pledges Total Collected 

**Waiver:** In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby for my heirs, executors and administrators assume any and all risks which might be associated with the Walk. I waive and release any and all right and claims of any nature for damages which I may have against the organizers and all others connected with this event, their representatives, successors and assign for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me or my pet(s) as a result of taking part in the walk and any related activities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ If under 18, Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name	Address, City, State, Zip	Amount Pledged	Amount Collected
1			
2			
3			
4			
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13			

Call 410-820-1600 for additional information. To be eligible for prizes you must turn in your pledge sheet(s) and all pledge money the day of the event, Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Martin Sutton Park. Photocopies of the pledge sheet are acceptable. Make checks payable to CCHS. Donations will benefit the Caroline County Humane Society and are tax deductible.

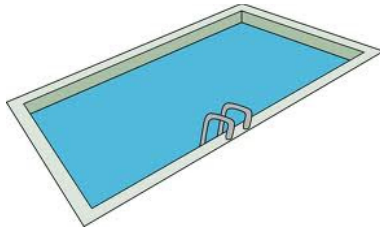
- Ask friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers to sponsor you for walking.
- Bring all your pledge money and pledge sheets, rain or shine to Martin Sutton Park April 20, 2013 between 10–2 in order to qualify for prizes.
- Use good judgement regarding the temperament of your pets so that this event will be enjoyable for everyone. Please do not bring a female dog in heat.
- Pets are welcome to walk with you, but you do not need a pet in order to walk.
- Please use doggie bags provided to keep the Park clean.
- All dogs must be current on distemper and rabies vaccinations, and be at least 6 months old.
- Pets must be kept under control at all times. Unruly participants will be asked to leave.
- All canine participants must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times. No retractable leashes, please.

CCHS, 407 W. Bell Street, Ridgely, MD 21660  
Visit our website at [carolinehumane.org](http://carolinehumane.org)

# Planning and Codes . . .

## Swimming Pool Permits

The Town of Denton requires property owners to obtain permits for all swimming pools above 24 inches deep. Accessory swimming pools may occupy a rear or side yard provided they are not located closer than 6 feet to a rear lot line or 10 feet to a side lot line. Pools are required to be protected by a safety fence or barrier of at least 4 feet in height equipped with a self latching



closure mechanism. A walk space of at least 3 feet wide shall be provided between pool walls and fences. Where an aboveground pool structure is used as the protective barrier, the top of the barrier shall be at least 4 feet above grade, and the access gate is required to be secured. Permits can be obtained at the Town of Denton Office, Department of Planning and Codes, 13 North Third Street.

## Permits

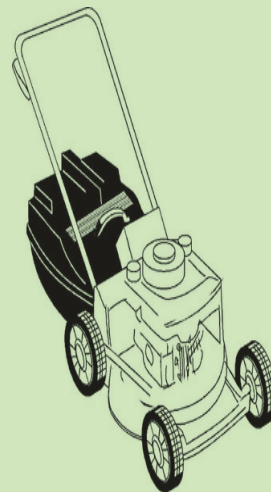
The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between December 2012 and January 2013:

- Shore Health Systems, 838 S 5th Avenue, Sign
- SHC Parkview LLC, 405 Sydney Lane, SFD
- Minahan, 96 Sharp Road, Pool
- JR in Denton, LLC, 30 Denton Plaza, Sign

- Stockley, 708 Market Street, Porch Repair
- Sweetly Made, 323 Market Street, Sign
- Galasso, 609 N 6th Street, Rehab
- Sandy Meadows LLC, 202 Briarwood Circle, SFD
- Sandy Meadows LLC, 121 Briarwood Circle, SFD
- Denton Pharmacy, 508 S 5th Avenue, Sign 2013 Community

### GRASS CUTTING SEASON REMINDER

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



This reduces rodent and insect infestations.

To avoid storm drain clogs, keep the grass clippings out of the street.

Thank you.

### Tuckahoe's Birds of Prey Photo Shoot



April 28, 2013  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



**\$10 to photographer**  
**Free to spectators**

Photograph the Scales & Tales hawks, falcons, owls, and a bald eagle in their natural surroundings. Cherry Lane area.

*For more information call 410-820-1668*

### Permit Reminder

A reminder from the Housing Department: Before you make improvements to your home, call the Denton Town Office Planning & Codes Department at 410-479-3625 or stop by 13 N. Third Street for permit information. Thank you.

## Denton Public Works . . .

### No Spring Loose Leaf Colletion

The Town of Denton will NOT be providing spring loose leaf vacuum collection services this year due to equipment failure.

Bagged leaf collection will still take place on Wednesdays and must be called in to the Town Office by

12:00 NOON on Tuesdays. Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup.

If calling after hours, please the requests on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 25.

### Free Spay or Neutering For a Limited Time at Caroline Humane

In addition to LOW COST Spay Neuter programs for dogs and cats, as well as for puppies and kittens (over age eight weeks and over 2 pounds), the Caroline County Humane Society is now offering a FREE Cat Spay/Neuter program for a limited time to Caroline County residents.

This program is funded by a \$4,500 grant from the Blueberry Hill AGM Foundation. To apply for a FREE cat spay/neuter, call the Caroline County Humane Society (CCHS) at 410-820-1600 and ask for the FREE Cat Spay/Neuter Application.

After CCHS receives the completed application and proof of address, the applicant will be sent a letter that authorizes the applicant to have their cat(s) spayed or neutered free of charge at one of the participating veterinarians. This program is open to all Caroline County residents who own cats or are the custodian of cats on their property. Our TNR (TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN) program for feral cats are also eligible for this program.

Caroline County pet owners can also receive financial assistance (based on need) for spay/neuter, thanks to a grant from the Snyder Foundation for Animals, and funding from the Caroline County Humane Society.

The Caroline County Humane Society also operates a low cost spay/neuter clinic on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. The CCHS Spay/Neuter Clinic offers spay/neuter

surgeries at a reduced cost to all pet owners, and animal shelters and rescues on Maryland's mid-shore. For more information or to schedule an appointment at the CCHS Spay/Neuter Clinic please call 410-820-1600 or email us at [info@carolinehumane.org](mailto:info@carolinehumane.org).

### If I Were Mayor Essay Contest

Each year, 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..." This year, students are asked to include ideas for reaching out to all community members.

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

Information for Teachers: Contest Rules

The best way to ensure your students understand how municipal government works is to hear it directly from an official. Interested in a school visit? Visit our Municipal Websites page to find

your municipality's website and contact information. Contact the city / town clerk or administrator / manager to request a visit from your mayor or a councilperson. Officials are willing to do visits November through mid-March to talk about municipal government, its role in the community, and the essay contest theme.

You may also use the Municipal Government Handbook as a study guide to help your students understand the role of municipal officials. (Please note that this contest is not affiliated with any county public school system in Maryland.)

For application information please turn the page.



**ST. PATTY'S DAY  
5K**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2013  
RACE BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.**

**GENERAL JAMES F. FRETTERD COMMUNITY CENTER  
107 S. FOURTH ST., DENTON, MD**

Proceeds benefit summer youth programs produced through Caroline County Recreation & Parks.





**Race registration on Active.com**








# Enter 's 2013! Mayor's Contest!

Have you ever thought about what tomorrow, next month, next year, or even many years from now might be like? Mayors, council members and citizens often think about what their community should be in the future. They make plans and set goals to help provide services and improve the lives of their citizens. So think like a Mayor and share your vision for your city/town's future.

## Contest Rules

- \* The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2012-2013 school year.
- \* All essays must begin with the opening line: "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.

### Contest Theme: Vision for the future

**Look around your community and think about how you'd like it to be, a few years from now. If you were mayor,**

- 1. What changes would you need to make?**
- 2. How would you make these changes?**
- 3. How would you involve citizens to help make your community a better place to live in the future?**

\* Essays must be received no later than March 30, 2013. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2013.

\* Teachers see back for instructions and additional contest information.

## Official Entry Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of essays submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*ALL entry information mandatory*

(For teachers' use only)



## MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) founded in 1936, represents the 157 incorporated cities and towns in Maryland and several taxing districts throughout the state. A voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training, and the dissemination of information to its members.

## Contest Sponsors

**Maryland Mayors Association**

**Injured Workers Insurance Fund**

**Local Government Insurance Trust**

## Teachers Instruction & Additional Contest Information

- We are pleased that your students are participating in the essay contest. Each year we receive thousands of entries. Unfortunately, some essays are disqualified because the instructions or rules aren't followed. It's important that you follow the instructions so that your essays will not be disqualified.
- Please number each completed essay at the top and enter the total number of essays on the entry form.
  - You may use one form for any number of entries from your class.
  - Each teacher submitting essays must provide a completed entry form. No group forms, please!
  - Sometime during the month of May, the 11 regional winners along with their parents and teacher will be recognized during an awards ceremony in Annapolis. Only regional winners are notified directly. Four semi-finalists per region will receive a participation certificate.

### You must mail your entries DIRECTLY to:

**MAYORS' CONTEST**  
**Maryland Municipal League**  
**1212 West Street**  
**Annapolis, MD 21401**

Note: To increase your students' chances of winning, use the Maryland Municipal Government Handbook, which can be downloaded from MML's website: [mdmunicipal.org](http://mdmunicipal.org)

(This contest is the sole initiative of the Maryland Municipal League and is not affiliated with any County Public School System in Maryland)

Questions? Call 800-492-7121 or email [sharone@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:sharone@mdmunicipal.org)



# Denton Main Street . . .

## Harriet Tubman Centennial March 8

March 10, 2013, marks 100 years since Harriet Tubman's death. Her homeland on Maryland's Eastern Shore will launch a centennial celebration honoring her life and legacy on the weekend of March 8-10. Events include artistic and musical tributes and a banquet, as well as ongoing opportunities to explore more than 30 sites that are part of a self-guided driving tour known as the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

As part of these commemorative events, renowned artist Mark Priest will be at the Museum of Rural Life

on Friday, March 8 at a reception featuring his works. Priest has spent more than a decade tracing the routes of the Underground Railroad and researching the life of Harriet Tubman. His moving series of drawings and paintings will be shown in Denton, Maryland—not far from where Tubman likely passed through on her escapes to freedom.

Meet Mr. Priest at a special opening reception at 7pm, Friday, March 8 at the Museum of Rural Life, 16 North 2nd Street, Denton, Maryland. Tickets to the reception cost \$20.13 and are available at [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org)

**HARRIET  
TUBMAN**  
UNDERGROUND  
RAILROAD BYWAY

## Community Arts Block Party May 18

This year's 6th Annual Block Party will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013, taking place at 4th and Market Streets in Denton. Attendees will enjoy a free celebration of the arts – with live entertainment, artist demonstrations, art activities for all ages and lots of fun for the whole family. There will be live entertainment and dancing in the streets! Food and drink concessions will be available, including Italian ice, pit beef, pork BBQ, and hot dogs.

Participants can explore the new addition to the Artsway at Denton, the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern

Shore (FACES) at 7 N Fourth St, home to a regional quilt and textile center. The Foundry community art gallery at 401 Market Street will also be open to view artwork by over 50 local artists.

Proceeds from gallery and food sales benefitting the Caroline County Council of Arts. The community is encouraged to come out, have fun, show support, and find out more about the Arts Council and its many programs, including the new quilt center project. For more information, contact the CCCA office at 410-479-1009,

**Save The Date**

## Paddlefest on the Choptank

**May 11, 2013**

visit [www.carolinechamber.org](http://www.carolinechamber.org) for more details.

## LOCAL EASTER EVENTS

### Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

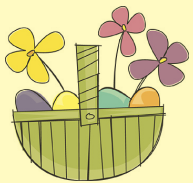
March 22, 2013

Preston Elementary School and Greensboro Elementary School

8:30 p.m.

\$5.00 per child (ages 3-10)

Bring your own flashlight  
(up to 2 D battery size)



Call Stacey at 410-479-8120 to register.

### Tuckahoe's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 30, 2013 - Tuckahoe State Park,

Cherry Lane Picnic Area

1 p.m. sharp!

Free for children age 10 and under

No registration required.

## Youth Art Exhibit 2013

2013 The Youth Art Exhibit is an annual program presented by the CCCA, in conjunction with the Woman's Club of Denton and the Caroline County Public Library, designed to encourage, celebrate and share the spirit of art within our youth.

The 2013 Annual Youth Art Exhibit is open to all grades (K through 12) and all Caroline County students are encouraged to

participate. Students may submit no more than two entries and are no longer limited to only one entry per category. The artwork will be judged by local professional artists. An Awards Reception is scheduled for May 1, 2013 beginning at 6pm at the Central Branch of the Caroline County Public Library, with all entries on display there from April 22th thru May 25th.

Set your clocks  
ahead 1 hour

before you  
go to bed

Saturday  
March 9, 2013

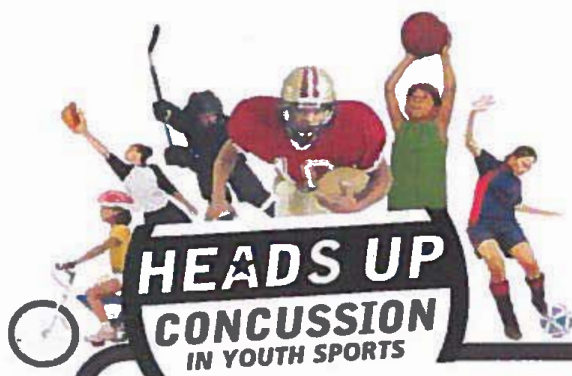


## CAROLINE SUMMERFEST 25TH ANNIVERSARY 2013

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



## A Fact Sheet for **PARENTS**

### WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

You can’t see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

### WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

#### Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians

*If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during a game or practice, look for any of the following signs and symptoms of a concussion:*

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can’t recall events after hit or fall

#### Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not “feel right”

### HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREVENT A CONCUSSION?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your children can take to protect themselves from concussion.

- Ensure that they follow their coach’s rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards). Protective equipment should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.
- Learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS A CONCUSSION?

1. **Seek medical attention right away.** A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports.
2. **Keep your child out of play.** Concussions take time to heal. Don’t let your child return to play until a health care professional says it’s OK. Children who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.
3. **Tell your child’s coach about any recent concussion.** Coaches should know if your child had a recent concussion in ANY sport. Your child’s coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.

***It’s better to miss one game than the whole season.***

For more information and to order additional materials **free-of-charge**, visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports](http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports)

For more detailed information on concussion and traumatic brain injury, visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/injury](http://www.cdc.gov/injury)



# Sale of Hazardous Baby Bumper Pads to be Banned June 21 in Maryland

Following an 18-month investigation into the safety of baby crib bumper pads, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has published final regulations to ban their sale in Maryland effective June 21, 2013.

The action follows the Department's conclusion that baby crib bumper pads, intended for infants up to the age of five or six months, offer no meaningful benefit and pose a potentially serious risk to infant health. The Maryland chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Med Chi, and numerous safety experts agreed with this conclusion and urged the Department to prohibit the sale of these products.

Maryland's Chief Medical Examiner has found that crib bumper pads pose a risk of suffocation and death. "Our safety message is that babies sleep best alone, on their

back, and in a crib," said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary of DHMH. "Baby bumper pads are not part of this picture, and in fact can pose a serious threat to health."

Reducing the infant mortality rate is one of the strategic goals of the O'Malley-Brown Administration. As one of a number of initiatives to help achieve this goal, starting in April 2011, the Department held two advisory committee meetings and four public comment periods to assess the potential risks and benefits of baby bumper pads.

Experts found that potential risks included suffocation and strangulation. In addition, if left in the crib past the appropriate age, infants can use the bumper pads to climb out of the crib and fall.

Experts did not find evidence to support a meaningful benefit of fewer injuries to limbs against the wood slats of the crib. The

American Academy of Pediatrics recently described the products as "inherently risky and unnecessary."

"Pediatricians in Maryland urge parents to keep their cribs free of blankets, stuffed animals, pillows, and baby bumper pads," said Dr. Scott Krugman, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center and President of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "We are pleased to see Maryland lead in protecting infants."

The regulation defines baby bumper pads as "a pad or pads of non-mesh material resting directly above the mattress in a crib, running the circumference of the crib or along any of the interior sides of the crib, and intended to be used until the age that an infant pulls to stand." The ban does not apply to vertical bumpers that wrap tightly

around each individual crib rail or to mesh crib liners. The Department nonetheless does not recommend the use of these or other novel products.

The regulation allows the Department to alter its approach should industry standards be developed that are protective of children. However, in finalizing the regulation, the Department has concluded that existing industry standards do not pass this test.

Additional information from the National Institutes of Health on safe sleep can be found at: [http://nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/upload/safe\\_sleep\\_general\\_brochure\\_2012.pdf](http://nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/upload/safe_sleep_general_brochure_2012.pdf)

Additional information on Maryland's regulatory process can be found at: <http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/crib-bumper.aspx>

## Attention Settlement Attorneys

Reminder to all settlement attorneys and agencies to please contact the Denton Town Office for fees due to the Town when handling settlements for properties being sold or transferred within the Town limits. There may be water/sewer fees or miscellaneous charges that need to be collected at the time of settlement. This will keep the Town's records up to date and better serve the residents of the Town of Denton. This will also eliminate problems after settlement of any outstanding balances for the new property owner.

**Please note:** Any property that transfers ownership and the utility fees are not collected at settlement and forwarded to the town that result in the water being turned off for non-payment, the water turn on fee will still be charged. This charged may be passed on to the settlement attorney. Currently the fee to turn water service back on during regular business hours is \$50.00 and after 3:30p.m., the fee is \$100.00. Forms are available to use when requesting information. Any questions, please call the Town of Denton at (410) 479-2050.

## Service Fees for Utility Calls

All calls for utility service for properties located in the Town of Denton are assessed the following service fee. This fee applies for all water shut off/turn ons, and other miscellaneous calls for service. Paying utility bills on time can help the property owner avoid these fees.

**Special Attention:** Any water that is turned off will be assessed this fee to have the water turned back on. Tenants will need to pay this fee before water service is turned back on. (This may not apply for emergency situations pending the nature of the call.)

**\$50.00 fee during normal business hours.**

**\$100.00 fee after normal business hours.**

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAMPER WITH THE TOWN OF DENTON UTILITIES. DOING SO CARRIES UP TO A \$1,000 FINE AND POSSIBLE ARREST. PLEASE CONTACT THE DENTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. AT 410-479-2050 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

# Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

**Ordinance #650** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting with amendments the provisions contained in Chapter A129 Critical Area Program and amending Chapter 128 Article II Definitions and Article VIII Special District: Critical Area Overlay District and amending Chapter 73 Land Subdivision Definitions of the Denton Town Code with respect to the Critical Area. Introduced 12/13/2012, to be considered 03/07/2013.

**Ordinance #651** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Official Use Table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit "micro-brewery, micro-distillery, micro-winery, and coffee roasting" uses in the zoning districts that permit restaurants. Introduced 02/07/2013,

to be considered 03/07/2013.

**Ordinance #652** - An ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting with amendments the provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to signs. Introduced 02/07/2013, to be considered 03/07/2013.

**Resolution #778** - A resolution of the Town of Denton adopting a Bay Restoration Fee Exemption Plan. Adopted 02/07/13.

**Resolution #779** - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for a Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for the Winter Haven Cold Weather Shelter (the "Project"), to be funded by the Department

of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland.. Adopted 02/07/13.

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.



## 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.*

### MARCH 2013

12:00p.m. 5, 12, 19, 26.

4:30p.m. 4, 11, 18, 25.

### APRIL 2013

12:00p.m. 2, 9.

4:30p.m. 1, 8, 15.

## 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.

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