



Denton Town News

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FREE

Census 2010 Coming to Your Mailbox April 1st

The census is coming, the census is coming! The US Bureau of the Census conducts a count of population and housing every ten years in the years ending in "0". The nation, Maryland, and local municipalities are gearing up for Census 2010 to be conducted on April 1, 2010.

What's the big deal you ask? A successful Census 2010 assures Marylanders of their fair share of political representation ("one person, one vote," and the redrawing of political districts" as well as their fair share of the billions of dollars of federal government funds distributed on the basis of population counts. This is one of the many reasons that it is so important to complete the year 2010 Census information sheets. If only half of Denton's residents complete the Census, the amount of funding the Town receives is only half of the accurate amount. And that means that the Town Council has to provide services to all residents with only half of the money they should

be working with. In addition, an accurate census is vital for making decisions on where to provide community investments such as roads, schools, and healthcare. Businesses also rely on census data describing communities for site location, marketing, and service delivery decisions.

A public awareness campaign has begun to inform Marylanders of the importance of an accurate population count through private/public partnerships. By bringing together those representing business, labor, ethnic, minority and immigrant populations as well as religious organizations and non-profits, every effort is being made to reach those missed in previous counts, and allay fears about the census. Participation in the census is in your own self interest. If you don't fill out your census, decision makers won't be able to determine what the needs of your community are. Every household will receive a census form printed in English,

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Homestead Tax Credit

To help homeowners deal with large assessment increases State law established the Homestead Property Tax Credit program many years ago. The Homestead Credit limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Every county and municipality in Maryland is required to limit taxable assessment increases to 10% or less each year.

The Homestead Credit applies only to the principal residence of the property owner and is based

on the total market value for the dwelling and land associated with the dwelling.

Technically, the Homestead Credit does not limit the market value of the property as determined by the Department of Assessments and Taxation. It is actually a credit calculated on any assessment increase exceeding 10% (or the lower cap enacted by the local governments) from one year to the next. The credit is calculated based

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Tax Sale Reminder

The 2009 - 2010 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, 2009 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.

Sponsors Being Sought for Denton Spring Gala

The Denton Spring Gala, which will take place on Saturday, May 1, is yet another reason that we're proud to call Denton our home.

This event celebrates our downtown community by featuring artists, musicians, local fare, wine and beer samplings, and most importantly, our downtown merchants. We are asking for your financial support in continuing this Denton tradition.

In return, you will receive

a great way to showcase your company. This will be the fourth year that we have hosted the event, and we expect to have more than 250 guests in attendance.

Below you will find a listing of the Spring Gala activities for which we are seeking sponsors.

Wine & Beer Sampling with Complimentary Wine Glass: \$750

• Have your company's logo etched or printed onto the wine

glasses that are given to each guest.

• Have your company's name and logo listed on an A-frame sign at each wine and beer station.

• Have your company's logo placed in all of the Spring Gala print advertising on the Spring Gala Program.

Farmers' Market Bag: \$500 (2 Sponsorships available)

• Have your company's logo printed on the complimentary

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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 7 p.m. Police Department

March 1
April 5

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.

March 30
April 27

Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m.

March 17
April 21

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

March 11
April 8

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

April 2

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

2010 Legal Notice Mandatory Semiannual Payment Real Estate Property Taxes

REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS OPTIONS

1. Pay Real Property taxes in full by Sept. 30, 2010 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, 2010 and the second payment is due by December 31, 2010
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, 2010. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by April 25, 2010. 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, 2010 and will be due in full by July 25, 2010.

Town of Denton 410-479-2050

2010 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
October - December	12/30/2009	1/25/2010	1/28/2010	2/5/2010
January - March	3/31/2010	4/25/2010	4/28/2010	5/6/2010
April - June	6/30/2010	7/25/2010	7/28/2010	8/5/2010
July - September	9/30/2010	10/25/2010	10/28/2010	11/5/2010

**May-June 2010
ISSUE DEADLINE...**
April 20, 2010
Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by April 20, 2010. Thank you.



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

March

1 - Poetry Contest Deadline

14 Annual Eastern Shore Regional Poetry Contest entry forms due. Mail entries to Queen Anne’s County Arts Council P.O. Box 218, Centreville, MD 21617.

1 - Denton Town Council Meeting

7 p.m. Police Dept. Basement Meeting Room 101 N. Third St. Agenda available online at www.dentonmaryland.com

3, 10, 17, 31 - Storytime

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Central Library, Denton. Free. A half hour of stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Children birth to 5 years old. Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

8 - Books Plus, “The Women”

A novel by T.C. Boyle.
7 p.m.-9 p.m. Central Library, Denton.
A reading and discussion group, open to all.

12 - Friday Nites in Caroline “Kunznik Trio”

7 p.m., Central Library, Denton
European classical repertoire for cello, violin and piano, including Dvorak, Ravel, and Kodaly. Presented by the Caroline Co. Council of Arts and the Caroline Co. Library. Call 410-479-1009 for

info. or visit www.carolinearts.org.

13 - 2nd Saturday Artist Demo at the Foundry.

401 Market St. Denton 2p.m.-4p.m. Free, Special screen of the Mike Price documentary “Chesapeake: Great Shellfish Bay.” Mike Price will be on hand to introduce his 1982 documentary about the Bay, its beauty, its wildlife, and its environment. Open to the public. Visit www.carolinearts.org or call 410-479-1009 for more info.

13 - 2nd Story Live “Chris Rosser”

7:30 p.m. Central Library, Denton
Admission \$10, students \$5, \$1 discount for CCCA members. 410-479-1009 or www.carolinearts.org.

14 - Daylight Savings Time

Set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

19 - Friday Nites in Caroline, “Iona Quartet”

7 p.m. Central Library, Denton.
Pan Celtic music from New World Appalachian & Cajun to Old World traditions. Presented by the Caroline Co. Council of Arts and the Caroline Co. Library. Call 410-479-1009 for info. or visit www.carolinearts.org.

24 - Puppet Show, “Beauty and the Beast”

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Central Library, Denton. Free. Children birth to 5 years old. Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

28 - Paddling Tour on the Choptank River Upper Choptank Down-stream “Coast”, Red Bridges Christian Park launch.

2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. \$7 per tour or \$15 for series with own equipment. Kayak rentals \$15, call for details. Celebrate the rebirth of spring on this afternoon paddle on the state’s most beautiful rivers. Ages 16 and up. The tour is approximately 2 1/2 hours, leisurely paced in-water paddling. Kayaks or canoes welcomed; on-board life jackets required. Rain date is the following Sunday. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

31 - Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

8:15 p.m. Preston Elem. School & Greensboro Elem. School, \$5. Ages 3-10.
This variation of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt will provide new fun and excitement for all. Please bring a flashlight size limit 2 D batteries. Adult supervision required. Call 410-479-8120 to register.



April

2 - Campgrounds Open

Tuckahoe State Park and Martinak State Park open their campgrounds for the summer season. Call 888-432-2267 for reservations or info.

3 - Tuckahoe’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Free. 1 p.m. sharp. Cherry Lane Picnic area. Over 4,000 plastic and boiled eggs are hidden. Prizes. Children under age 10. Call 410-479-8120 for info.

5 - Denton Town Council Meeting

7 p.m. Police Dept. Basement Meeting Room 101 N. Third St. Agenda available online at www.dentonmaryland.com

7 - Storytime

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Central Library, Denton. Free. A half hour of stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Children birth to 5 years old. Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

12 - Books Plus, “Zane Grey, Romancing the West” By Stephen May.

7 p.m.-9 p.m. Central Library, Denton.
A reading and discussion group, open to all.

14 - Puppet Show, “The Little Red Hen”

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Central Library, Denton. Free. Children birth to 5 years old. Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

14 - Denton Farmers Market Opens

Every Wednesday, 3p.m.-6:30p.m. corner of Market and 2nd St. Downtown Denton. Shop for locally grown produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, and more. Special music and Plein air artist demonstrations throughout the summer. Visit www.downtowndenton.com for more info.

18 - Paddling Tour on the Choptank River Marshyhope River to the “Hole”.

Launch at Federalsburg soft landing off Central Ave. 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. \$7 per tour or \$15 for series with own equipment. Kayak rentals \$15, call for details. Celebrate the rebirth of spring on this afternoon paddle on the state’s most beautiful rivers. Ages 16 and up. The tour is approximately 2 1/2 hours, leisurely paced in-water paddling. Kayaks or canoes welcomed; on-board life jackets required. Rain date May 5. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

25 - Tuckahoe’s Adventure Race

8 a.m. \$20. Meets at lake area. Pre-registration

required. Racing over the parks 15 miles of scenic wooded trails. 5 mile bike ride, 2 mile run, compass course and 1.5 mile canoe. Call 410-479-8120 to pre-register.

TAX ASSISTANCE

SEE PAGE 15 FOR DETAILS.

- Adkins Arboretum
#410-634-2847
www.adkinsarboretum.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 . . .

K-9 Unit Available for Demo's

Within the Denton Police Department patrol division there are two K-9 teams, one on each patrol squad.

The Denton Police Department currently has two police dogs, Bart and Buddy, commonly referred to as K-9's, patrolling with their respective handlers. Both K-9s are Belgian Malinois, a member of the German Shepherd family, and trained in the detection of narcotics, searches (people, buildings and articles) and general public order enforcement (the traditional image of a police dog). Our dogs and handlers are certified as K-9 teams in CDS detection by the National Law Enforcement Canine



Organization (NLECO). Bart and Buddy reside with their handlers and interact with their families on a regular basis. This practice allows the dogs to remain social and pleasant.

If you are interested in a free K-9 demonstration for your school or civic organization please contact us at 410-479-1414.

Our K-9 teams have been responsible for numerous seizures of illegal drugs, arrests of persons trafficking and using illegal drugs and criminal apprehensions and have proven to be a tremendous asset to the Department in furthering our mission of keeping Denton as safe and crime free as possible.

Update on the Nixel Alert System

If you are already signed up for Nixel alerts through the Denton Police Department, you may be interested in this new feature of Nixel.

Nixel is excited to introduce to you a new and exciting feature. You can now share information with your neighbors or with your entire community. Nixel's new messaging service allows you to send all types of information, ranging from neighborhood news and events to recommendations and classifieds.

Your new Community Information Exchange allows you to stay connected to the neighbors and community groups that are important to you.

To take a quick look at how easy it is to use your new messaging tools, visit www.nixel.com.

As a registered user of Nixel, you are the first to be able to start using your new Community Information Exchange. Log into your account and you will see a button that says "Send a Message". Simply click on the button and start connecting. After you click on "Send a Message" you will see an option that says "Public Profile". Here you can choose how you would

like to be listed in your community. For example, if you are a coach you can list your team name, or if you are your homeowners association representative, simply list the name of your homeowners association. Your neighbors, group members, or community residents can then opt in to receive any of the information you post.

- Want to share your thoughts with your friends and neighbors?
- Do you coach a community sports league and want to send a message out to your players or parents?
- Are you a member of a community group and want to let everyone know about an upcoming event?
- Are you a citizen journalist with an opinion you'd like to share and want to get a conversation started in your community?

Well, what are you waiting for? Nixel it!

Of course, you will still receive trusted alerts and advisories directly from your local police department and official agencies by text message, email, and over the web.

As always, the entire service is FREE and easy to use.

Special Events Request Form

Frequently civic organizations plan special events or celebrations such as parades and block parties in Denton. **G r o u p s** planning an event are required to complete a **S p e c i a l**

Department, or the Public Works Department located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Forms are also available for download at 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.



Events Request Form available from the Town Office, Police

Census Coming April 1st!

Set your clocks
ahead 1 hour
before you go
to bed
Saturday
March 13th



TIME CHANGE

Denton Police Department
410-479-1414
* tips@todpolice.com
* www.dentonmdpolice.com

Available Police Department Services

The Denton Police Department offers many services, most of which are at no cost, to the citizens we



serve.

The Denton Police Department offers commercial and residential security surveys. Police will inspect your home or business and provide advice on how to better keep you safe, and secure your property. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

The Department has the ability to produce Child Identification Cards. These cards contain descriptive physical information about your child along with a photo

and parent contact information. Stop by the Denton Police Department to have one made. Having a community event? We can also bring this service to you. Call the office for more details.

Fingerprinting service is available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is a fee of \$10.00 per fingerprint card. This service has no cost to Town of Denton residents. Photo identification is required.



Going on vacation? The Denton Police Department will conduct premise checks on your residence while you are away. Call 410-479-1414 or stop by the office at 100 N. Third St. Denton, and we will be happy to provide this service.

Enter 's 2010 Mayor's Contest!

Being mayor is a big job and city and town governments often rely on community volunteers to help provide services and improve the lives of their citizens.

Becoming a community volunteer is a great way for citizens to learn about their local government, practice teamwork, and discover that they have talents and abilities that can be used to help make their city or town a better place to live, work, and play.

Contest Theme: Using Community Volunteers

Look around your community. If you were mayor:

1. How would you get citizens to volunteer?
2. What jobs would you give them and why?
3. In what way would you thank your volunteers that would also encourage them to volunteer again in the future?

Upcoming Events

Spring Gala
May 1

Paddlefest
May 14 & 15

Community Arts Block Party
July 17

Summerfest
August 20 & 21

Holiday Parade
December 2

Contest Rules

- ✿ The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2009-2010 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, 2010. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2010.
- ✿ Sometime during the month of May, the 11 regional winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis. In honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Contest, one grand prize winner will be selected from among the 11 regional winners and will receive special recognition at the Annapolis Awards Ceremony and during MML's annual educational convention in Ocean City, Maryland!

Official Entry Form

School: _____ Zip: _____

School Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____

County: _____

Name of Sponsoring Teacher: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

(For teachers' use only)

Planning and Codes . . .

Maintaining Stormwater

Management Systems

To address the recent community inquiries on maintaining stormwater management systems, a guideline, *Tips for Maintaining and Enhancing Stormwater Management Areas*, was made available on the Town of Denton website at www.dentonmaryland.com.

Stormwater management is designed to imitate nature in filtering rain and snowmelt of the pollutants such as, dirt and chemicals, that may create a risk to the health of our streams and waterways. Managing rain runoff and snowmelt is key to a healthy environment. The guidelines will help you better understand the long term maintenance and importance of keeping a properly functioning system.

Tips for Maintaining and Enhancing Stormwater

Management Areas provides information on:

- The types of systems and the importance of maintenance
- Maintenance types
- Recommended schedules for maintenance
- Grass cutting information and unwanted vegetation removal
- Also, your part as a property owner in ensuring the stormwater management system functions properly

The link below provides a downloadable PDF document:

<http://www.dentonmaryland.com/uploads/file/Building%20&%20Code%20Enforcement/SWM%20Maintenance%20Guidelines%202010.pdf>

Rental License and Inspections

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In the Summer of 2009, the Town of Denton adopted a zoning ordinance requiring all rental property owners to register their properties for a rental license and provide for rental inspections. Inspections are performed by the Town using the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 edition.

The Town is divided into four rental districts that correspond to the Zoning District classification, and each district, in general, will be inspected according to the following schedule:

- Central Commercial (CC) District: 1st Year
- Mixed Residential (MR) District: 2nd Year
- Town Scale Residential (TR) District: 3rd Year



- General Commercial (GC), Commercial Medical (CM): 4th Year and
- Suburban Residential (SR):

The Property Maintenance department has performed 90 inspections and is currently working with two property owners to bring substandard properties into compliance.

To better understand the requirements of maintaining your rental property, a checklist is available at the following link:

http://www.dentonmaryland.com/uploads/file/Checklist_Property%20Maintenance.PDF

An application to register your rental property is available at this link:

<http://www.dentonmaryland.com/uploads/file/Rental%20License%20Application.pdf>

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between December 2009 and February 2010:

- Aero Energy, 907 Crystal Avenue, LP Fuel Tank
- Health Care Reit, Inc., 420 Colonial Court, Roof
- Case, 1213 Painted Fern Road, Deck & Patio
- Baynard, 1126 Market Street, Addition
- Ottoy, 816 Camp Road, Roof
- Hoskins, 105 S. 8th Street, HVAC

- Caroline County Public Schools, 207 Lockerman Street, Plumbing
- Freeman, 809 S. Second Street, Patio
- Centreville National Bank, 850 S. 5th Street, Sign
- Darling, 225 Market Street, Roof
- Channel Marker Foundation, 507/509 Kerr Avenue, Rehab
- Royal Farm, 502 Market Street, Rehab
- Choptank Land Holding, LLC, 10-12 1st Street, Rehab

Optimist Club of Caroline County

Are you interested in joining Caroline County's new Optimist Club? Do you live in Caroline County? Does someone you love live in Caroline County?

Caroline County Optimist Club will be a "couples and family" club.

Meetings take place at Blades Orchard 4822 Preston Rd., Federalsburg on the Third Thursday

of each month. First meeting is February 18, 2010, 6 p.m.

Help decide how this club proceeds. Join us and become a member. Bring your spouse and your kids.

For more information and to RSVP for the meeting, visit www.bladesorchard.com

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

Saturday, March 13th
8:30a.m. - 12p.m.



Bring the family out for this fun run/walk event. Proceeds benefit the Human Service Council. Register at www.active.com.
Registration Fee: \$15 / \$20 (after March 5)

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

Rebuilding Together Caroline Co.

The mission of our Rebuilding Together affiliate is to provide a free service to low-income Caroline County homeowners who are elderly, disabled or families with children and are facing necessary but unaffordable home repairs.

In support of this mission, we maintain an architectural salvage depot to facilitate the recycling of usable construction materials, making them available at low cost to homeowners, thereby reducing waste and promoting environmental sustainability.

Some Statistics

Nationally, the number of low-income homeowners increases each year. The current 24 million low-income homeowner families is expected to grow to an astonishing 28.5 million by the year 2010. More and more families are placed in the position of choosing between vital necessities such as food or medicine and a roof that does not leak. Often disabled and/or elderly homeowners cannot afford the modifications that allow them to age in place and remain in their own homes. Rebuilding Together works to ensure that as many of those families as possible do not have to make these difficult choices.

Locally, a 2003 survey counted 3,266 Caroline County residents living at or below the poverty level. A 2004 count found 249 substandard dwellings in the county, 72% of them owner-occupied. Caroline consistently ranks as one of the poorest of Maryland's twenty-three counties.

Free Home Repairs

Our free home repair services are available in Caroline County, Maryland, to low-income elderly or disabled individuals or families with children who own and live in homes requiring necessary but unaffordable repairs or improvements.

Affiliate volunteers assist each client in determining that financial need requirements are met and in determining the structural needs of the dwelling.

If, in the screening process, it

is determined that the applicants financial situation does not qualify for the free Rebuilding Together service, the applicant will be referred to other agencies, government and private, where financial assistance to accomplish the necessary work may be available.

For further information contact: Jim Bradley at 410-479-0311.

Architectural Salvage

The Mid-Shore Salvage Depot, a self-sustaining salvage operation, diverts useable building materials from landfills, makes them available at low cost to the public and helps the Mid-Shore become more environmentally friendly. The service also provides information and resources on home repair to needy Mid-Shore residents.

Hours of Operation 9a.m. - 12 noon. Second Saturday of each month.

Examples of Donated Materials Accepted for Use or Resale:

Roofing materials, lumber, serviceable light fixtures, doors (interior, exterior, storm), windows and storm windows in casings, bath and kitchen fixtures and cabinets, insulation (bound and dimension marked), paint (unopened and color marked), carpet (unstained, reasonably clean and dimension marked), interesting or architectural items (mantels, arches, moldings).

We can assist you in finding a home for furniture or appliances by listing them on this website; interested customers can then contact you directly.

We can also list sheds, outbuildings that you want to dispose of and deconstructions.

H A Z A R D O U S , COMBUSTIBLE OR TOXIC MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. For disposal of these materials see www.midshorerecycling.org.

Information about Rebuilding Together Caroline County was taken from their website. For more information or to volunteer please visit www.rebuildingtogethercaroline.org

Don't Get Stuck!



Thank you, Denton Public Works

Snow plowing starts shortly after snowfall begins

Please park your vehicle off the street.



CAROLINE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday March 6th
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 \$36.99

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

LOCAL EASTER EVENTS

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

March 31

Preston Elementary School and
Greensboro Elementary School

8:15 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

April 3 - Tuckahoe State Park,

Cherry Lane Picnic Area

1 p.m. sharp!

Free for children age 10 and under

No registration required.

Denton Public Works . . .

A Big Snowy Thank You



Many thanks to the Public Works crews who over the past 3 weeks have braved blizzard conditions in an attempt to keep the Town streets passable and as safe as possible.

Public Works personnel were

also responsible for the cleaning of the sidewalks adjacent to Town-owned property and the public parking lots. In addition, snow piled around fire hydrants and storm drains have been cleared.

Curbside Recycling Survey

Are you interested in curbside recycling?

We are seeking input from residents. Many items present in household waste are recyclable. The Town of Denton is conducting a survey to determine the potential interest of Town residents in developing a curbside recycling program.

If interested, would you be willing to pay a fee for this

service? Please visit the Denton Public Works website at www.dentonpublicworks.com. and give your opinion on curbside recycling. Your input matters to us.



Snow Removal Photo Highlights



Priority Partners Nutrition and Obesity Prevention Class



Obesity is a huge problem in Maryland for adults and children. Knowing what to eat and how much can be confusing. To help, Priority Partners has a new presentation on:

Nutrition Basics and Obesity Prevention

Participants will learn:

- How to make healthy food choices
- Make small steps to improve your diet and lifestyle
- Look at obesity trends in the country



This class lasts approx 1 hour and can be given at your location if you have a group of 5 or more participants. This training is even great for PTA's, church groups, clubs,

and countless other organizations. There is no charge for this class.

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

The Priority Partners Health Advocate Program is a service offered throughout Maryland to residents who are interested in learning more about staying healthy and providing a healthy environment for their families. The Advocates are local residents who have been trained by Priority Partners on a variety of health related topics. They know their communities and have established contacts with neighborhood organizations and government agencies.



H1N1 Vaccinations Still Available

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Monday, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.	Monday, 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Walk in H1N1/Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinics.
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
HAPS Building 403 S. 7th Street, Denton.

Photos courtesy of Denton Public Works Dept.

Denton Main Street . . .

Salad Star Opens March 2

Salad is no new phenomenon to the United States. Salads were first popularized in the late 19th century and have grown tremendously since, becoming a tasty lunch alternative to the typical "junk food". This is why local Caroline County resident Elouzia Knight and his fiancée Melissa Leonard hope to appeal to the health-conscious consumer with a choice of fresh vegetables and seasonal fruit based salad ingredients to satisfy their customers' daily lunch cravings.

The salads and wraps will be made freshly on-site with the customer's choice of toppings.

The Salad Star is located in Downtown Denton's Main Street at

300 Market Street, (same location as the old Firehouse Coffee) and will offer Continental Style breakfast as well.

The Salad Star will open its doors for business on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Its hours of operation are 7am to 3 pm, Monday – Friday and will cater to the local downtown businesses, residents, and agencies.

The Salad Star owner, Elouzia Knight encourages customers to stop in and submit their favorite salad recipe for a chance to win a free salad and the opportunity to have the winning salad recipe offered on The Salad Star's menu during the month of June 2010.

Denton Spring Gala May 1

The 4th Annual Denton Spring Gala is set for Saturday, May 1, 2010, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Starting at 3rd and Market St, the Denton Spring Gala is a progressive event supporting downtown Denton, featuring artists, restaurants, musicians, and May Baskets!



downtown Denton to enjoy local art, food, wine and beer tastings, and music.

More information will follow in the next issue and in the local newspapers.

For more information contact Ann Jacobs (410) 479-4315 or visit

the Denton Main Street website at www.downtowndenton.com

Stroll throughout the streets of

Denton Gift Certificates

The Denton Town Office has gift certificate available for purchase to use at Downtown businesses. Participating businesses are listed below. This is the perfect gift for holidays, birthdays, or special occasions. Gift Certificates may be purchased at the finance window between the hours of 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m Monday thru Friday. For more information please stop by the Denton Town office at 13 N. Third Street or call 410-479-2050.

Denton Gift Certificates Redeemable at:

- * All Good Things
- * Bay Rose Florist
- * Cindy Draper and Associates
- * Denton Hardware
- * Energy In Progress
- * Freddie Bell Jones
- * Lily Pad Café
- * Market Street Public House
- * Shore Gourmet
- * Sub-Station, (Inside Bargain Beverage)
- * The Foundry
- * What's New Shop

Paddlefest Coming to Denton May 14 & 15

The Caroline County Chamber of Commerce is organizing a county-wide paddle and festival event which it hopes will become an annual celebration on the Choptank River!

This first Paddlefest on the Choptank River will be held for two days May 14 - 15, 2010.

Evening activities, music and food are planned for both Greensboro and Denton. The following morning, canoes and kayaks will launch from the landing in Greensboro and the paddlers will make the 7.7 mile trip down the Choptank to Denton where a festival will be held.

The Chamber is planning on water demonstrations, exhibits,

games, live music, and a barbecue throughout the afternoon.

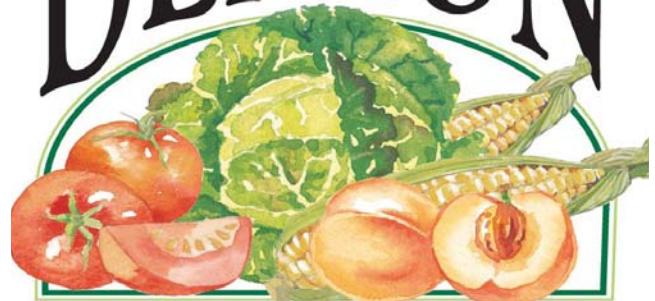
Prizes will be awarded to winners of a paddle game and an auction of paddle artwork to benefit The Foundry will be held. Participants are expected to vary in age and expertise.

Along the calm waters of the Choptank, friends and family will come together for a weekend to enjoy the beauty of the river and discover the other adventures Caroline has to offer.

For more information please contact the Caroline Co. Chamber of Commerce at 410-479-4638 or visit their website at www.carolinechamber.org

Downtown Denton, Market & Second Street

DENTON



FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 3:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.
April 14th - October 13th

- Live Music, 3rd Wed. of Month
- Plein Air Artists 4th Wed. of Month

Artist Demonstrations at the Foundry



Photo: by Mike Price "Skipjacks Becalmed"

On Saturday, March 13, 2p.m.-4p.m., The Foundry will host a special screening of the Mike Price documentary Chesapeake: Great Shellfish Bay as part of the "Second Saturday" series offered at The Foundry, Caroline County Council of Arts' (CCCA) Community Art Gallery at 401 Market Street in Denton. The event is free and open to the public.

Foundry artist Mike Price will be on hand to introduce his 1982 documentary about the Bay, its beauty, its wildlife, and its environment.

Filmed over a year of seasons, this independent production was directed and filmed by Mike Price and written by Tara Moore, wildlife artist.

The fifty-two minute long film featuring watermen, skipjacks, ospreys, herons, and blue crabs, will give present-day viewers a taste of what life was like on the Chesapeake

some twenty-eight years ago.

Though many things have changed, some issues, like the environmental threats outlined in the piece, are still relevant today.

An accomplished photographer, Mike Price's work is on exhibit at The Foundry and can be viewed at his website, mikepricephotography.com.

The Foundry is open Tuesday through Saturday 11a.m.-4p.m.. Free artist demonstrations and activities are held the second Saturday of every month from 2p.m.-4p.m.

Upcoming Second Saturday demonstrations include:

April 10 – Painting with Frannie Ireland;

May 8 – Woodturning with Tim Moore.

The Foundry is located at 401 Market Street in Denton. For more information please contact the CCCA office 410-479-1009 or visit www.carolinearts.org.

Boat Ramp Permit Reminder

Boating season is just around the corner. Just a reminder, effective April 1, 2009, a permit is required to launch any vessel, via boat trailer, at all Caroline County boat ramps and public landings.

Permits may be purchased for one day use or annual use and vary in price.

A one day pass for Maryland residents is \$5 and \$10 for out of state residents. Annual pass fees are \$20 for Maryland residents and \$50 for out of state residents. Annual permits are valid only when



displayed on the driver's side of the boat trailer tongue, within 12 inches of the hitch. Daily permits must be hung on the inside mirror facing the windshield. Fines for a first offense are \$50, and a second offense is \$100.

Permits are available at the Denton Town Office, Caroline County Recreation and Parks Office, Caroline Co. Planning and Codes office, Cindy's Country Store, Bullocks Deli, Denton Pharmacy, Caroline Co. Tax Office, and Denton Hardware.

Upcoming Hospice Events

March 11 - Pampered Chef with Barbara George

She will be donating a portion of her profit to Hospice this evening. Please check the Times Record for information or call Caroline Hospice Foundation at 410-479-3500.

March 12 - Pit Beef with Butch Frase Grills on Wheels

10:30a.m. - 2p.m. Cost is \$8 for sandwich, chips and drink. Deliveries also available for orders of 10 or more within a 15-mile radius.

March 18 - Bereavement Gathering

St. Luke's United Methodist Church. 6 p.m. RSVP to Heidi Plutschak 410-479-3500.

March 20 - Blue Jeans Ball

Held at the American Legion Post 29 in Denton, Cash bar, dancing, silent auction, 50/50, door prizes and karaoke. Tickets are \$10 each, limited availability, to purchase tickets call 410-479-3500.

April 16 - Annual Memorial Balloon Release

Location: The Caroline Home for Hospice 613 S. Fifth Ave. Denton. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. \$5. Purchase a balloon and write your loved one's name on it and release it into the sky. Call for 410-479-3500 for info.



Relay for Life Yard Sale

Saturday, May 2
8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

(rain or shine)

Denton Elementary School
303 Sharp Rd.

\$15.00 per table (table rental proceeds go to Relay for Life)
You will keep the proceeds from what you sell.

Mail checks payable to:
Denton School Relay for Life
303 Sharp Rd.
Denton, MD 21629

Call 410-924-7454 for more information.

Sponsors from page 1

Farmers' Market bags that will be given to each guest.

Farmers' Market bags will continue to be distributed throughout the Farmers' Market Season.

- Have your company's name placed in the Spring Gala Program.

Live Entertainment Featuring The Big Joe Maher Jazz Ensemble: \$250 (4 Sponsorships available)

- Have your company's name displayed on both an A-frame sign and on a banner on the bandstand that will read:

"This Year's Entertainment is

Brought to You by Your Company Name."

- Have your company's name announced by the band every hour.

- Have your company's logo placed in all of the Spring Gala print advertising on the Spring Gala Program.

Best Denton Experience: \$100 (5 Sponsorships available)

- The downtown businesses participating in this year's Spring Gala will be competing to offer guests the "Best Denton Experience." Have your company's name displayed on an A-frame sign at each participating business that

reads: "Prizes for the Best Denton Experience are Brought to You by Your Company Name."

- Have your company's name placed in the Spring Gala Program.

Eats of the Evening: \$50 (10 Sponsorships available)

- Have your company's name listed on an A-frame sign at each location where there is food that reads:

"This Year's Local Fare is Brought to You by Your Company Name."

- Have your company name placed in the Spring Gala Program.

If you are interested in

sponsoring any of this year's Spring Gala activities, please fill out the Application Form on this page. Sign up now to ensure your preference, as sponsorships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Ann Jacobs at 410-479-4315 for further information. We thank you for your support, and look forward to the best Spring Gala yet!

Best Wishes,
Downtown Denton Main Street



Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to assist in Spring Gala by sponsoring the following event:

- Wine & Beer Sampling: \$750
- Farmers' Market Bag: \$500
- Live Entertainment: \$250
- Best Denton Experience: \$100
- Eats of the Evening: \$50

Please make checks payable to: Downtown Denton Main Street

Applications and checks should be mailed to:
Downtown Denton Main Street
406 Market Street
Denton, MD 21629

Please email your company logo to: info@tourcaroline.com

Homestead Tax from page 1

on the 10% limit for purposes of the State property tax, and 10% or less (as determined by local governments) for purposes of local taxation. In other words, the homeowner pays no property tax on the market value increase which is above the limit.

The tax credit will be granted if the following conditions are met during the previous tax year:

- The property was not transferred to new ownership.
- There was no change in the zoning classification requested by the homeowner resulting in an increase value of the property.
- A substantial change did not occur in the use of the property.
- The previous assessment was not clearly erroneous.

A further condition is that the dwelling must be the owner's principal residence and the owner must have lived in it for at least six months of the year, including July 1 of the year for which the credit is applicable, unless the owner was temporarily unable to do so by reason of illness or need of special care. An owner can receive a credit only on one property - their principal residence.

If you are a property owner and the property is your principal residence be sure to check your assessment notice to verify that the information states "principal residence - yes". A "yes" indicates that the property is your principal residence; a "no" indicates that it is not and credits will not be given. THIS INFORMATION AFFECTS ELIGIBILITY FOR THE

HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT. If a correction is required or you have any questions, you should complete and submit the form found in your assessment notice or contact the Maryland State Dept. of Assessments local office at 410-819-4450.

In November 2006 the Denton Town Council lowered the tax credit percentage for in town owner occupied properties to 5% with the adoption of resolution #689. FOR THE UPCOMING JULY 1, 2010 TAX BILLING SEASON THE TOWN WILL MAINTAIN THE 5% CAP.

Properties are reassessed once every three years and property owners are notified of any change in their assessment. Assessments are certified by the State Department of

Assessments to local governments where they are converted into property tax bills by applying the appropriate property tax rates. The Town of Denton is located in assessment area two and properties within the Denton town limits are scheduled to be re-assessed around January 1, 2011.

Once the assessments are re-evaluated the reduction will have a greater benefit to those property owners that qualify for this credit.

All of the Town of Denton real estate property taxes are billed and collected through the Caroline County Treasurer's office based on the assessments received from the State of Maryland. Property owners receive one bill that combines State, County and Town real estate taxes together.

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 16, Monday April 19, Friday April 23, and Monday April 26, 2010. 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. 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

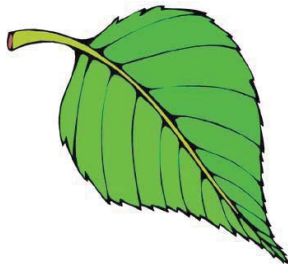
•Make sure there are no other objects or debris mixed with the leaves (like bottles, cans, flowerpots, gloves, ashes, pet waste or other trash)

•Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs 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 16 through April 26, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.



**Water Bills to be mailed April 1, 2010
PAY WATER BILLS ON TIME TO AVOID SERVICE
DISCONNECTION & EXTRA FEES**

Utility Bills will be mailed around April 1, 2010 and are due to be paid by April 25, 2010. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on April 25, 2010.

Past due notices (red cards) will be mailed on April 27, 2010 for any account that has an overdue balance, this is the FINAL REMINDER prior to having the water service shut off.

Payments can be made during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or after hours by placing the payment in an envelope in the night deposit box located to the right of the front door on outside the Town Office building.

Water that is turned off for non-payment will be assessed a service charge in order to have the water turned back on. The water turn-on service charge is \$50.00 if turned back on before 3:30 p.m. and \$100.00 for after hours, this fee is subject to change.

It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner.

Landlords and property managers who have arrangements for the tenants to pay the bills, please be sure to forward the bills to the tenants immediately upon receiving them to ensure prompt payment and to avoid shut off issues. In the past several tenants have stated that they do not receive the bill until the day it is due or when late notices have been sent.

Failure to receive the bill does not relieve the responsibility of the payment that is due. If a citizen is unable to make their payment by the due date, please contact the Finance Department at 410-479-2050 prior to April 25, 2010. Water service will be shut off for non-payment.

Census from page 1

in areas with high concentrations of Hispanic's, a Spanish language form will also be delivered.

If your census questionnaire is not mailed back, a local census taker will stop by your home and collect the information.

What is a Census Taker? Open the door to a census taker and open doors for your community.

By being counted you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census takers primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

- The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form

- The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form

- If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit that home up to three times, each time leaving a door

hanger featuring a phone number; residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit

The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form.

Do I have to talk to the census taker?

Yes. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law, (Section 221, of Title 13 of the U.S. Code). However, rather than rely on criminal charges, the Census Bureau is very successful in getting participation by explaining the importance of the questions we ask and how the information benefits our communities.

Your privacy and confidentiality is our priority:

The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under Federal Law Title 13. Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties: Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

For more information about the 2010 Census or to become a Census taker, visit www.2010.census.gov

The above information was taken from www.2010.census.gov website and is intended to inform the Denton community.

The image shows a sample of the 2010 Census questionnaire. It is a form with a header that says 'United States Census 2010' and 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economic and Statistics Administration U.S. CENSUS BUREAU'. Below the header, it says 'This is the official form for all the people at this address. It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law.' The form is divided into sections. The first section is 'Start here' and includes instructions for filling out the form. The second section is '1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?' and includes a box for the number of people. The third section is '2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?' and includes checkboxes for children, relatives, and other people. The fourth section is '3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home --' and includes checkboxes for owned, rented, or occupied without payment of rent. The fifth section is '4. What is your telephone number?' and includes a box for the area code and number. The sixth section is '5. Please provide information for each person living here...' and includes a box for the person's name and sex. The seventh section is '6. What is Person 1's sex?' and includes checkboxes for male and female. The eighth section is '7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?' and includes boxes for age and date of birth. The ninth section is '8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?' and includes checkboxes for various ethnicities. The tenth section is '9. What is Person 1's race?' and includes checkboxes for various races. The eleventh section is '10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?' and includes checkboxes for various living situations. The form also includes a 'Start here' section with instructions for filling out the form.

Sample copy of the 10 question 2010 Census Questionnaire



Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Humor and Poetry at Riverside Inn

The Caroline County Health Department receives funds from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Cigarette Restitution Fund Program for paying for colonoscopies. However, for fiscal year 2010 starting July 1, funds for the Cigarette Restitution Fund were cut for every county in Maryland. Unfortunately, the local Health Department used to be able to pay for 50 colonoscopies each year for those women and men age 50 and above who had no insurance. This year, we only have funds to pay for 14 colonoscopies and cannot enroll any more clients this year. We hope to have some funds restored in the next fiscal year.



Even though the Health Department is not able to enroll any clients this year, our work focuses on encouraging those with insurance who are 50 years and older, who have a strong family history of colorectal cancer, or who are due again for a follow-up colonoscopy to get it done. The best way for our gastroenterologists to try and prevent most colorectal cancers is to view one's colon and

remove polyps that they think could turn into cancer. Please note that all polyps do not turn into cancer, but the gastroenterologist is the best person to determine what polyps may be a problem so therefore when they say to come back for a follow-up please do. The one way that all of us can lower the colorectal cancer death rate in our county and for our family and friends is to follow the screening guidelines and what our doctor recommends.

If your church, organization, business or other group would like someone to speak about colorectal cancer screening, the Health Department would be glad to come. Please call us at 410-479-8080. In addition, if you have a newsletter that you would like information on colorectal cancer to be included, we would like to help. The more people that we can reach the less suffering that will occur from having colorectal cancer. The Health Department wants to thank the following gastroenterologists and their staff for working with our program: Digestive Health Associates, Dr. Charles DiNapoli, and Dr. Michael Moran.

John Miller and John Ford from the Academy of Lifelong Learning will team up with The Eastern Shore Writers' Association to present a unique perspective on this at times vexing literary genre on March 13 from 1-3 p.m., at the Riverside Country Inn in historic Greensboro, MD.

Held in the heart of the Eastern Shore, and overlooking the Choptank River, "we will gather midst green tea, coffee, and shamrock cookies," Anne McCormick, Co-coordinator of the ESWA describes invitingly. "It is sure to be just the right tonic after this winter."

Free and open to the public, this event will include a fun reading of some irreverent poems from over the years, with lively discussion encouraged. A tour of the Inn will follow the meeting, with refreshments provided just a short distance away at the Greensborough Trading Company.

"Reservation are recommended and dust off your funny bones! It is sure to be a hoot!" Anne concludes.

John Miller is a former adjunct professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University and lecturer in the Department of English at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr.

Miller received his Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Pittsburgh and his B.A. in English from Yale University. Recently, John has taught literature at American University and Washington College.

John Ford majored in Literature in college and is currently Facilities Manager at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He is also president of the Easton Town Council. Both are teachers at the St. Michael's branch of The Academy of Lifelong Learning.

The Riverside Country Inn, formerly The Riverside Hotel, was built in the early 20th century and was one of Caroline County's first hotels. Barb and Doug Mutolo, who also run the Greensborough Trading Company, purchased the building in 2009 and have since been restoring it to its original beauty. The Riverside Country Inn will take its place once again as a landmark of Caroline County.

ESWA is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization supporting writers and the literary arts across the Delmarva Peninsula. For more information visit the website www.easternshorewriters.org, or contact: Judy Reveal, jreveal@verizon.net.

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 3:30 p.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 #594 – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to signs. Introduced 11/2/09, adoption has been deferred and will be considered on March 1, 2010.

Ordinance #595 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the zoning ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to the critical area program procedures for lot consolidation and reconfiguration. Introduced 12/7/2009, Adopted 1/4/2010.

Ordinance #596 – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton granting deed of preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust for

property located at 512 Franklin St. Introduced 12/7/2009, Adopted 1/4/2010.

Ordinance # 597 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the table of density and dimensional regulations in the Zoning Ordinance which is Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to the commercial medical (CM) zoning district. Introduced 2/1/2010, to be considered for adoption on 3/1/2010.

Ordinance #598 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Article 120 of the Code of the Town of Denton to permit the Denton Police to enforce license requirements under article 148 of the public local laws of Caroline County pertaining to boat ramp

fees. Introduced 2/1/2010, to be considered for adoption on 3/1/2010.

Resolution #720 – A Resolution of the Denton Town Council to annex certain lands located on the north side of the Town of Denton on the south side of Harpers Branch Road, and the northwest side of Maryland Route 313, in the third election district, Caroline County Maryland and consisting of 25.35 acres of land, more or less and to provide for the terms and conditions of the

annexation to the Town of Denton. Introduced 9/14/09, adopted 11/2/09, became effective 12/17/09.


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)

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.




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,

MARCH
12pm 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

APRIL
12pm 6, 13.



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