

Spring Loose Leaf Collection Dates

The Town of Denton will be providing a special spring loose leaf collection service to vacuum up leaves that are left over from the fall. The Denton Public

Works Department is scheduling their loose leaf removal service to occur on Monday April 13, Friday April 17, Monday April 20, Friday April 24, and Monday April 27, 2015. 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 NOON 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 NOON on Tuesdays.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup. If calling after hours please leave the requests on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 1.

<u>Please follow these guidelines</u> for leaf removal:

• Rake leaves to the curbside or alley

• DO NOT rake leaves into the street

• DO NOT rake leaves onto the sidewalk

• Make sure all sticks and limbs are removed from the pile of leaves

• Make sure there are no

other objects or debris mixed with the leaves (like bottles, cans, flowerpots, gloves, ashes, pet waste or other trash)

• Piles of leaves with sticks,

limbs or other debris will not be picked up

• Phone in your pickup request to the Town Office at 410-479-2050 by Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday

• All pickups will be done by request/appointment only

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Utility bills will be mailed April 1, 2015. To

avoid having your water turned off payment

must be received by April 25, 2015. Payments

can be made in person Monday - Friday from

8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m., by mail, or by placing

in the night drop box located to the left of

the front door. Acceptable payment methods

include cash, check, money order or cashier

check. The next utility bill will be mailed

July 1, 2015 and will be due in full by July

• Loose leaf pickups will occur from April 13 through April 27, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.

25, 2015.

Maryland Comptroller Visits Denton



Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot stopped by the Chesapeake Culinary Center on February 19, 2015 to see the renovations on the 2nd floor of the building, visit with the Culinary Center staff, and hand out Comptroller medallions.

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Town Calendar

<u>Town Council Meeting</u> <u>7 p.m. at Town Office</u>

> March 5 April 2

<u>Council Working Sessions</u> <u>6p.m. at Town Office</u>

> March 26 April 23

<u>Planning Commission</u> <u>Meeting 6 p.m. at Town</u> <u>Office</u>

> March 31 April 28

Historic Review Meeting <u>6 p.m. at Town Office</u>

> March 18 April 15

<u>Utility Commission Meeting</u> <u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u> <u>Legion Road</u>

As needed, check the website for dates www.dentonpublicworks. com

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

April 3 - 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

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2014 - 2015 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, 2014 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 Dentso. 2015 Utility Hilling Schedule 410-479-2450

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	1001/2014	10/25/2014	10/27/2014	11/06/2014
October - December	01/01/2015	01/25/2015	01/26/2015	02/05/2015
January - March	04/01/2015	04/25/2015	04/27/2015	05/07/2015
April - Jane	07/01/2015	07/25/2015	07/27/2015	01/05/2015

May 2015 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 10th). Thank you.



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

Denton Public Works 410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March 2015

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Monday Night Trivia at the Drive. Bluegrass music. Call 410-479-1009 for Pub. 7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. 200 Market St.

Join host Norm Amorose every Monday for a fun filled evening of trivia. Call 410-479-4720 for details

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Tax Assistance at the Library **3p.m.** Central Library Denton. AARP Tax-Aid program has trained and certified volunteers who will prepare and file your tax return free of charge.

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5 - Denton Town Council Meeting

7p.m. 4 N. Second Street, 2nd floor meeting room.

6 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Flatland Drive 7p.m. Central Library. Free music by Flatland

more info.

12 - Reading Education Assistance Dogs



6p.m. Central Library. Come read to friendly service dog Cricket! Reading to a therapy dog is great practice for reluctant readers, and is proven to reduce stress and build confidence. Open to children ages 5-11. Free.

14 - Second Saturday at the Artsway

<u>Knit Along at FACES</u>, 7 N. Fourth St. 2-4p.m. Knitters of all skill level are invited to attend or those interested in learning. Bring your current projects and join in. Get guidance and tips while enjoying the company of fellow knitters. Free.

and "Come Grow with Us" series at the Community Garden (behind FACES) 2-4p.m.

Free. Come participate in a number of community garden efforts to support the community garden. Activities for the entire family. March is making seed starters and bird feeders out of empty toilet paper rolls.

14 - St. Paddy's Day 10k and 5k

7:30a.m. on site registration. Starts at Frettered Community Center. Register online at www. active.com or call 410-479-8120

19 - Third Thursday in Downtown Denton

5-7p.m. Downtown Denton. Shop or dine in downtown Denton. Extended business hours and specials available.

20 - Friday Nites in Caroline: Eric Byrd Trio

7-9p.m. Central Library. Free evening of music. Call 410-479-1009 for more details.

27 - Friday Nites in Caroline: John Flynn 7-9p.m. Central Library. Free concert

1 - Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

8:15p.m. \$5 per child, for ages 3-10 years old.



Location: Greensboro Elem. Hunt eggs in the dark, bring a flashlight ornight vision goggles, Prizes for special eggs found. Bring a flashlight and a basket or bag to collect eggs.

Parents must attend with their children. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

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16 - Third Thursday in Downtown Denton

5-7p.m. Downtown Denton. Shop or dine in downtown Denton. Extended business hours and specials available.

16 - Family Game Night at the Library

6p.m. Central Library. Bring the whole family out for an evening of classic board games. Revisit favorite games and discover new ones. Free.

- <u>Adkins Arboretum</u> #410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org

- <u>Caroline Co. Arts Council</u> #410-479-1009 www.carolinearts.org

- <u>Caroline Co. Public Library</u> # 410-479-1343 www.carolib.org

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks #410-479-8120 www.carolinerecreation.org

- Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern <u>Shore</u> (FACES) #410-479-1009

www.fiberartscenter.com

Denton Police Department . . .

Three Officers Sworn In

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Mayor Abigail McNinch swears in three police officer recruits. Pictured left to right: J. LaBelle, M. Snyder, and M. Heun during the February 5, 2015, Town Council Meeting

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If you have a location you would like to see a "Cram the Cruiser" box or event, please contact Patti at the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414. Help us make it a monthly routine to contribute food to help out our fellow residents in need.

Annual MLK Basketball Tournament



Pictured from left to right Kavon Rochester, Cpl Marshall Bailey, Eli Seth, Nolan DeLonge, Jawuan Seth, Cpl Eric Hall, and Jesus Reyna.

On January 19, 2015 Cpl Hall and the Denton Explorers attended the Martin Luther King Jr Classic in Easton. The event is a fun filled day of friendly basketball competition which has middle school children from Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties integrated together on teams to play. Also during the midway part of the event a person is recognized by the main Municipality Police Departments and being the MLK Jr Image award winner. In 2013 Cpl Hall nominated and presented the award to Joann Fountain for her outstanding work throughout her lifetime to Denton. In 2014 Cpl Hall nominated and presented the award to the Honorable Karen Jenson for her many years of service to the Denton and Caroline County with programs

for the youth. This year Cpl Hall nominated and presented the award to Corporal Marshall Bailey of the Caroline County Sheriff Office for his dedication as a School Resource Officer for Lockerman Middle & North Caroline High School and as well as the head high school basketball coach. The speech to present the award to Cpl Bailey was given by five members of the Denton Explorers in which they spoke about the importance of Cpl Bailey being their first point of contact and safety measure during the school day. The event went along as a success and plans are already in the making by the MLK Jr Classic board, which Cpl Hall is a member of, to begin making next years event just as great.

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, or Police Department. Forms are also available for download at <u>www.</u>

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

Planning and Codes . . .

Caroline County Public Library

419-479-1343; www.carolib.org

Holiday Closing: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

Tax Assistance

The AARP Tax-Aid program will prepare and file your Federal, MD, and DE income tax return free of charge. Please call for information and times available for appointments at Denton, Greensboro and Federalsburg locations. 410-479-1343



6-8:00 pm Teens age 13-17 March 13, 2015 Anime Rated PG-13

Free program for kids in grades K-8 MEGA LEGO THON We provide the LEGO - - you provide the Imagination! Thursday, March 12, 6:00 pm Thursday, April 9, 6:00 pm

Friday, March 6, 2015 Flatland Drive Friday, March 20, 2015 Eric Byrd Trio

Eric Byrd Trio Friday, March 27, 2015 John Flynn 7PM; Central Library, Denton

R.E.A.D. Reading Education Assistance Dogs Come read to friendly service dog Cricket! Open to children ages 5-11. March 12 & April 9 4-6:00 pm; Sign up required.

Denton Storytime

Wednesdays 10:15 & 11:00 Winter/Spring 2015 continues March 4th through April 29th



6:00-7:30 pm Denton March 19 & April 16

GRASS CUTTING SEASON REMINDER

Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to <u>6 inches</u> or shorter.

This reduces rodent and insect infestations.

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

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST 2015

AUGUST 21 & 22 Downtown Denton





First Time Home Buyers Seminar Series Discover the path to home ownership at your library!

Thursday, March 5 & April 2, 2015 6:00 -7:30 pm Denton

Art In A Box For Kids @ Denton

Join us for an hour of freeform creativity! For children ages 5 and up. March 26 & April 23 6-7:00 pm; sign up required.

Permits Humanit

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between December 2014 and February 2015: Black Oak Associates, 14 Denton Plaza, Verizon Signs Black Oak Associates, 22 Denton Plaza, Petco Signs Riddleberger, 405 South Fifth Avenue, Renovations Maloney, 316 Carter Avenue, Windows Morton, 1602 Cattail Commons Way, Mechanical Bailey, 501 Lincoln Street, Demolition Knapp, 821C Crystal Avenue, Sign Rodenhizer, 1118 Foster Holly Court, Deck Radish, 601C North Sixth Street, Renovations Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, 213 North Fifth Street, Demolition Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, 512 High Street, Demolition Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, High 518 Street, Demolition Caroline County Habitat for

Humanity, 404 Lincoln Street, Demolition Newcomer, 115 Briarwood Circle, Fence Town of Denton, 307 Gay Street, Demolition Stockley, 708 Market Street, Porch Farina, 4 South First Street, Accessory Structure Konopelski, Street, 119 Gay Renovations Zepp, 309 Sydney Lane, Accessory Structure Clemens, 213 South Fifth Avenue, Roof Tate, 623 Camp Road, Accessory Structure Neal, 1139 Industrial Park Way, Renovations Street, Carter, 400 Market Sidewalk Redden, 104 South Second Street, Mechanical Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, 520 Lincoln Street, Demolition Street, Konopelski, 119 Gay Mechanical Robertson, 506 Kathryn Court, Deck

Permit Reminder

A reminder from the Housing Department: Before you make improvements to your home, call the Denton Town Office Planning & Codes Department at 410-479-3625 or stop by 4 N. Second Street for permit information. Thank you.

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Denton Public Works . . . Work Zone Awareness

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration more than 600 people were killed in highway workzone crashes across the country in 2012. Speeding in work zones is dangerous and was a factor in more than 35% of these fatal work-zone crashes. The safest thing drivers can do is pay attention when a work zone is up ahead. Drivers need to slow down when they see warning barricades, signs, and orange cones.

Work zone safety is important because work zones present an unfamiliar situation to drivers. Changes in traffic patterns, closed or narrowed lanes, and the presence

of construction equipment and personnel can cause challenges for motorists as they travel work zones. Careful attention should be paid to actions that have potential the

to impact the safety of everyone involved, including drivers and their passengers, workers, and pedestrians. While safe and efficient work zones begin with proper planning, design, and implementation, drivers must be attentive to changing conditions and exercise caution when they approach and travel through a work zone.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration figures show that approximately 85 – 90% of work zone fatalities are motorists and their occupants. The driver plays a key role in making work zones safer for everyone, especially themselves. Crashes often occur when drivers exceed the work zone speed limit, fail to react to merging lanes or other road conditions, or run into other vehicles or heavy

l equipment.

In the coming months as construction activity picks up, many sections of our nation's roads will be busy with workers and drivers. By following the rules of the road in work-zones, people will be safer.

Rules for driving in work zones include:

• Pay attention to signs and other work zone safety devices. Things may change overnight. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be closed, narrowed, or shifted, and people may be working on or near the road.

• Slow down and be prepared

to merge safely when approaching a work zone.

Avoid rear-end collisions by maintaining a safe distance behind other vehicles. Rearend collisions account for 30% of work

e zone crashes.

• Avoid distractions so that you will be better prepared to respond to changing road conditions. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones and other electronic devices while approaching and driving in a work zone.

• When in a line of traffic, be patient and stay calm. Remember the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.

• Wear your seatbelt.

• Obey road crew flaggers and pay attention to the signs. They have the same authority as a regulatory sign. Ignore a flagger and you could be cited by a law enforcement officer.

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 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.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES SHOP & DINE DOWNTOWN

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Market Street Public House

BLOCK PARTY Saturday March 14 * Pig roast * Expanded Outdoor Seating * Games

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION Tuesday March 17 Celebrate the day with Kegs-n-Eggs in the morning, Green Beer and more.

200 Market St. Denton, MD 410-479-4720 www.publichouseonline.com



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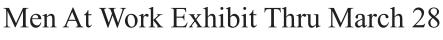
Denton Main Street . . .

FACES Exhibit: Art in the Weave



The Spence Collection on display through March 28, 2015, is on display at FACES, 7 N. Fourth St. Denton.

The coverlet collection of the Spence family will make you wonder why you haven't spent more time looking for your own piece of American history. These hand woven beauties from the 1800's were made by women, men, the housewife, and the itinerant weaver. Easily overlooked in their day as necessary items, today the art in their various designs, use of color, durability, and charm is hard to miss. This slice of America's material culture will be on display in the FACES gallery for visitors who want to experience a lost art





In an art form often dominated in modern times by women, there is a different point of view to be found, the male perspective. Through various media the male fiber artist does not create to define their gender but to express themselves in this versatile media. Come help us to honor the work of some local artists who are experimenting in the world of fiber. Come by and see the work of Jim Fons – Rug Hooker, George Laufert – Embroidery, Demian Savits – Dyer, George Simacourbe – Quilter

Come Grow With Us March 14



On Saturday, March 14, 2-4pm, there are several activities for the public to enjoy at the Denton Artsway in downtown Denton. These activities are free and open to all ages.

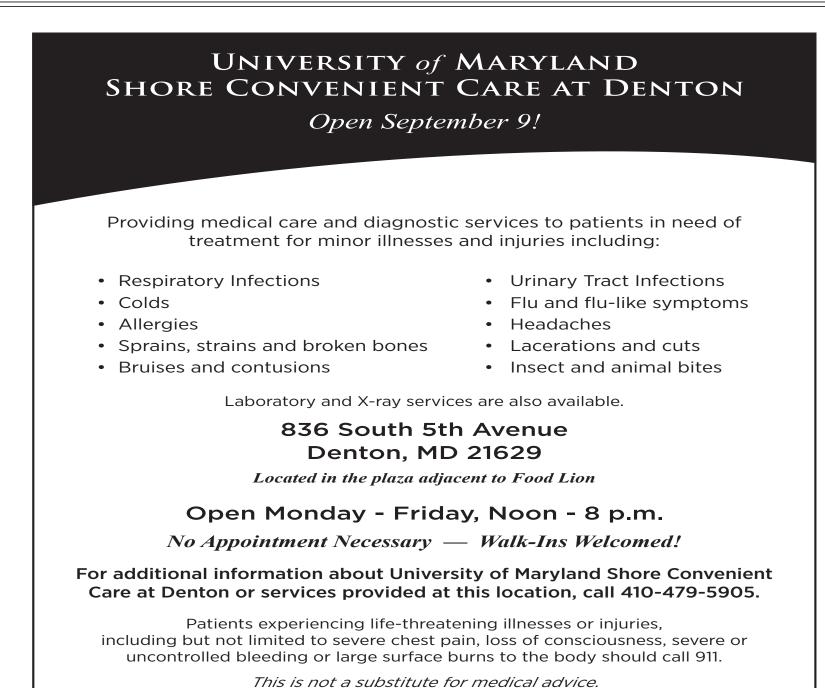
The Denton Community Demonstration Garden offers their "Come Grow with Us" series where the community can participate in a number of community garden efforts to support the community garden. These activities will be offered on the Second Saturday of every month from 2-4 pm at the community garden which is located next to the Town Municipal Parking Lot near Fourth and Gay streets in

downtown Denton. The March activity is making seed starters and bird feeders out of empty toilet paper rolls. Help us create a "bird habitat" by making and placing bird feeders around the community garden. We will also plant seeds for the garden into the seed starters that we make. Participants can take the planted seed starters home for use in their own garden, or they can bring the seedlings back to the April or May Second Saturday program to plant in the community garden. So start saving your toilet paper rolls and join us on March 14 to have some fun at the community garden!



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For tickets or more info, please contact Randall Wright via email at dentonlittleleague@omail.com or find us on Facebook. Page 8



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 #664 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the provisions contained in Chapter 58 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Floodplain Zones. Introduced 01/08/15, passed 02/05/15, effective 02/15/14.

Ordinance #665 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Official Use Table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit semipublic, educational, cultural, religious, philanthropic, social, and fraternal uses in the Recreation and Parks District as a conditional use. Introduced 02/05/15, to be considered 03/05/15.

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



<u>Household Items:</u> 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.

<u>Yard Waste:</u> 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.

Denton Town News

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