



Denton Town News

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FREE

3rd Annual Denton Spring Gala

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

This year's event will begin at the corner of Third and Market Streets.

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

Featured artwork at Denton's Spring Gala will include paintings and drawings, photography, stained glass, basketry, artisan jewelry, hand-crafted pottery and more.



The evening will also feature an extensive silent auction and a grand prize drawing.

For the wine connoisseur, Boordy Vineyards will be hosting a wine tasting at the Museum of Rural Life. Local

wine aficionado George Sands will be speaking on a selection of his favorite frugal wines. Eastern Shore Brewing, a local brewery from St. Michaels, will also be hosting a beer

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Drinking Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is two (2) potable wells drilled at an average depth of 450 feet in the Piney Point Aquifer.

We have a source water protection plan available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination.

We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning

your water utility, please contact Mark Chandler or Scott Getchell of the Department of Public Works at 410-479-5446. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Town Office.

The Water Treatment Division of the Department of Public Works routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2008. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

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Farmers Market Opening May 20th

May 20th marks the first Downtown Denton Main Street Farmers' Market of the season! Head to the Courthouse Green from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday through September 30th for locally grown produce, eggs, pumpkin rolls, herbs, fresh-squeezed lemonade, baked goods, and much more!

Make the Downtown Denton Farmers Market your weekly destination to buy farm fresh foods directly from the source! You'll find the freshest fruits and vegetables throughout the season, including cantaloupe, watermelon, tomatoes, blueberries, kale, lettuce, and sweet and hot peppers. This year's Farmers Market

will also feature live entertainment on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Enjoy the afternoon walking through the market to enjoy historic downtown Denton, talk to your neighbors, and learn cooking tips, side dish suggestions, and service advice from the farmers themselves. If you're short on time, park in one of the convenient parking spots right near the market. There will be a lot to see, to do and to savor.

The Downtown Denton Farmers Market is still seeking participation from local farmers, cheese makers, meat producers, flower and plant growers, bakers, and other food

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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

May 4
June 1

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.

May 26
June 30

Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m.

May 20
June 17

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

May 14
June 11

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

May 25

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

TOWN OF DENTON NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Denton proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2009, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 7.7%, from \$326,033,769 to \$351,185,385.
2. If the Town of Denton maintains the current tax rate of \$.65 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 7.7% resulting in \$163,486 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$.603, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.65 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 7.8% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$163,486 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2009 at the Denton Police Department, 100 North Third St., Denton, MD 21629.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 410-479-2050 for further information.

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2008 - 2009 Real Property Tax Sale process will begin soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billings or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

All real property taxes were due in full by December 31, 2008 and are to be paid at the Caroline County 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.

Please fill out the Newsletter Survey on page 20.

**July - August 2009
ISSUE DEADLINE is
June 5, 2009**

Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by June 5th. Thank you.



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

May

2nd - Relay for Life Yard Sale

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rain or shine, Denton Elementary School, 303 Sharp Rd., Denton. \$15 per table, table fee goes to Relay for Life, proceeds from your sales go to you. Call 410-479-1660 or 410-479-3462 for info. and to reserve a table.

2nd - Denton Spring Gala

\$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Starts at 220 Market St., Denton. An adult progressive event starting at the Caroline Co. Council of Arts building. Sample local food and wine, local art exhibits, carriage rides, live music. Call Ann Jacobs at 410-479-4315 for tickets and info.

2nd - Old Time Ridgely Days

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ridgely Memorial Railroad Park between Bell St. and Railroad Ave., Ridgely. 25 cent ice cream, 25 cent hot dogs, free horse drawn wagon rides, vendors, antique cars, artists, free fire truck rides, model train display, refreshments, Victorian 19th century costumes. Fun for the entire family. Sponsored by the Ridgely Historical Society. Call 410-634-9235 for info or booth space.



2nd - Greensboro Childrens Fishing Derby

Free, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Carnival grounds on Sunset Ave., Greensboro. Event for kids 17 and under with prizes given in several different age categories. All will get a t-shirt and free lunch. Bring the kids, their fishing poles, and come fish. Call 410-482-8304 for info. and to register.



8th, 9th - Spring Native Plant Sale at Adkins Arboretum.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (8th), 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (9th), 12610 Eveland Rd., Ridgely. Trees, shrubs, grasses and perennial herbaceous plants on sale, mostly native to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Used gardening and nature-themed books and magazines also for sale. Call 410-634-2847 for info.

9th - Delmarva Driving Club's Pleasure Carriage Driving Show.

9 a.m. Caroline Co. 4-H Park, Detour Rd., Denton. One of the Eastern Shore's best kept secrets. This event opens with formal classes in the morning, followed by an afternoon of participants competing in obstacle and cross-country carriage driving events. Refreshments available for purchase.

Call 302-846-2189 for more info. or visit delmarvadrivingclub.com.

20th thru October 14th - Denton Farmers Market

Corner of 2nd St. and Market St. in front of the Caroline Co. Courthouse, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Fresh, locally grown and produced fruit, vegetables, breads, pastries, and much more. Relaxing shopping under the shade trees. Rain or shine. Call 410-479-4315 for vendor space.

24th - Ridgely Strawberry Festival

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Martin Sutton Park, Route 480 & Park Ave., Ridgely. Sample fresh strawberries, arts, crafts, kids activities, parade, live bands. Fun for the whole family. Call 410-260-8067 for info. or visit ridgelylions.org



24th - Guided Canoe Trip on Tuckahoe Creek

\$6 adults, \$4 youth, 6 p.m. Tuckahoe State Park, Ridgely. Join park staff for an entertaining and educational guided canoe trip up Tuckahoe Creek. Reservations required. Call 410-820-1668 for more info. and to register.



June

2nd - Rabies Clinic

5 p.m.-7 p.m. Health & Public Services Building parking lot, 403 S. 7th St, Denton. \$5.

Bring your dog, cat, or ferret by for a rabies shot. 1 year and 3 year vaccinations available. Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a box with airholes. Pre-registration is not required, but saves time. Call 410-479-8045 for more info. or to register your pet.

6th - Fishing Derby at Martinak State Park

\$3 pre-registration, \$5 day of event. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Martinak State Park, 137 Deep Shore Rd., Denton. Open to ages 5-under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Activities include fishing, arts, crafts, lunch, prize drawings, and an awards ceremony. Call 410-479-8120 or www.carolinerecreation.org to register.



and cheer the racers. Two categories: Stock and Super Stock, racers purchase their complete kit in either category and build their own soapbox car. Register by May 1st. Call Danny at 410-829-0788 to register and for more info.

6th - Linchester Mill Arts & Music Festival

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. 3390 Linchester Mill Rd., Preston. Celebrate the 65th anniversary of D-Day, step back in time with a summer picnic, big bands, local artisans, working exhibits, historical hayrides, tours of the mill, and refreshments. Call 410-673-1910 for more info.

13th - Tuckahoe Triathlon

8 a.m. Tuckahoe State Park, 13070 Crouse Mill Rd., Ridgely. For serious and amateur athletes, 2 mile run, 10 mile bike, and 1 mile canoe course. Prizes for individuals, couples, and parent-child combos. Pre-registration required. Call 410-820-1668 for info. and to register.



13th - Hershey Track and Field Competition

Free. 9:30 a.m. North Caroline High School. (Rain date June 20th.) Run, jump, and throw at this track and field event. Top two finishers in each event will advance to the state meet. Age groups 9-10, 11-12, 13-14. Each group will include boys and girls. Pre-registration strongly encouraged. Call Stacey at 410-479-8120 for more info.

Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

www.adkinsarboretum.org

Caroline Co. Public Library

410-479-1343

www.caro.lib.md.us/library

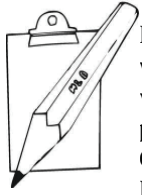
Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

Denton Police Department . . .

Police Department Participates in Character Counts



Denton Elementary School was looking for volunteers to participate in the Character Counts Program in their school and Lt. George Bacorn of the Denton Police Department answered the call. Character Counts Mid Shore, Inc. is a community based organization that works to expose positive character development in every aspect of life. Non-political and non-religious, our organization's mission is to provide and implement the highest quality character enrichment program to all communities in the mid shore region of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Character Counts Mid Shore adopted the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

Character Counts Mid Shore, Inc. provides the framework for citizen based character enrichment programs through the "Winners Walk Tall" program. Through

Raising Funds For Camp ESPA

Camp ESPA, which is operated by the Eastern Shore Police Association, is located in Rhodesdale, Dorchester County MD. Each year two week-long camps are conducted, one for girls and one for boys, for underprivileged children on the Eastern Shore. The camps are run totally by volunteers and have no cost to participants. Funds are acquired totally by fundraising efforts by members of ESPA.

On April 1, 2009 Lt. George Bacorn of the Denton Police Department was "locked up" as part of a fund-raising campaign where local law enforcement officers, business people, and community

a partnership with area public schools, the Character Coaches visit classrooms each week for 15 minutes to deliver positive character messages based on the Six Pillars. Lt. Bacorn visits Mr. Fell's fifth grade class every Friday focusing on one of the Six Pillars and challenging students to implement good character into their everyday lives.

An evaluation by the Maryland State Department of Education revealed that student behavior and achievement improved, along with increased attendance and higher rates of students making the honor roll in schools where Character Counts had been implemented.

Lt. Bacorn stated, "I look at this program as a way not only to teach young people about what an important thing good character is to have, but also a way for the kids to see that we, as law enforcement officers, are here to help them along in life. I want all the students to know that police officers will always be there to protect them and to help them."

organizers were "arrested" and required to post a "bond" in order to be released. Lt. Bacorn's bond was set at \$1,000.00. Thanks to generous donations from friends, family, coworkers, and local Denton businesses, Lt. Bacorn was able to raise almost \$1,200.00 for the camp. The entire effort raised over \$16,500.00.

Anyone wishing to learn more about how to contribute to Camp ESPA or to become a volunteer can contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or check out Camp ESPA on the web at www.campespa.com.

Helping Hands Neighborhood Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Winners of the 6 and under Easter egg hunt display their special Easter baskets they won for collecting the most eggs in their age category.

The Helping Hands Neighborhood Association, with the help of the Denton Police Department hosted their annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 4th.

Aproximately twenty children participated in the hunt.

Shown here are the winners of the Easter egg hunt. in categories 6 and under and 6-12. The winners received a special basket.

New Mobile Command Unit

The Denton Police Department recently took delivery of a 1996 GMC ambulance that was donated by the Denton Fire Company. The new unit will be converted into a Mobile Command Unit for the Police Department. The unit will be equipped with computers, internet access, first responder equipment, and supplies. The unit will be used

for emergencies, community events, and special operations.

A grant is being sought to cover expenses to have the unit repainted and to upgrade the emergency lights. The unit should be in service by this summer and will be used by officers conducting community policing activities in the town's neighborhoods.

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

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST

AUGUST
14TH & 15TH



Applications now being accepted for non-profit and food vendors for Caroline Summerfest. Visit the website and print off your application. Food and non-profit vendor applications due June 1st.

WWW.CAROLINESUMMERFEST.COM

Police Department Press Releases

Date: 03/13/2009

Classification: Driving on revoked license

Location: GAY ST

Denton Police charged Preston Jones, Jr., 36, of Wilmington, DE with driving on a revoked license. Police observed a 2003 Chevrolet for an equipment violation (tag light out) and identified the operator as Jones. Jones was unable to produce a driver's license when asked and a check of MVA records revealed that Jones' privilege to drive was revoked through the state of Delaware. Jones was issued citations at the scene and released on his signature.

Date: 03/15/2009

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 0 block N FIFTH ST

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Lee Sullivan of Easton reported that person(s) unknown, by unknown means, removed a TomTom GPS from his 2003 Buick that was parked in the Samaritan House parking lot. Total loss is estimated at \$449.00.

Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414 or via e-mail at tips@todpolice.com.

Date: 03/17/2009

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 200 block N FOURTH ST,

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Davine Copper reported that person(s) unknown took his blue and gray three speed Schwinn Bicycle from a residence on the 200 block of N. Fourth Street. The bike is valued at \$50.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or via e-mail at tips@todpolice.com.

Date: 03/17/2009

Classification: Possession w/Intent to Dist

Location: 1100 block INDUSTRIAL PARK WY

Denton Police arrested Jason Drummer, 30, of Preston, for controlled dangerous substance violations. Police were conducting a premise check at Hertrich Chevrolet when they observed a 1990 Ford Ranger with a single occupant

parked in the middle of a row of new vehicles. Police made contact and identified the occupant as Drummer. Police noticed an odor of suspected marihuana coming from the vehicle while speaking to Drummer. Subsequent search led to the seizure of quantity of suspected cocaine, a digital scale containing suspected cocaine residue, and several pills later identified as Vicodin and Buspirone, both prescription medications that Drummer did not have prescriptions for. Drummer was arrested and charged with one (1) count of possession of CDS with intent to distribute, two (2) counts of possession of CDS, and two (2) counts of possession of CDS paraphernalia. Drummer was released on \$5000.00 unsecured bond after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 03/19/2009

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: LINCOLN ST

Denton Police charged Charish Dean, 22, of Denton, with driving suspended and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Police stopped a 2003 Mercury for failing to stop at the stop sign at Second Street and Riverton Ave and the operator was identified as Dean. A check of MVA records revealed that Dean's privilege to drive had been suspended for failing to appear in court or paying a citation. Dean was placed under arrest and during a search incident to arrest a smoking device was located in Dean's purse. That smoking device contained suspected marihuana residue. Dean was issued citations for driving suspended and possession of CDS paraphernalia and was released on her signature of those citations.

Date: 03/20/2009

Classification: CDS: Possession-Marihuana

Location: 400 block LOCKERMAN ST

Denton Police arrested a 13 year old male of Marydel for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Police were called to Lockerman

Middle School where staff reported they were interviewing the 13 year old in reference to an unrelated matter when the staff discovered a baggie containing suspected marihuana. The boy was processed, referred to Juvenile Justice, charged with possession of CDS, and released to a guardian.

Date: 03/20/2009

Classification: CDS: Possession-Marihuana

Location: MARKET ST

Denton Police arrested Allen Mapp, Jr., 18, of Hurlock, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Police responded to Wayne's Auto for a report of someone trying to make entry to a vehicle on the lot. While police were responding it was reported that three males had left the area in a gold vehicle. A gold vehicle was located in the area, with three male occupants, which was stopped and the operator was identified as Mapp. During the interview it was determined that Mapp was at Wayne's Auto. While speaking with Mapp police noticed an odor of burnt marihuana about Mapp's breath and person. A probable cause search was conducted of Mapp and a small baggie containing suspected marihuana was located. Mapp was placed under arrest for possession of CDS. Mapp was released on \$3,000 unsecured bond.

Date: 03/22/2009

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 100 block EDENTON LN

Denton Police arrested John Parr, 46, of Denton, for second degree assault. Melanie Parr, 44 of Denton, reported that John Parr had physically assaulted her after a verbal argument. Police observed evidence that supported Melanie's allegation and placed John under arrest. John was charged with second degree assault and released on his own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 03/22/2009

Classification: DWI / DUI

Location: 700 block N SIXTH ST
Denton Police arrested Melissa

Weippert, 29, of Greensboro for DUI and controlled dangerous substance violations. Police observed a 1997 Mitsubishi fail to stop at a stop sign while entering Greensboro Road from the Goose Creek parking lot. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was identified as Weippert. Police noticed an odor of alcoholic beverage about the breath and person of Weippert and requested she perform field sobriety tests. Weippert failed to satisfactorily perform those tests and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. During a search incident to arrest police located a plastic baggie containing suspected marihuana and several different pills, some of which were able to be identified by police through poison control as controlled substances. Weippert was charged with suspicion of DUI, four (4) counts of CDS possession, and two (2) counts of CDS paraphernalia possession. Weippert was released on her own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 03/25/2009

Classification: Underage possession of alcoholic bev

Location: 700 block CAROLINE APARTMENTS

Denton Police charged Justin Benges, 19, of Marydel, and a 17 year old female of Denton with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage. Police responded to Caroline Apartments for a noise complaint. Investigation revealed that Benges and the 17 year old were consuming alcoholic beverages. Both were issued citations. Benges was released on his signature and the 17 year old was released to a guardian.

Date: 03/26/2009

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 700 block MARKET ST

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Wayne Gosnell reported that person(s) unknown destroyed solar powered lights that line the walkway around his property. Total loss is estimated at \$12.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or via

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Planning and Codes . . .

Comprehensive Plan Update

Work on the revised draft Denton Comprehensive Plan continues. The Planning Commission and Planning & Codes staff meet at least once a month in working sessions to develop consensus derived changes to the 1997 draft Comprehensive Plan (available for view on Denton's website). Targeted completion date for the plan is October 2009.

The workshop sessions are open to the public who are invited to attend – 6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Denton Town Hall. A Citizens Advisory Committee was convened a few months ago and interested persons are invited to become members. Please contact the Planning & Codes office at (410) 479-3625 if you wish to participate.

Input from Town residents and businesses is of vital importance. Early participation by all is encouraged and ensures that all concerns are heard and accommodated via consensus building. Status reports will begin appearing on the Denton website in the near future. We are considering creating an online survey to obtain input from interested parties who are unable to attend meetings. (Classical mail surveys tend to have low response rates and, therefore, are less desirable.)

Caroline County is simultaneously undertaking a similar comprehensive planning process. The Town Planning Director communicates with the Caroline County planning staff and the County's Planning Commission to ensure the two plans are complementary with one another.

As the Comprehensive Plan nears completion, the Planning Commission will review and ultimately make a recommendation to the Town Council for adoption consideration. During the review

and adoption process, public hearings are held both by the Planning Commission and the Town Council. The adopted Plan becomes the guide from which all future zoning and land use decisions are to be compared for consistency.

After the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, appropriate land use and zoning code changes will be made to synchronize the codes with the plan. All code changes are promulgated through ordinances approved by the Town Council.

Areas within and Elements of a Comprehensive Plan:

- Background
- Statement of Goals and Policies
- History
- Natural Features
- Topography
- Soils
- Hydrology
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Streams and Buffers
- Floodplains
- Habitats of Threatened or Endangered Species
- Steep Slopes
- Historic and Archaeological Sites
- Wellheads
- Demographics
- Population Densities
- Population Projections
- Inter-jurisdictional Coordination
- Elements
- Growth
- Water Resources (Water and Waste Water)
- Housing
- Economic Inventory & Development
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Recreation

Building Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between March and April 2009.

Arby's, 700 N. 6th St, Rehab
 Moran, 111 S. 5th Ave, Fire debris removal
 Matthew Bros., 408 N. 10th St, Sign
 Girven, 225 S. 2nd St, Window replacement
 Wood, 10 S. 3rd St, Sign
 Moran, 111 S. 5th Ave, Accessory Bldg
 Tap Enterprise, 400 S. 5th Ave, Sign
 Gilbert, 1118 Foster Holly Court, Patio
 Hippert, 208 N. 6th St, Roof replacement
 Shore Gourmet, 5 S. 2nd St, Sign
 Palmer, 111 Sunset Drive, Addition/Garage
 Stamler, 1610 Cattail Commons Way, Fence
 Kirby, 425 N. 6th St, Rehab/Mechanical
 Phillips, 1208 Tuckahoe Ct, Pool
 Phillips, 1208 Tuckahoe Ct, Fence
 Ferguson, 1111 Ruddy Duck Ct,

Fence
 Tribbett, 504 Market St, Demolition
 Peach, 115 Gay St, Roof
 Wesleyan Home Care, 410 Colonial Dr, Rehab
 Palmer, 111 Sunset Dr, Tree Removal
 Town of Denton, 7 N. 4th St, Porch and Siding removal
 Kelly, 208 S. 3rd St, Fence
 Nelson, 1108 Foster Holly Ct, Fence
 Sefton, 200 S. 5th Ave, Tree Removal
 Simms, 109 N. 3rd St, Accessory Bldg
 Fluharty, 203 S. 2nd St, Fence
 Weaver, 113 S. 5th Ave, Accessory Bldg
 Cunfer, 306 S. 5th Ave, Tree Removal
 Asbary, 516 N. 6th St, Residential
 SHC Parkview LLC, 32 Sydney Ln, Single Family/Mechanical
 PNC Bank, 207 Market St, Fence
 Perez, 107 S. 5th Ave, Fence

Alternate Board of Appeals Vacancy

The Board of Appeals consists of three individuals and one alternate who are appointed by the Town Council to hear and decide appeals for special exceptions, variances, and alleged errors or determinations.

Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Denton and be able to attend meetings the second

Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. as needed.

Persons interested in serving on the Denton Board of Appeals as an alternate should submit letters of interest to the Director of Planning and Codes, 13 North Third Street, Denton, MD 21629 by April 30, 2009. Call (410) 479-3625 for additional information.

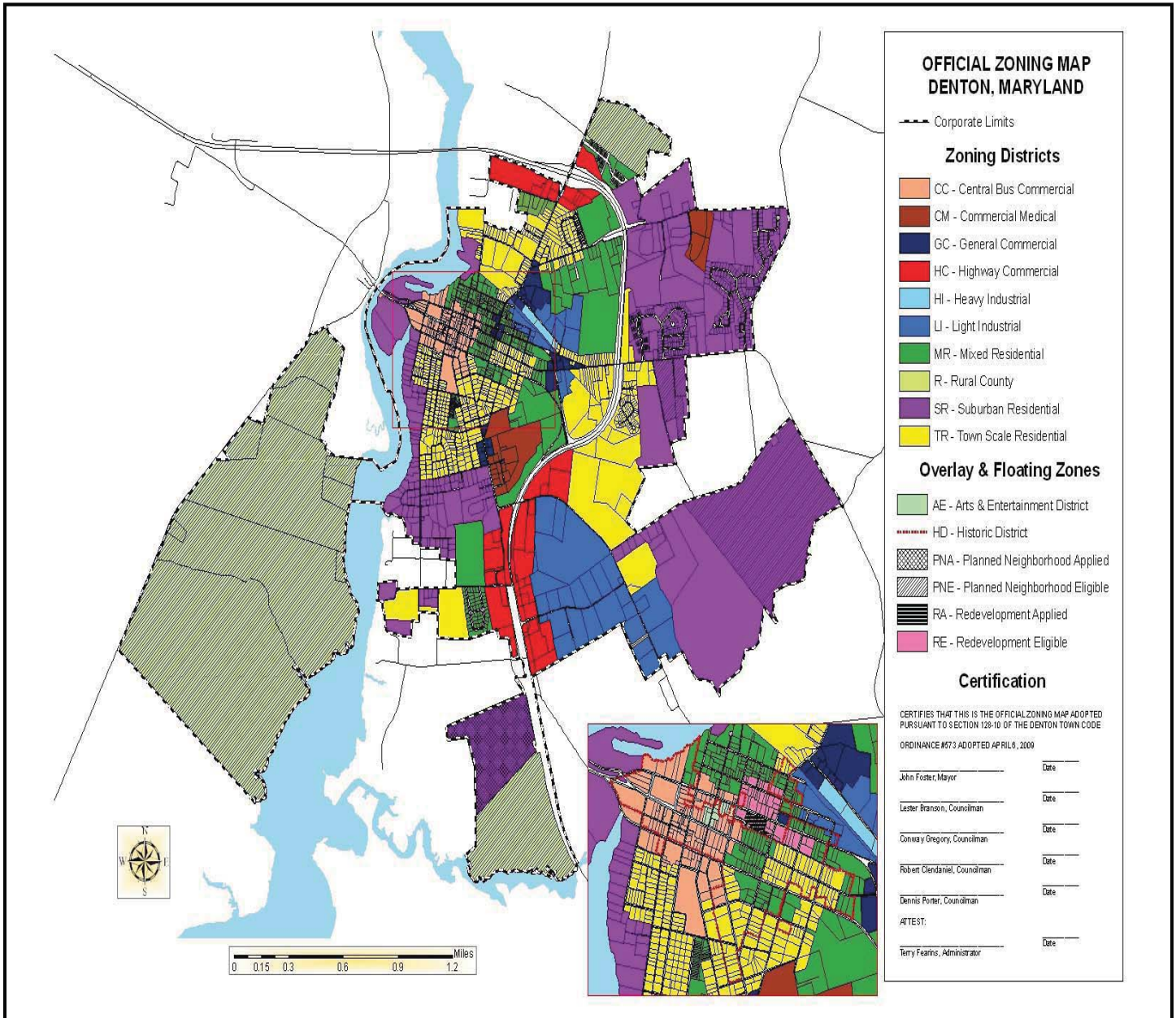
Town of Denton Resident Volunteers Needed for the Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

Duties: Assist Planning Commission and Town staff with setting goals and objectives for Denton's 2009 Comprehensive Plan

Be informed, involved, and help influence our future.

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

Denton Adopts New Official Zoning Map



The Denton Town Council has adopted a new Official Zoning Map (pictured above). Ordinance No. 573, adopted at the Town Council's April 6, 2009 meeting, repealed and reenacted the Official Zoning Map for the Town of Denton to include property recently annexed and zoned by the Town, to correct certain errors, to reflect parcels which had been rezoned, and to update the Official Zoning Map.

Denton last adopted an Official Zoning Map in May 1999. Subsequently, the Town annexed numerous parcels previously under

the county's jurisdiction. Also, since May 1999, the Town rezoned various parcels, created an Arts and Entertainment overlay zone, a Redevelopment overlay zone, and a Planned Neighborhood floating zone, none of which were depicted on an updated Official Zoning Map. The newly adopted map now reflects these changes.

The incorporated areas of the Town are divided into zones (zoning districts), depicted upon the newly adopted map, which indicate all "by-right" (or Euclidean) zoning districts within the Town's

corporate boundary. In so doing, each parcel is designated certain permitted (or special exception) land uses and permitted structures, yard and open space requirements, minimum lot areas and dimensions, and certain other requirements or restrictions. The map also identifies zoning overlay districts, such as the Historic District, which may impose additional requirements and restrictions.

Many recent annexations are identified with an underlying "by right" zoning designation and a Planned Neighborhood (PN)

floating designation. The PN District is intended to permit master planned, mixed use development of large tracts of annexed lands.

Another important purpose of the Official Zoning Map is that it provides a baseline from which the Town prepares its updated Comprehensive Plan.

Anyone interested may view a signed copy of the Official Zoning Map in the office of Planning and Codes at the Town Hall at 13 N. Third Street, Denton. Unofficial copies are also available for purchase.

Denton Public Works . . .

Fight The Energy Crunch

It's no secret that the state of the economy has seen better days. People are fed up with high costs on just about everything. With not much relief in sight (at least in the near future) hard working Americans have been on task to find ways to cut corners, and save wherever and whenever we can. One of the Nation's biggest drains on the household budget is the electricity bill. If you're like most budget conscious individuals, you'd welcome any opportunity to save on electricity consumption. A handy gadget is now on the market that could save you up to 20% on your electric bill.

This device called the Black and Decker Power Monitor has been designed to save homeowners



electricity, thus reducing energy bills. The Power Monitor is a two part instrument that straps to your electric meter outside, and has a wireless remote that's kept inside. The remote shows you your current usage, calculates your kilowatt hours and shows you the dollar amount of what your bill is to date. Having a device that shows your consumption will allow you to instantly identify energy draining appliances.

The Power Monitor will work on electric meters with the large spinning dial. It will not work on the newer digital meters. According to the Black and Decker website, installation is quite simple and it can be easily removed. For more information, visit www.blackanddecker.com.

Special Events Request Form

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. 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.

National Public Works Week

National Public Works Week is celebrated each year during the third full week in May. It is a time to honor the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services known as public works. These employees are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The Town of Denton Public

Works Department will participate in Career Day activities at Denton Elementary School. This provides a means to help students better understand the world of public works. In conjunction with this visit, a poster contest is planned to encourage students to share their knowledge of and appreciation for the public works department.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

The annual hydrant-flushing program initiated by the Denton Public Works Department is very important to the maintenance of the Town's water system. The flushing takes place in the spring and is part of the continuing effort by the Public Works Department to relieve any taste, odor, and turbidity problems that affect some water customers in our community. Hydrant flushing enhances water quality by flushing sediment from the water mains, verifies the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and maintains firefighting capability.

Prior to the flushing, notice will be posted on the Public Works website, www.dentonpublicworks.com. While flushing is in progress, many customers may experience a temporary drop in water pressure or rusty or cloudy water. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. If you see a crew flushing a hydrant, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine or the dishwasher until the flushing is completed. Please drive carefully around the area where hydrant-flushing is taking place.

If tap water is used during flushing, it may come out cloudy or discolored. If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. Check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it is okay to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. The discoloration affects only the appearance of the water; it does not affect the taste or quality.

This same philosophy of water line maintenance is one that you should use in your own home. The home's water heater should be drained and flushed at least once a year to keep it working efficiently and to protect the quality of water inside the home. If you are out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, when you return it is always a good idea to run all of your faucets for a minute or so before using the water. This ensures that you do not use any stagnant water that may have developed in the pipes of your home while you were away.

Household Trash Collection

Regular household trash pickup is done in Town on Tuesday. Just a reminder, all trash should be in plastic or metal containers having tight-fitting lids and a maximum capacity of 32 gallons. Receptacles should be kept clean and sanitary and may not contain free liquids or rainwater. There is a limit of 4 cans per residential unit. Waste wheelers are limited to 128 gallon capacity.



Containers may be placed out after 5:00 p.m. on the day before collection day but must be placed at curb/alley or roadside by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. All containers must be removed by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Special collections are done on Wednesdays. Items for special pick

up should not be put out with the regular trash. Residents must call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 by noon on Tuesday to schedule a Wednesday pickup.

Beginning in July, M-T Trash from Bridgeville, Delaware will be handling the regular household pickup. The schedule remains the same but there will be a transitional learning curve. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this changeover period. Allied Waste of Felton, Delaware will continue emptying the dumpsters at specified locations in Town.

For more information on collection policies, go to the Public Works website at www.dentonpublicworks.com.

Public Works Office 410-479-2050
www.dentonpublicworks.com

Drinking Water from page 1

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Note: Tests were completed in year 2008 or as otherwise noted. Some testing is not required annually.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some

contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

If present, elevated levels of lead

can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Denton Public Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water

tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants						
Arsenic Well 3 (2006) Well 5	N N	3.4 <3.0	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Copper (distribution)	N	0.108	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride Well 3 (2006) Well 5	N N	1.23 1.47	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead (distribution)	N	4	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
TTHM (distribution) [Total trihalomethanes]	N	10.65	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (distribution)	N	4.32	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Sodium Well 3 (2006) Well 5 (2005)	N N	202 200	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloroform Well 5	N	8.9	ppb	N/A	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloromethane Well 5	N	1.89	ppb	N/A	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Note: Tests were completed in year 2008 or as otherwise noted. Some testing is not required annually.

Denton Main Street . . .

Denton ArtsWay Receives Community Legacy Grant



7 North Fourth Street – targeted Community Legacy rehabilitation site.

On March 23, 2009 Governor O’Malley allocated \$4.7 million in Community Legacy awards for 63 projects across the State. The Town of Denton has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from these funds to assist with the redevelopment of the ArtsWay at Denton. This grant award was made possible through the efforts of the Denton Development Corporation (DDC), a non-profit organization committed to the revitalization of downtown Denton.

“Even as we face an uncertain and challenging economic situation, we can work together to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods and town centers all over Maryland,” said Governor O’Malley. “The Community Legacy program allows us to protect our priorities by investing in the economic sustainability and vitality of Maryland’s neighborhoods.”

The Town of Denton and the DDC have formed a strong partnership to create a viable State designated Arts & Entertainment District blending commercial studio/gallery space and cottage industry art shops with artisan housing. The targeted Fourth Street block is centrally located within Denton’s Arts & Entertainment, Central Business, and National Register Historic Districts and Denton Main

Street commercial corridor. Prior to involvement from the Town and the DDC, building code and drug violations were commonplace and the block detracted from revitalization efforts occurring in the adjacent Main Street area.

The Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA) has completed the Foundry, the first structure within the project area. This building now houses the CCCA headquarters and a community art gallery. Previous Community Legacy grant funds were allocated to make this acquisition, as well as others, feasible. The new funds will be used to assist with the rehabilitation of the structure at 7 North Fourth Street.

The Community Legacy program is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development’s (DHCD) Division of Neighborhood Revitalization. Its mission is to provide funding for local economic development activities that stimulate reinvestment and strengthen older communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, homeownership development, and commercial revitalization.

For more information contact Abigail McNinch at abigail@dentondevelopmentcorp.com or 410-479-4305.

Two Familiar Businesses Relocate In Downtown Denton

The What’s New Shop, previously located at 202 Market Street, has moved to 322 Market Street. The location is in the same building as Schaffner Printing and beside Denton Hardware.

What’s New Shop, a full service Christian Book Store, has been in operation for 25 years. Carl & Janice Clere have been the owners for the duration and feel it’s their ministry for the community and surrounding areas.

The building may be a little smaller, but the inventory is still large, and special orders are always welcome.

For more information or to get in contact with “What’s New Shop” call 410-479-0006, or email whatsnewshop@yahoo.com. Hours are 9:00 - 5:30 Monday thru Friday, 9:00-3:00 on Saturday. Please watch for sales or special events.

The Chesapeake Culinary Center will be moving its operations from the Emerson House to 5 S. Second St. The new storefront will feature the Shore Gourmet Denton Market and the Chesapeake Culinary Center’s catering. The store will feature locally produced products and also grab and go items such as homemade soup, salads, and sandwiches. Proposed store hours will be Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CCC will still be available for all catering events including weddings, family reunions, and corporate luncheons. CCC will continue to train youth and adults in the culinary field. One day classes for kids and adults are available through Caroline Parks and Recreation. To contact the CCC please call 410-479-0017.

Scholarships Available at Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School

The Freddie Bell Jones Modeling & Finishing School, Inc. is offering 15 full scholarships for Caroline County Teens ages 15 - 18 (based on need) and a GPA of 2.5 for students who are interested in gaining the skills required for success in the workforce, college interviews, and everyday life. The program will cover job interviews, image consulting, table etiquette, social etiquette, business etiquette, and customer service skills. The program will be held on Thursdays

beginning on May 7, 2009 and will end on May 28, 2009. Scheduled time is 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Course materials will be \$25.00. Please come and register on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.. Please contact Mrs. Ummu Bradley Thomas by email at freddiebelljones@gmail.com or by phone at 410-479-2208 for questions. The Freddie Bell Jones Modeling & Finishing School, Inc. is located at 212 Market Street, Denton.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS...

- Spring Gala May 2
- Mother’s Day May 10
- Farmers Market Every Wednesday starting May 20
- Father’s Day June 21
- Community Arts Block Party July 18
- Caroline Summerfest August 15 & 16

Spring Gala from page 1

tasting where guests can sample craft-brewed beer. Featured musical performances of the evening include Comfort Zone and the Boys of Bay Hundred.

Tickets to Spring Gala are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are now available for purchase at the library, The Foundry Gallery, What's New Shop, PNC Bank, Cindy Draper and Associates, Patti's Petals, and Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School.

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vendors. If you are interested, please contact Ann Jacobs, Denton Main Street Manager, by calling 410 479-4315 or by e-mailing ann@downtowndenton.com.

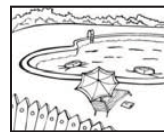
Let's bridge the gap of produce traveling an average of 1,500 miles to get to your table by supporting

The Denton Spring Gala is the primary fund-raising event for Downtown Denton Main Street. Community support is crucial to help make it successful. If you are interested in participating as a featured artist, or by donating items to the silent auction or through corporate sponsorship, please contact Ann Jacobs, Denton Main Street Manager, by phone at 410-479-4315 or by e-mail at ann@downtowndenton.com

our local farmers and our downtown. It is good for your neighbor, your environment, your town, and you. Enjoy your shopping – and enjoy your meal! Savor the earth's bounty at the 2009 season of The Denton Farmers Market.

Swimming Pool Safety

Don't let a water tragedy ruin your summer - make sure your pool is secured with a fence and gate. We want to keep you safe and it's a town law. All pools require a permit, except wading pools. Every swimming pool shall be protected by a safety fence or barrier at least 4 feet in height and must be equipped with a self latching closure mechanism with a lock at a height above the reach of toddlers. For more information please contact the Housing Office at 410-479-3625.



Caroline Hospice Upcoming Events



May 1st: **Golf Tournament by Friends of Hospice**

May 8th: **Pit Beef & BBQ Pork by Grills on Wheels**

June 12th: **Pit Beef & BBQ Pork by Grills on Wheels**



June 13th: **Yard Sale at the Hospice Home Lawn**



Call. 410-479-3500 for more information.



Denton Spring Gala

This fundraising event supporting downtown Denton will feature artists, restaurants, wine and beer tastings and musicians. Stroll or take a carriage ride throughout the streets of Denton to enjoy local art, music, food and spirits.

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

\$15 advance, \$20 at door

For more information contact:
Ann Jacobs at (410) 479-4315
ann@downtowndenton.com
downtowndenton.com

Tickets available at the Central Library, the Foundry, Cindy Draper and Associates, Patti's Petals, PNC Bank, What's New Shop and Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School. Purchase tickets early as space is limited.



Hospice Wish List

- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues (small box)
- 12-16 oz. Plastic Cups
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Liquid Fabric Softener
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Baby Wipes
- Swiffer Wet Jet Cleaner & Pads
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Air Freshener
- Clorox 2 Liquid
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Bottled Water

The above items are needed at the Caroline Co. Home for Hospice. If you would like to donate from this list, please contact the Home for Hospice at 410-479-3500 to make arrangements to drop off your donation. Thank you for your continued support.

What You Need To Know About The Upcoming 2010 Census

In 2010, the U.S. Census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every 10 years, the Census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. As a 2010 Census partner, you can educate your community about the importance of participating in this historic event and help ensure no one is left uncounted. You can help your community receive the fiscal and social benefits to which it is entitled. Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands.

The Census: A Snapshot

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This includes people of all ages, races, and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

The 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.

Your Participation in the 2010 Census Matters

Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period.

Census data guides local

decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals, and schools.

Census data affects your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Completing the 2010 Census Questionnaire: Simple and Safe

The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person—name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete and return by mail.

The Census Bureau does not release or share information that identifies individual respondents or their households for 72 years.

Why should everyone participate in the 2010 Census?

Census data shapes the future of your community and defines your voice in Congress.

Census information helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, and more.

Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, shopping centers, new housing and other facilities.

The Census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as

well as the boundaries of legislative districts.

How will the 2010 Census differ from previous census efforts?

In the last Census, one in six households received a long questionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. More detailed information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.

Will the information the Census Bureau collects remain confidential?

Yes. Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of census responses. Violation would result in a jail term of up to five years and/or a fine of up to \$250,000. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.

Why are partners so important to the 2010 Census campaign?

More than 140,000 organizations supported Census 2000, including state and local governments, community- and faith-based organizations, schools, media, businesses, and others. The

Census Bureau relies on partners to help explain the importance of completing the 2010 Census message to people in every corner of the United States. This is particularly important in areas isolated by language or geography. By joining forces with partners, the Census Bureau has a far greater chance to reach every U.S. resident than by attempting this monumental task alone.

2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates

Fall 2008: Recruitment begins for local census jobs for early census operations.

Spring 2009: Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide.

Fall 2009: Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010.

February – March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.


April 1, 2010 Census Day

April – July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010: By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.

March 2011 By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.


This information collected from www.census.gov/2010census website.



Tuckahoe's Birds of Prey Photo Shoot

Saturday May 9th
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

\$10 photographer Free to spectators



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

For more information call 410-820-1668

Tired of those old tires?
The Caroline County Commissioners are pleased to announce:

CITIZEN SCRAP TIRE DROP-OFF DAY
MAY 16, 2009

Caroline County Residents - Get Rid of Your Old Scrap Tires Saturday, May 16, 2009

FREE OF CHARGE!

We'll Take Them - Up to 10 Tires Per Vehicle

Use the Hobbs facility near Denton (only one visit) - Proof of Residency Requested
Tires accepted from residents brought in non-commercial vehicles.
No Business Tires, Commercial Haulers or Generators of Scrap Tires Not Permitted.

Drop them off on May 16, 2009, at the
Hobbs Transfer Station
near Denton
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Route 404, East on Legion Road, Left on Foy Road, Right on Hobbs Road, Right at gate.
No Rims 410-479-4040

Citizen Scrap Tire Drop-Off Day is sponsored by the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Environmental Service.

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e-mail at tips@todpolice.com.

Date: 03/27/2009

Classification: CDS: Possession-
Marihuana

Location: 300 block S SECOND
ST

Denton Police arrested Justin Benges, 19 of Marydel, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Fountain Ave. in the area of Third Street. That investigation revealed that a 1993 Jeep that was operated by Benges left the roadway and struck a utility pole. Benges was treated at the scene by EMS personnel but declined transport to the hospital. While investigating the collision police observed in plain view a plastic baggie containing suspected marihuana and a digital scale on the front seat of the truck. Benges was placed under arrest for possession of CDS. Benges was processed and charged with possession of CDS, possession of CDS paraphernalia, failure to control speed to avoid a collision, reckless driving, and negligent driving. Benges was held at the Caroline County Detention Center on \$3,000.00 bail.

Date:03/27/2009

Classification: DWI

Location: 0 block DENTON PZ

Denton Police arrested Debra Baker, 50, of Milford DE, for DUI. Police received a report of a female leaving Snappy's Bar and Grille and was operating a Jeep Cherokee leaving the parking lot and the operator was extremely intoxicated. Police located the vehicle, based on the description provided by the caller, on N. Sixth Street in the area of Fleetwood Road. The vehicle was stopped for a lane violation and the operator was identified as Baker. Police noted an odor of alcoholic beverage about the breath and person of Baker and requested that she submit to a series of field sobriety tests, which Baker agreed. Baker failed to satisfactorily perform those tests and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. Baker was processed and issued citations for DUI and DWI and released on her

signature to responsible person.

Date:03/29/2009

Classification: Reckless
Endangerment

Location: 400 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police are investigating a shots fired incident. Police were in the area of the Denton Fire Hall, that had been rented for a large private party, around the time the party was to be letting out. While people were moving from the hall to their vehicles several altercations broke out which police were able to quell. One large altercation broke out in the parking lot and while police were moving to intervene a shot was fired in close proximity of officers. Police were unable to identify who had discharged the weapon due to the large number of people in the area. It took police approximately an hour to regain order and disperse the crowd. Denton Officers were assisted by the Caroline Sheriff's Office, patrol and K-9, Maryland State Police, Easton and Centerville Barrack, and officers from Caroline County Drug Task Force. Anyone with information regarding the identity of who fired the shot is urged to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or via e-mail at tips@todpolice.com.

Date: 03/29/2009

Classification: DUI

Location: C A R O L I N E
APARTMENTS

Denton Police arrested Allan Mitchell, 44, of Denton for DUI. Police were called to Caroline Apartments for a report of a pickup being operated in a reckless manner. Upon arrival police observed a Ford Pickup that matched the description given by the reporting person sitting in front of the 800 building. Police made contact with the person sitting in the driver's seat, who was identified as Mitchell, and detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage. Mitchell was asked to complete field sobriety tests, which he agreed to do and failed to satisfactorily perform. Mitchell was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving while impaired. A check of MVA records revealed that Mitchell did not possess a driver's license. Mitchell was processed and issued

citations for DUI, DWI, and driving without a license. Mitchell was then released to a responsible party after signing all citations.

Date:03/29/2009

Classification:CDS: Possession-
Marihuana

Location: 500 block MARKET ST

Denton Police arrested Leshane Watkins, 32, of Denton for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS). Police were called to an apartment in the 500 block of Market Street by a neighbor who advised that the occupant of the apartment was not home, a door was open, and the neighbor could hear someone walking in the apartment. The occupant was unable to be contacted. Police then announced their presence and their intent to search the apartment at the open door and received no response. Police then entered the apartment and located Watkins in a bedroom. Immediately upon entering the room officers noticed a strong odor of burnt marihuana. A probable cause search was conducted of Watkins' person and a small baggie containing suspected marihuana was located. Two suspected CDS smoking devices were also located in the room. Watkins was placed under arrest, charged with possession of CDS and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Watkins was released on his personal recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner. It was later determined that Watkins was at the apartment legally.

Date:03/30/2009

Classification: Driving on Suspended
License

Location: 700 Block N SIXTH ST

Denton Police charged Makisha Hammond, 35, of Denton with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 1993 Chevrolet being operated with an equipment violation (tag light out). The vehicle was stopped and the operator was identified as Hammond. A check of MVA records revealed that Hammond possessed a Georgia license but it was suspended. Hammond was issued a warning for the equipment violation and a citation for driving on an out of state license and released

on her signature of that citation.

Date: 03/31/2009

Classification: CDS: Possess- Not
Marihuana

Location: 700 Block N SIXTH ST

Denton Police arrested Robert Link, 26, of Smyrna, DE for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS). Police observed a 1995 Mercury being operated with an equipment violation (backup lights not working). The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Link. During the course of the stop a Denton Police K-9 was deployed to conduct a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle for the presence of illegal drugs and the K-9 did alert to the presence of illegal drugs. A probable cause search was conducted on the vehicle and Link which resulted in the seizure of a small quantity of suspected Heroin on Link's person. Link was charged with one count of possession of CDS and was released on his own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date:04/01/2009

Classification: Driving on Suspend
License

Location: 700 Block N SIXTH ST

Denton Police charged Victor Pinder, 25, of Burrsville with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 1999 Subaru fail to stop at the stop sign when entering Greensboro Road from the Goose Creek. The vehicle was stopped and the operator identified as Pinder. A check of MVA records revealed that Pinder's privilege to drive was suspended in MD. Pinder was issued citations for driving suspended and failing to stop at a stop sign and released on his signature.

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



Mosquitoes - General Information to Help You Enjoy the Outdoors

The Town contracts with the County to spray the entire Town. This is a bi-weekly spraying which is done when the temperature is below 85 degrees and when the wind does not exceed 10 mph. Spraying usually takes place in the evening to minimize exposure to the public. Adverse weather conditions sometimes cause a backlog in the County's spraying program. When this occurs, the Town may request spraying once a week to help alleviate mosquitoes. The County also may place out pellet cakes in areas where there is standing water to eliminate eggs. According to County personnel, mosquito eggs can lay dormant for up to five years before they hatch. A wet period increases the adult mosquito population.

The website www.rci.rutgers.edu/~insects/njmos.htm by Donald Sutherland, Research Professor in Entomology and Wayne J. Crans, Associate Research Professor in Entomology provides additional information on the biology of the mosquito. Their article included the following information:

Mosquitoes Need Water:

All mosquitoes have one common requirement – they need stagnant/standing water to complete their life cycle. There are four stages to the life cycle of a mosquito: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Mosquitoes spend their larval and pupal stages in water. The females of some mosquito species deposit eggs on moist surfaces, such as mud or fallen leaves that may be near water but dry. Later rain or high tides reflow these surfaces and stimulate the eggs to hatch into larvae. The females of other species deposit their eggs directly on the surface of still water in such places as ditches, street catch basins, tire tracks, streams that are drying up, and fields or excavations that hold water for some time. This water is often stagnant and close to the home in discarded tires, ornamental pools, unused wading and swimming pools, tin cans, bird baths, plant saucers, and even gutters and flat roofs. The eggs deposited on such waters soon hatch into larvae. In the hot summer months, larvae grow rapidly, becoming pupae, and emerge one week later as flying adult mosquitoes. A few important spring species have only one generation per year. However, most species have

many generations per year, and their rapid increase in numbers becomes a problem.

Only the Female Can Bite:

When adult mosquitoes emerge from the aquatic stages they mate, and the female seeks a blood meal to obtain the protein necessary for the development of her eggs. The females of a few species may produce a first batch of eggs without this first blood meal. After a blood meal is digested and the eggs are laid, the female mosquito again seeks a blood meal to produce a second batch of eggs. Depending on her stamina and the weather, she may repeat this process many times without mating again. The male mosquito does not take a blood meal, but feeds on plant nectar. He lives for only a short time after mating.

Winter Survival Is Important:

Most mosquito species survive the winter, or over winter, in the egg stage, awaiting the spring thaw, when waters warm and the eggs hatch. A few important species spend the winter as adult mated females, resting in protected, cool locations, such as cellars, sewers, crawl spaces, and well pits. With warm spring days, these females seek a blood meal and begin the cycle again. Only a few species can over winter as larvae.

Mosquitoes Can Transmit Disease:

Mosquito-borne diseases, such as malaria and yellow fever, have plagued civilization for thousands of years. Organized mosquito control in the United States has greatly reduced the incidence of these diseases. However, there are still a few diseases that mosquitoes can transmit, including Eastern Equine Encephalitis and St. Louis encephalitis. The frequency and extent of these diseases depend on a complex series of factors.

Mosquito control agencies and health departments cooperate in being aware of these factors and reducing the chance of disease. It is important to recognize that young adult female mosquitoes taking their first blood meal do not transmit diseases. It is instead the older female, who, if she has picked up a diseased organism in her first blood meal, can then transmit the disease during the second blood meal. This is also true for the mosquito transmitted heartworm disease in dogs.

You Can Reduce Mosquito Annoyance:

When mosquitoes are numerous and interfere with living, recreation, and work, you can use the various measures described in the following paragraphs to reduce their annoyance, depending on location and conditions.

Reduce the Amount of Standing Water:

The most efficient method of controlling mosquitoes is by reducing the availability of standing water suitable for larval and pupal growth. Large lakes, ponds, and streams that have waves, contain mosquito-eating fish, and lack aquatic vegetation around the edges do not contain mosquitoes. The newly emerging mosquito has to stand on still water for a few minutes to dry its wings before it can fly away. That is one reason why mosquitoes do not breed in rapidly moving water such as running brooks and streams or even a pond that has a fountain.

If mosquito breeding is extensive in such areas as woodland pools or roadside ditches, the problem may be too great for individual residents. In such case, call the organized mosquito control agency in your area. These agencies have highly trained personnel who can deal with the problem effectively.

Use Insecticides Safely:

Several commercially available insecticides can be effective in controlling larval and adult mosquitoes. These chemicals are considered sufficiently safe for use by the public. Select a product whose label states that the material is effective against mosquito larvae or adults. For safe and effective use, follow the instructions for applying the material. The label lists those insects that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agrees are effectively controlled by this product. Read the label.

For use against adult mosquitoes, some liquid insecticides can be mixed according to direction and sprayed lightly on building foundations, hedges, low shrubbery, ground covers, and grasses. Do not over apply liquid insecticides—excess spray drips from the sprayed surfaces to the ground where it is ineffective. The purpose of such sprays is to leave a fine deposit of insecticide on surfaces where mosquitoes rest.

Such sprays are not effective for more than one or two days.

Some insecticides are available as premixed products or aerosol cans. These devices spray the insecticide as very small droplets that remain floating in the air and hit the flying mosquitoes. Apply the sprays upwind, so the droplets drift through the area where mosquito control is desired. Rather than applying too much of these aerosols initially, it is more practical to apply them briefly but periodically thereby eliminating those mosquitoes that recently flew into the area.

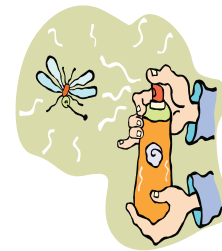
Repellents Can Offer Relief:

Various commercially available repellents can be purchased as creams, lotions, or in pressurized cans and applied to the skin and clothing. Some manufacturers also offer clothing impregnated with repellents; coarse, repellent-bearing particles to be scattered on the ground; and candles whose wicks can be lit to release a repellent chemical. The effectiveness of all repellents varies from location to location, from person to person, and from mosquito to mosquito. Repellents can be especially effective in recreation areas, where mosquito control may not be conducted. All repellents should be used according to instruction.

What Attracts Mosquitoes?

Mosquitoes are attracted by perspiration, warmth, body odor, carbon dioxide, and light. Mosquito control agencies use some of these attractants to help determine the relative number of adult mosquitoes in an area. Several devices are sold that are supposed to attract,

trap, and destroy mosquitoes and other flying insects. However, if these devices are attractive to mosquitoes, they probably attract more mosquitoes into the area and may, therefore, increase rather than decrease mosquito annoyance.



Denton Town Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2009

Regular Meeting

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

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

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing 4-1, with Councilman Branson abstaining due to being absent from that meeting.

Public Hearing

Ordinance # 571

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:01 p.m. to receive public comments on Ordinance #571 - an ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting a moratorium on the processing and approval of any residential floating zone, major subdivision, and any site plan which would permit development of more than three (3) residential dwelling units for a period of ten (10) months pending consideration and adoption of a revised comprehensive plan and such other legislation as the Town Council may consider advisable to promote public health, safety and welfare.

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

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

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – Councilman Branson shared his concerns about having a moratorium and what issues he would like to have a guarantee that would be addressed in order to support; like completion of the comprehensive plan, to try to amend the project process to allow the Town Council to have the final approval, not the Planning Commission, and to give the Planning Commission and the Council the right to define what goes into any subdivision.

Councilman Porter said that

he still had some reservations and welcomed any dialogue that would help him to make his decision.

Councilman Gregory also had some concerns.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public – Mr. Nick Carter of 14272 Drapers Mill Rd. spoke on behalf of the Caroline Citizens for Responsible Growth Organization supporting the adoption of a moratorium. Mr. Carter stated that if the growth continues at the rate it has the past couple of years the schools would exceed their capacity and mentioned that there is already an increase in nitrogen levels in the Choptank River.

Mr. Dave Wolcott of 114 S. Third St. expressed that the economy will take care of the issue without the benefit of adopting a moratorium and that he has concerns with the overlay zone and that he would not want to turn away any persons wanting to develop less desirable parcels or effect commercial.

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communication

Swearing in Officer Peris

Mayor Foster swore in Officer Charity Peris to Denton Police Dept. The Council welcomed Officer Peris to the Department and offered congratulations for graduating from the academy with top honors.

Award Presentation - Corporal Dan Franklin-DPD

Mayor Foster and Chief Cox awarded Officer Dan Franklin with Officer of the Year. Chief talked of Officers Franklin's accomplishments and statistics that were taken into account in being selected for this award. All members congratulated Officer Franklin on a job well done.

Mayor Foster expressed appreciation of the camaraderie of the department and the citizens of the Town of Denton.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #571 – Moratorium
An ordinance of the Town of

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

Attorney Brynja Booth took a few minutes to address comments made by Councilman Branson during the public hearing. She advised that the State gives the Planning Commission authority for the final approval of projects once the project has been through planning process. The Town Council has the authority over zoning laws and can look at the zoning districts to make sure they are zoned correctly so that the Planning Commission can make sure all projects are in compliance of the Town laws. The Planning Commission has complete authority over pure by-right subdivisions indicating that the process for them is a little different.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to adopt ordinance #571, seconded by Councilman Gregory. In discussion Councilman Clendaniel addressed Mr. Wolcott's comments and advised that this ordinance would not affect or have a negative impact on commercial industry.

Mr. Bill Kastning, Director of the Planning and Codes Dept., clarified that the Arts and Entertainment District and the Gay St. project would not be affected by this ordinance as well.

Councilman Porter said out of the 437 signatures on the petitions presented by Caroline Citizens for Responsible Growth Organization there were 147 that are residents of the Town of Denton and that influenced his decision that the Town needs the time to address the comprehensive plan and adopt the zoning district changes. Councilman Porter encouraged the Citizens to get

involved and tell the Council what they want to see in their town.

With no further discussion the Mayor called for the vote on the motion on the floor to adopt ordinance #571. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #572 Amendment of the Official Table of Use Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Kastning presented an ordinance to amend the official use table of the Denton zoning ordinance to permit group homes, private as special exception uses in certain districts; to permit group home/handicapped or infirmed home as a special exception use in certain districts; and to permit trade or vocational schools as conditional uses in certain districts. Mr. Kastning provided an overview of what initiated the amendment explaining that the proposed Chesapeake Culinary vocational school is not an existing use, and that private group homes are also not allowed in town.

The Town Attorney explained what the federal law – fair housing act consisted of and advised that amending the group home use is necessary in order for the Town to be in compliance and to define a commercial medical district.

Councilman Clendaniel cautioned on allowing these types of use in residential areas, in which Mr. Kastning explained the difference of special exceptions. The Planning Commission unanimously approved to forward these amendments to the Council for consideration.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to introduce Ordinance #572, seconded by Councilman Branson. Additional discussion was held in which Councilman Porter also expressed concerns about SR/TR Zones allowing this use and suddenly having group homes appear in residential neighborhoods. The Town Attorney will provide additional information on the Federal Law.

Councilman Gregory advised

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that he is not opposed to these amendments but would like to look into it further.

With no further discussion the Mayor called for the vote on the motion on the floor to introduce Ordinance #572. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board, and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Sharp Road Park Basketball Court Relocation

On behalf of the Choptank Athletic Association Brandon Nier provided an update regarding the bids that have been received for the construction of a basketball court to replace the one proposed to be demolished as part of the construction of a visitor center in Crouse Park. Mr. Nier stated that the bids were about \$3,000 higher than anticipated, mostly as a result of the cost for the fence and also sealing the court. The CAA is ready to award the bid but would like to defer the fencing at this time.

Councilman Branson made a motion to do the cheapest way of surfacing and to defer the fencing until 2010; the motion was seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion Councilman Gregory questioned the difference in the types of sealant and the life expectancy, and Mr. Nier indicated he would have to check with the contractor. The contractors are ready to start and the last item they would do is the sealant, so this bid can be awarded and the project started, while the sealant information can be obtained and brought back to the Council later.

Councilman Branson amended the motion to have Mr. Getchell review the seal coating option and make a recommendation to the Council next month. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Porter, and passed unanimously.

Agenda #2 - 303 Market Street Contract of Sale

Mr. Bill Maloney has executed the Contract of Sale for 303 Market Street and has requested that the Town split the settlement cost with him. He has modified the Contract

of Sale and this was brought before the Council for consideration and to provide authorization for the Mayor to initial/signature the changes.

The Town Attorney, Brynja Booth, advised that settlement costs are normally split and estimated the total cost to be approximately \$485. The Town's share would be about \$242.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve to pay half of the settlement cost to be reimbursed from the next buyer of the parcel. Discussion was held after which Councilman Porter amended the motion to approve the changes in the contract and authorize the Mayor to initial, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 Boat Ramp Fee

A copy of the revised proposed County legislation regarding charging boat ramp fees was provided for discussion.

Mayor Foster questioned how this would be enforced and wanted to make sure that the Town Staff would not absorb most of the labor, looking to ensure that the County would help with enforcement.

The Town Administrator was directed to share the concerns with Sue Simmons and Sheriff Brown, and to check with Federalsburg to see why they are not going to participate.

Any action on this item was deferred until March.

New Business

Agenda #1 - Municipal Building - USDA Financing Approved

USDA has provided notification of funding approval for financing the proposed Municipal Building. This item was placed on the agenda for discussion to see if the Council wishes for this project to move forward.

The Council members raised concerns about moving forward with this project and taking on the additional debt at this time, with the economy in the state that it is, and suggested to decline the financing and divert the efforts to try to get funding for more road improvements.

Councilman Porter made a

motion to decline the funding at this time. Discussion was held in which Mayor Foster asked that before the Town declines the funding they need to see if the existing building is structurally sound and what the options are to renovate.

Councilman Porter's motion never passed and a new motion was entered.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to see what can be done to rehab the existing building, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 - Denton Development Corporation MOU Discussion

The Denton Development Corporation is ready to move forward with the redevelopment of some of the properties on Fourth Street. Presently the Town is the owner of these properties. The Town Attorney, Brynja Booth, reviewed an MOU and discussed with the Council options and recommendations on what format they would like the agreement to include. The Town Attorney advised that the Council may wish to lease the buildings to the DDC to allow them to rehab.

Mrs. Abigail McNinch, Project Manager for the DDC, advised the Council that the Town owns the buildings and before the DDC starts to rehab they would like to have a signed MOU and to be able to draw on Community Legacy Grant Funds.

Councilman Branson made a motion to have the Town Attorney prepare a lease with the DDC, and to go ahead and have the DDC sign a hold harmless agreement in the mean time, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 - 2008 Annual Planning Commission Report

The Planning and Codes Director, Mr. Kastning, presented the Council with the 2008 Planning Commissions Annual Report. This was for informational purpose and did not require any action from the Council.

Agenda #4 - Planning and Codes GIS Server

The Planning and Codes

Director, Mr. Kastning, requested approval to purchase a new server to replace the existing server that is functionally obsolete, has inadequate disk space, and is failing (rebooting) frequently. The server supports the GIS application and data and provides interconnectivity to the intranet, Internet, and email. A quote from Corsica Technologies was provided.

Councilman Branson asked about the funding, and staff advised that they would look to amend some budget line items and appropriate the rest from the contingency fund.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize the purchase not to exceed \$8,959, seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion Councilman Porter advised that the Town should have plans for a replacement in another 4 years. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #5 - Donohue Zoning Amendment

The Planning and Codes Director, Mr. Kastning, advised that the Planning Commission recommends a zoning change for the Donohue property located at 808 South Fifth Avenue (Map 105, Parcel 2291), from Suburban Residential (SR) to Highway Commercial (HC) due to change in character of neighborhood.

The Town Attorney advised that the property is an historic structure to be preserved through deed restriction. An ordinance can be prepared once the historic trust laws and deed restrictions have been researched.

Councilman Branson made a motion to defer and process with the other re-zoning as part of the comprehensive plan process. This motion died for lack of a second.

The Council deferred taking any action until the Town Attorney has time to research.

Agenda #6 - Martin Lot Line Adjustment

The Planning and Codes Director, Mr. Kastning, advised that an Applicant, residing at 104 Caroline drive (Map 105, Parcel 401), has requested a lot line revision

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to reduce the number of lots from four to two and create a fully-conforming vacant/buildable lot. The parcel containing the four existing lots and one house is within the Chesapeake Critical Area. Proposed Critical Area Commission regulations, to accommodate HB1253, prevent additional lots or dwellings when lot lines are adjusted, unless local government accommodates the request. Denton's Town Code would require revision if additional lots were to be allowed (assuming the Critical Area Commission concurs).

Staff will work with the Town Attorney to review the Critical Area changes and try to resolve.

Agenda #7 - Town Council and Denton Planning Commission Meeting Place

The Council discussed potential alternative meeting places.

Proclamation

Ms. Virginia Fisher

Mayor Foster advised he had recently signed a proclamation in remembrance of Ms. Virginia Fisher that was provided to the family.

With no further business to discuss Mayor Foster adjourned this meeting at 9:12 p.m.

March 9, 2008

Regular Meeting

The March 2, 2009 meeting was postponed to March 9, 2009 due to inclement weather.

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

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

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Public Hearing

Ordinance #572

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to receive public comments on Ordinance #572: an ordinance to amend the official use table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit group

homes private, as special exception uses in certain districts; to permit group home/handicapped or infirmed homes as special exception uses in certain districts; and to permit trade or vocational schools as conditional uses in certain districts.

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

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

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – Councilman Clendaniel inquired about the definition of private group homes.

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

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communication

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #572 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment

An ordinance to amend the official use table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit group homes private, as special exception uses in certain districts; to permit group home/handicapped or infirmed homes as a special exception use in certain districts; and to permit trade or vocational schools as conditional uses in certain districts.

Bill Kastning, Director of Planning & Codes, made a presentation identifying the existing group homes by type: 1) Group Home Private; 2) Handicapped or Infirmed Homes and; 3) Intermediate Care Homes and the definition of each. Mr. Kastning talked about the existing group homes, which ones are in compliance and the ones that are currently not permitted according to the existing Town Code. The proposed amendments, if adopted, will bring those in compliance.

In further discussions, the Council asked staff to create a requirement that group homes be registered and to not allow in Suburban Residential Areas, and or

Town Scale Residential; make sure they are only allowed by special exception; and to mail a notice to neighboring properties when an application is received.

There were also concerns raised about vocational schools being allowed anywhere in Town and Staff advised that the proposed amendment is the same for where public schools are allowed. Staff will look to amend Article 14 regarding public notice to include notice by mail.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to amend the ordinance as discussed and defer action until April, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #573-Official Zoning Map

An ordinance of the Denton Town Council to repeal and reenact the zoning map for the Town of Denton to include property recently annexed and zoned by the Town of Denton, and to correct certain errors upon the current zoning map and to update the official zoning map of the Town of Denton.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #573, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #574 –Critical Area Growth Allocation Floating Zone District

An ordinance of the Town of Denton approving the establishment of a Critical Area growth allocation floating zone district and the reclassification of 9.891 acres of critical areas lands from Limited Development Area (LDA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA) within a certain parcel of property identified as parcel 91 of Caroline County tax map 107.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #574, seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion Councilman Branson asked if the Council can consider an ordinance that would not allow any more lots in the critical area. The Town Attorney, Ms. Brynja Booth, responded that she is currently working on a consolidation ordinance to take before the Planning Commission that would address this

issue.

With no further discussion the Mayor called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #711 – Reappointment of Board of Appeals Members

A resolution of the Denton Town Council re-establishing the terms of the Denton Board of Appeals members to comply with the requirement of Denton Town Code Article xix § 128-163, that the terms be staggered.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Resolution #711, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Resolution #712 – Reappointment of Historic and Architectural Review Commission Members

A resolution of the Denton Town Council re-establishing the terms of the Denton Historic and Architectural Review Commission members to comply with the requirement of MD. Code Ann. Article 66b, § 8.03, that the terms be staggered.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Resolution #712, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board, and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 Boat Ramp Fee

The Denton Town Council discussed the County's new legislation at the February 2, 2009, meeting. Town Staff were requested to follow up with Sue Simmons regarding location of drop boxes. Presently no boxes are being proposed to be set out for 2009. This item was placed on the agenda for additional discussion and consideration.

Mrs. Sue Simmons, Caroline County Recreation and Parks (CCR&P), provided an update to the Council and asked if the Town wished to participate and to include Crouse Memorial Park.

Councilman Branson made a motion to have Crouse Park in Denton, Maryland be included in the Public Landing Permit Guide.

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Councilman Gregory asked to amend the motion to guarantee a commitment, if the Town is involved in issuing fines, that the Town would receive some remuneration. Councilman Clendaniel seconded the amended motion, and requested that CCR&P report back in December with a status update.

If the Council thinks that the program is not working in the best interest of the Town when provided a status update in December, they can withdraw from participating.

Mrs. Simmons advised that the new legislation does allow revenue sharing. The revenues will be used for modest maintenance and repairs to the ramps.

Mayor Foster asked staff to look into placing life safety devices at Crouse Park.

New Business

Agenda #1 – Denton Development Corporation

Ellis Davison provided the Council an update on the Crouse Park Project, seeking a request for Appropriation of Forestation Funds, to approve the execution of the Visitor Center Transportation Enhancement Funds MOU, and discussed the Fourth Street Property Lease.

Councilman Porter made a motion to appropriate \$40,000 of the Forestation Funds for the Crouse Park Project, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the Mayor's signature on the Visitor Center MOU, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Porter made a motion to sign the Fourth Street lease agreement with the DDC, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 - Town Hall Structural Integrity and Renovations

As requested by Town Council at its last meeting, the Planning Staff and the Town's engineering firm, GMB, conducted a preliminary inspection of the structural integrity of the existing building for renovation and utilization of second floor for

offices. The initial findings show the building is sound and can be renovated to accommodate a large public meeting room and to provide additional space for existing staff to better serve the community's residents.

Councilman Gregory advised that he has not closed the door on the new Town Hall, but does not want to commit until a policy on street repairs is on paper. he expressed that he did not think it was best to sink a lot of money on the existing building either.

Staff provided an overview on the FY2009 budget and the approved general fund transfer to the highway fund, and that the Council may wish to review the Kershner's road maintenance report and the GIS study. Staff advised that an application is being submitted for the 2.2 million for the Fifth Ave. project.

Councilman Porter shared concerns about spending \$200,000 a year on debt payments on the new building compared to possibly rehabbing the existing building to extend the life of the building for a while.

Councilman Porter made a motion to employee GMB to inspect the structural integrity for \$1,600 on the existing building, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3– Parking Lot on Location Designated for Future Town Hall

Discussion was held about possibly constructing a parking lot on the parcel proposed for the new municipal building, estimated to cost approximately \$135,000.

No action was taken on this item.

Agenda #4 - Subdivision Signs

Mr. Kastning, Director of Planning, asked the Town Council to consider adopting a policy to eliminate subdivision signs after construction has been completed. The Director believes the proliferation of permanent development signs may detract from the appearance of a unified Denton and believes these signs should exist only during the

construction and sale phases of the project and should be removed immediately upon completion.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to have the Attorney write up an ordinance considering a policy, seconded by Councilman Branson. In discussion, Mayor Foster stated that he likes the signs and is not in favor of eliminating them. They were done in good taste. Councilman Gregory expressed the need for unity.

Mayor Foster called for the vote, the motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Foster voting no.

Agenda #5 - Stockley Alley Triangle Parking

The Gay Street Development project will be returning to the Planning Commission in the near future to seek approval for a 25 lot subdivision. The Planning Director asked the Town Council to re-affirm its November 5, 2007 discussion that provided approval allowing Gay Street Development to improve the triangular lot for public parking (12 spaces). Such approval is sought by the Planning Commission to ensure adequate parking in the area.

Councilman Branson made a motion to re-affirm the approval and for the Town to maintain ownership, seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion, the Council raised concerns as to why this was being brought back to them when they had already approved it.

The Council withdrew their motion, and stated that it was acceptable with the decision that was made November 5, 2007.

Agenda #6 - Sharp Road Park Lease Amendment

The Choptank Athletic Association provided a second lease amendment that extends the existing lease for a 20 year period. The Town Attorney modified the first lease amendment to reflect the extension – instead of having two separate amendments. This was brought before the Council for review and consideration.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Mayor to sign the amended lease, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #7 - Special Events Request

Staff received special event requests from the Human Services St. Patrick's Day 5k Run/Walk – March 14th and the Downtown Main Street for the Spring Gala – May 2nd.

Mayor Foster asked Staff to place a notice in the Town newsletter to inform the public about submission deadline for requesting to hold a special event in town.

This was informational only and no action was taken.

Boat Ramp Fee – Revisit

Councilman Gregory went back to the boat ramp fees conversation earlier and expressed a concern that Sue Simmons consistently stated that the County would consider revenue sharing but did not provide a guarantee. Councilman Branson advised that the Council approved a trial period and will review again in December, if there is a problem at the time, the Town can withdraw from participating.

Agenda #8 - Denton Employee Benefits Committee

The Town of Denton has an Employee Benefits Committee that is presently represented by a member from each of the Town's four departments. The committee reviews existing employee benefits and may make requests to the Town Council on potential additions and/or changes.

This item was placed on the agenda for the Town Council's consideration on the appointment of a Councilmember to also be represented on this committee.

Councilman Clendaniel will serve on behalf of the Council.

Agenda #9 Water and Sewer Allocation Lot of Record

Town Staff came before the Council seeking direction with regards to allocation of existing lots of record. There presently is a reserve, and previously the Town Council had authorized staff to appropriate an allocation for a single lot of record. The water and sewer allocation was not amended. An existing lot of record is currently

paying \$25.00 a quarter for sewer availability, and any allocation request for these properties are processed by staff.

Staff wanted to confirm if the Council wants to continue with this policy and have the ordinance amended to include the necessary language authorizing, or have all allocations come before the Council for approval.

The Council directed Staff to draft an ordinance with the Town Attorney's help for consideration that would allow staff to continue processing these types of allocations.

Councilman Clendaniel raised a concern about increasing the size of the water tower and the possibility that it could inadvertently increase the capacity. Staff advised that it would provide a larger water supply which will be beneficial for emergency purposes, but that the Town could not provide additional allocations without having first received approval through the State. The Town Council would have to submit an application with the State seeking a permit to increase the

Town's allocation, and it's a lengthy process.

Agenda #10 Shady Tree Apartments Quit Claim Deed

Ellis Davison provided an overview on the logistics behind the Shady Tree Apartments Quit Claim Deed and suit against the Town. The apartment building was constructed and sits on parcels 1 and 2. Many years ago parcel 2 was left out of the language of the deeds and was never properly transferred, so this parcel still belongs to the Town. The Quit Title Claim is necessary to clean this up and to transfer the parcel to the owner of the building.

The Town Attorney, Brynja Booth, previously provided the Council with legal advice and suggested that if the Council had additional questions for her, they should hold discussion in Executive Session.

Executive Session

At 10:15p.m. Councilman Gregory made a motion to go into an executive session to obtain additional legal advice, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

At 10:20 p.m. Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Back to Agenda #10 -Shady Tree Apartments

Councilman Branson made a motion to execute the quit claim deed, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Executive Session

At 10:21 p.m. Councilman Gregory made a motion to go back into executive session to discuss a Town Attorney replacement, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:44 p.m. Councilman Gregory made a motion to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

With no further discussion this meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

March 23, 2009

The Denton Town Council held a special meeting. Mayor Foster, Councilmember Porter,

Councilmember Clendaniel and Councilmember Gregory were in attendance. Councilmember Branson was absent.

Mayor Foster opened the special meeting at 6:05 p.m.

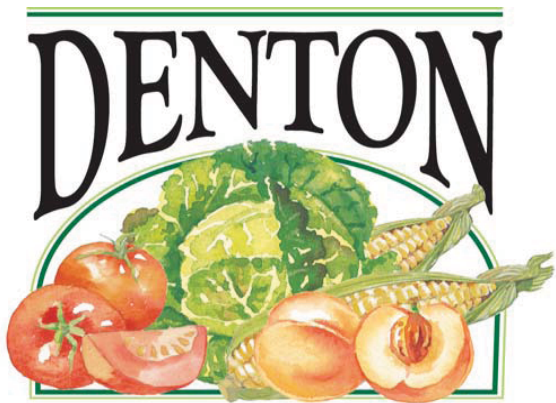
Executive Session

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion at 6:06 PM to hold an executive session to hold interviews for a Town Attorney, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to close the executive session at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Porter and so voted.

Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to close the Special Meeting at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Gregory and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer



DENTON
FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
May 20th - October 14th

Downtown Denton, Market & Second Street

13th Annual Caroline County Friends of Hospice Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1, 2009

Caroline Country Club
Denton, MD

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

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

Parent Connections

Parenting is often the hardest job we have. Many of us may have wished that our children had come home with a manual. While Priority Partners doesn't have a manual for you, they do have a great presentation that can make parenting less confusing.

Introducing Parent Connections Connecting Parents to Resources in the Community.

Participants will learn:

- Roles & responsibilities of parents, such as providing a safe environment and developing self-esteem.
- Resources parents can utilize to help their child grow through

different developmental stages.

•Tools that can be used to create a healthy family lifestyle, such as how to create an emergency preparedness kit.

This class lasts approximately 45 minutes and can be given at your location if you have a group of 5 or more participants. This training is even great for church groups, clubs, and countless other organizations. There is no charge for this class.

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

Health Department Cancer Programs

Oral Cancer Screening Program-

The Health Department receives funds each year from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Oral Health Program. This program allows the local health department to do oral cancer screening exams on adults 18 years and older. The program does not cover any dental work. The Health Department contracts with Dr. Scott Wolpin of Choptank Community Health System and Pam Eberhard CRNP of the health department to do the exams. The exam only takes about 5 minutes to do. If your Church, business, or organization has at least 10-15 people that would want this exam done, please call the health department at 410-479-8080. The health department can come right to your site for the exams.

Skin Cancer Education Program-

The health department through funding from the Cigarette Restitution Fund Program provides skin cancer education to the public. The staff at the health department goes to school classrooms, Church health fairs, and businesses to educate

people on skin cancer awareness. The staff brings with them a Derma Scan machine which is just an educational tool that makes one aware of damage they may have on their face from prolonged exposure to the sun.

On October 1, 2008 a new Maryland law went into effect. This law requires all minors under the age of 18 to have in-person parental consent before using an artificial tanning facility. The Maryland Skin Cancer Prevention Program states that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer with over 1 million cases being diagnosed in the United States this year. The Maryland Skin Cancer Prevention Program said that tanning bed use and melanoma are on the rise for the young adult population. For more information on the Maryland Tanning Bed Law please go to www.sunguardman.org. If you would like the health department to come to your school, church, business, or other organization and teach about skin cancer education, please call us at 410-479-8080.

NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Would you like to continue receiving this newspaper by mail or read it online at www.dentonmaryland.com? Please take a moment to fill out this survey so we can better serve you.

- Which section/s of the Denton Town Newspaper do you read the most? (circle all that apply)
 - General Info
 - Minutes
 - Police Department Press Releases
 - Calendar of Events
 - Other _____
 - I don't read this paper
- How do you prefer to receive the Denton Town News? (circle one)
 - Online at the Denton Town Website
 - By Mail

3. What additions/changes would you like to see to the Denton Town News? _____

Comments/Suggestions: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. We value your input and want to make the Denton Town Newspaper a place for residents to keep up to date on Denton news and events. **Surveys may be mailed or dropped off at the Denton Town Office, 13 N. Third Street, Denton by May 18, 2009. Thank you, Denton Town Council.**

United States Census 2010
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Get all this and more. Apply now to be a census taker!

Work up to 40 hours per week in a temporary, part-time job with the 2010 Census and enjoy good pay, flexible hours, mileage reimbursement, and the chance to serve your community. Call our toll-free number today.

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USCENSUSBUREAU

May 2009 **Sat. May 2 2009** **Free!**
 Mark your calendar **One day only!** **Rain or Shine**
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Mercury Thermometer Collection, Consumer Electronics Recycling Event
Where: Nicholson Transfer Site near Chestertown, MD **Directions** → Rte 213 to Rte 291 to Rte 20 W from Chestertown toward Rock Hall, Right on Earl Nicholson Rd, Left at gate.
 Funded by the Midshore Counties (Caroline, Kent, QA & Talbot) These planned events are subject to change without notice.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection **Get the skeletons out of your closet, basement and garage on May 2nd!**
Who: Residents of Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's & Talbot Counties **Free!**
NO Business, Industrial or Commercial Farm Waste Residency and Household Status Verification will be requested.
What WILL be accepted: Gasoline, Gas/Oil Mixes, Fuels, Acids, Cleaners, Solvents, Automotive Fluids, Bleach, Ammonia, Pool Chemicals, Dark Room Chemicals, Household and Lawn & Garden Pesticides, Insecticides & Herbicides, Painting Products: Oil Based Paints, Paint Thinner, Turpentine, Wood Preservatives, Wood Strippers ... (Don't bring LATEX paint, solidify & dispose in trash - to solidify add dirt, mulch, kitty litter, etc.) Materials will safely go to Haz Mat disposal facilities.
 - Pre-arrange large loads - Empty fuel cans returned upon request. - Event is voluntary. Other safe reuse or disposal options may exist.
What will NOT be accepted: Explosives, Ammunition (Contact Fire Marshall - 410-822-7609), Medical Waste, Radioactive Materials, Picric Acid (Don't transport- call MDE or Haz Mat Co.), Compressed Gas Cylinders (propane, refrigerant, etc.), Asbestos, Smoke Detectors. **No Materials from Business, Industrial or Commercial Farm Sources,** For Assistance: Contact Manufacturers; MDE (800-633-6101 ext. 3343); MDA (410-841-5710) or Hazardous Materials Companies
Future Collections: Tentative: **Fall 2009**—Caroline Co. **Spring 2010**—Queen Anne's Co. **Fall 2010** — Talbot Co. **Spring 2011**—Kent Co.
Suggestion Box:
 • Try to use materials up. • Find a use or reuse.
 • Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze & Tires at existing collection sites during normal hours (see www.midshorerecycling.org).
 • Don't bring latex paint.
 • Solidify & dispose of latex paint with trash.
 • Put dirty empty cans in trash.
 • Recycle clean & empty metal cans.
 • Buy quantities that match task.
 • Follow label instructions.
 • Label all items & store in proper containers.
 • Keep out of reach of children.
 • Choose safer products & substitutes.
 • Recycle lead acid vehicle & marine batteries at retailer.
 • Recycle Ni-Cad batteries at electronics stores.
Project Partners: Midshore Region 410-758-6605 Caroline Co. 410-479-4040 Kent Co. 410-778-7448 QA Co. 410-758-2697 Talbot Co. 410-770-8170 Midshore Landfill (MES) 410-820-8383 MDE 800-633-6101

Mercury Thermometer Collection Turn in old thermometers weekdays at QA & Kent County Health Depts. or at (May 2) event in Talbot County.

Electronics Recycling **Trashing old consumer electronics just doesn't compute!** Pre-arrange large loads **Recycling Electronics Recycling**
Drop off for recycling on (May 2): **Computers:** CPU's, Keyboards, Monitors*, Mouse, Printers, Cables, Modems, Computer Speakers, Scanners, External Disc Drives, Most Other Peripherals
Other Electronics: Televisions*, Remotes, VCR's, CD Players, Calculators, Cell Phones, Radios, Stereos, CB Radios, Fax Machines, Answering Machines, Copiers
Not Accepted: Large or small appliances, power tools, household items, manuals, diskettes, etc. For details: 410-758-6605 Or www.midshorerecycling.org
 • Typical monitors & TV's have 4 pounds of lead. • These bulky items with toxic materials can be kept out of the landfill.
 • Lead & other toxic and valuable metals can be recovered & reused. • *Recycling fees for TVs & Monitors waived for May 2 collection.

Recycling "Shore" Matters! Midshore Regional Recycling Program: 410-758-6605 **Recycle:** Glass, Newspaper, Mixed Paper, Magazines, Metal Cans, Plastic Bottles at one of 40+ Recycling Stations in Midshore Region and by joining Kent County's or Infinity Recycling's curbside programs. **Recycle:** Cardboard, clothes, scrap metal, tires, oil and antifreeze at many recycling stations in the region. See recycling guide in phone book (last page) **Website:** **Recycling:** www.midshorerecycling.org www.americarecyclesday.org **Reuse:** www.recycle.org www.craigslist.org

YARD SALE **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 410-479-1660 (day) or 410-479-3462 (evening)
 for more information.

2nd Annual **Ole Time Ridgely Days**
Saturday May 2, 2009
10a.m. - 4p.m.
 Ridgely Memorial Railroad Park
 Ball St. and Railroad Ave.
Quarter ❖ Model Train Displays
Ice Cream and Hot Dogs ❖ Victorian Costumes
 ❖ Antique Cars
Free ❖ Refreshments
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides ❖ Vendors
& Fire Truck Rides ❖ Artists

 Vendors having an ole time theme are welcome to join the festivities. For more information call 410-479-0267 or 410-634-9235
 Sponsored by the Ridgely Historical Society and Ridgely Pharmacy & Ice Cream Parlor

Adkins Arboretum Summer Camps

Summer belongs to children, and summertime is wondertime at Adkins Arboretum! The Arboretum's Creative Kids Camps series affords children an easygoing, relaxed atmosphere where creativity and fun flourish. With meadows, woodlands, streams, and a wetland to explore, campers spend each day discovering the surprises of the natural world. Now in its fifth year, Creative Kids Camps provide each camper with opportunities to discover and shine, both outdoors and from within.

This summer, the Arboretum will host two camps for preschoolers ages three to five—Camp Bumblebee (June 15–19) and Camp Pollywog (June 29–July 3). These camps run for two hours each, with themes including gardening and wetlands. Camp PawPaw (June 22–26), a half-day camp for children ages six to eight, explores watershed awareness. Camp Egret (July 6–10), a full-day camp for children ages nine to 12, is titled “Exploration + Inspiration = Art!” and teaches nature study through art and activities grounded in ecology. In the “Kids-Only” Funshine



Garden, children learn to be a part of something larger than themselves, and sprout friendships, learning and a sense of accomplishment.

Adkins Arboretum's camps are state certified. Space is limited, and registration for the general public begins March 31. Visit www.adkinsarboretum.org for more information, or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0 to request a brochure or register. Positions are also available for volunteer counselors; counselors must be at least 16 years of age and be willing to work a full week of camp.

Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its Campaign to Build a Green Legacy, the Arboretum will build a new LEED-certified Arboretum Center and entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

Priority Partners Offers Free STD Prevention Program

The United States has the highest rates of STDs in the industrialized world. In the United States alone, about 19 million new infections are estimated to occur each year.

To help combat this problem, Priority Partners is proud to offer a program on Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Participants will be able to:

- Identify sexually transmitted diseases that are passed from mother to her unborn child
- Know how many different HPV strains exist

- Identify how to avoid contracting a sexually transmitted disease

This class lasts approximately 45 minutes and can be given at your location if you have a group of 5 or more participants. This training is even great for PTAs, church groups, clubs, and countless other organizations. There is no charge for this class.

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

New Caroline Co. Boat Ramp Fees

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 several locations throughout the county including Denton 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. Pick up a copy of the Public Landing Guide at the Denton Town Office, 13 N. Third St. or from the Caroline County Recreation and Parks Office, 107 S. 4th St. or download it from www.carolinerecreation.com. Call Recreation & Parks at 410-479-8120 for more information.

Permit Reminder

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

RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE

(sponsored by the Caroline County Health Department)

\$5 fee per animal

May 19th 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Greensboro Elem. School,
625 N. Main St., Greensboro

May 26th 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Colonel Richardson Middle
School, 25390 Richardson Rd.,
Federalsburg

June 2nd 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Health & Public Services
Building, 403 S. 7th St., Denton



ONLY PETS UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE CLINIC. Because of the rabies epidemic in Maryland, it is essential that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated. Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a box with air holes. No other animals will be vaccinated.

MUST BRING PRIOR VACCINATION CERTIFICATE TO RECEIVE 3 YR VACCINATION.

Call 410-479-8045 between 9-2 p.m.

Monday-Friday
for info. or to pre-register.

(pre-registration is not required)



Zumba Hits Denton By Storm



Locals get energized during a recent Zumba session at the Denton Volunteer Fire Hall.

Linda Socks is infusing party fun into fitness by launching Zumba® classes at the Denton Volunteer Fire Department. Zumba is a Spanish slang for “to move fast and have fun.” Denton has joined the many cities and towns throughout the world who have classes everywhere!

Zumba eliminates the “work” of “working out” by combining amazing, irresistible Latin and international music with dynamic yet simple exercise moves, using their unique intermittent training format. Anyone can do Zumba. Zumba fanatics achieve the long-term benefits of losing weight, toning, and relieving stress. You can burn from 400 to 700 calories.

While Zumba embraces all the fundamental principles of fitness, the extraordinary secret behind Zumba is how Zumba magically motivates the body to efficiently burn calories, effectively tone all muscle groups, incorporate full range of motion, and improve the cardiovascular system. Fun and music are the two special motivational ingredients. The natural beat, tempo, and music transitions, combined with the Zumba dances, flow from one toning, strengthening, or cardio move into the next. Participants are constantly engaged and entertained with a variety of rhythms including salsa, merengue, samba, belly dancing, cumbia, flamenco, reggaeton, and

more! Zumba uses the passion of the music as it was meant to be experienced. Even those with two left feet are successful in a Zumba class because of the natural flow of the simple steps that radiate through the body in synch with the music. Zumba is the type of exercise you’ll want to do everyday and feel good doing it. It’s different.

Zumba is recognized by the world’s leading fitness educators, including AFAA, ACE, and CanFitPro. In fact, ACE, the American Council of Exercise, believes that Zumba will be the leading fitness trend right through 2009. With sanctioned training programs in countries like China, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Greece, Canada, and Venezuela, Zumba is taking the world by storm, and now is in Denton. Everyone is invited, from teens to seniors, both women and men. Anyone can do Zumba. Classes are popping up throughout Denton.

No need to sign up. Just arrive 15-20 minutes prior to class time. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Denton Volunteer Fire Department—400 S. 5th Street (plenty of room) and Mondays at 6:30 pm at the Mallard Landing Community Center – 1134 Canvasback Lane with instructor Linda Socks 410-320-9997.

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.

Community Arts

Saturday, July 18

5p.m. – 9p.m.

4th & Market Streets,
Denton



A celebration of the arts!
**Live Entertainment,
Kids Art Activities,
Beer & Wine Garden.**

Fun for the Whole Family!

Call Marina (410) 479-1009 or ccartscouncil@verizon.net for more info.

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 #572 - An ordinance to amend the official use table of the Denton Zoning Ordinance to permit Group Homes, Private, as special exception uses in the Mixed Residential (MR), General Commercial (GC), Central Commercial (CC), and the Planned Neighborhood (PN) Districts, and to permit Group Homes, Private as a conditional use in the Commercial Medical (CM) District; and to permit Group Home/Handicapped or Infirm Home as a special exception use in the Mixed Residential (MR), General Commercial (CG), and Central Commercial (CC) Districts, and to permit such use as a conditional use in the Commercial Medical (CM) District, and Planned Neighborhood (PN) Districts; and to permit trade or vocational schools as conditional uses in the Mixed Residential (MR),

General Commercial (GC), Central Commercial (CC), and Commercial Medical (CM) Districts, and to permit trade or vocational schools as special exception uses in the Suburban Residential (SR) and Town Scale Residential (TR). Introduced 2/2/09, Adopted 4/6/09, Effective 4/16/09.

Ordinance #573 - An Ordinance of the Denton Town Council to repeal and reenact the Zoning Map for the Town of Denton to include property recently annexed and zoned by the Town of Denton, and to correct certain errors upon the current Zoning Map and to update the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Denton. Introduced 3/9/2009, Adopted 4/6/09, Effective 4/16/09.

Ordinance #574 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton approving the establishment of a critical area growth

allocation floating zone district and the reclassification of 9.891 acres of critical areas lands from limited development area (LDA) to intensely developed area (IDA) within a certain parcel of property identified as parcel 91 of Caroline County Tax Map 107. Introduced 3/9/2009, Adopted 4/6/09, Effective 4/16/09.

Ordinance #575 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Town Code by adding § 128-142.1 to adopt procedures for notifying the critical area commission of project approvals and denials and by amending § 128-159 and adding § 128-159.1 for the purpose of complying with house bill 1253 to ensure that non-conforming lots in the critical area are brought into conformance with the critical area program and generally relating to the consolidation or reconfiguration of existing lots of record in the critical area in the Town of Denton. Introduced 4/6/09, will be considered for adoption on 5/4/09.

Ordinance #576 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Denton Town Code to add Chapter 98 titled "Residential Rental Housing License and Inspection" to establish a licensing and inspection program for residential rental dwelling units within the Town of Denton. Introduced 4/6/09, will be considered

for adoption on 5/4/09.

Ordinance #577 - An Ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Introduced 4/6/09, will be considered for adoption on 5/4/09.

Resolution #711 - A resolution of the Denton Town Council re-establishing the terms of the Denton Board of Appeals Members to comply with the requirements of the Denton Town Code Article XIX §128-163 that terms be staggered. Adopted 3/9/2009

Resolution #712 - A resolution of the Denton Town Council re-establishing the terms of the Denton Historic and Architectural Review Members to comply with the requirements of the MD Code Ann. Article 66B, § 8.03 that the terms be staggered. Adopted 3/9/2009.

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

Special Collection Reminder

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

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

Call all requests in to the Town Office at
410-479-2050.

Leave a message after normal business hours.

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