



Denton Town News

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FREE

Water Bills to be Mailed July 1

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

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

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

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

subject to change.

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

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

Failure to receive the bill does not relieve the responsibility of the payment that is due. If a citizen is unable to make their payment by the due date, please contact the Finance Department at 410-479-2050 prior to July 25, 2010.

Water service will be shut off for non-payment.

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.

I'm 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 Denton Police Dept.

The Water Treatment Division of the Department of Public Works routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table on page 9 shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2009. 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

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UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around July 1, 2010. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by July 25, 2010. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, by mail, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the right of the front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. The next Utility bills will be mailed around October 1, 2010 and will be due in full by October 25, 2010.

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Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Police Department

May 3
May 17 *Working Session*
June 7

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Police Department

May 25 (*at Denton Fire Co.*)
June 29

Historic Review Meeting 6 p.m. at Denton Town Office

May 19
June 16

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

May 13
June 10

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

May 31

Trash Pickup Collection day will be 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 propose to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2010, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 7.3%, from \$358,355,106 to \$384,425,585.
2. If the Town of Denton maintains the current tax rate of \$.64 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 7.3% resulting in \$166,851 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 \$.5966, 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 \$.64 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 7.3% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$166,851 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 3, 2010 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 2009 - 2010 Real Property Tax Sale process will begin soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billings or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

All real property taxes were due in full by December 31, 2009 and are to be paid at the Caroline County Tax Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Tax office at 410-479-0410. If you want to check to see if you have any other outstanding bills due on your property within the Town of Denton, please contact the Finance Dept. at 410-479-2050.

Town of Denton
410-479-2050

2010 Utility Billing Schedule

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

July - August 2010 ISSUE DEADLINE June 22nd.

Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by June 22nd. Thank you.



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

May

1 - Relay for Life Yard Sale

8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. (rain or shine), Denton Elementary School, 303 Sharp Rd. \$15 per table (table rental proceeds go to Relay for Life). You keep the proceeds from what you sell. Stop by and shop or sell your items.

1 - Greensboro Fishing Derby

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Carnival Grounds on Sunset Ave. Greensboro. Free. Ages under 17 years old. Bring the kids out to this annual fishing event. Prizes. All will get a t-shirt and free lunch. Call 410-482-6222 for more info.

1 - Ole Time Ridgely Days, 3rd Annual

10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Railroad Memorial Park, between Railroad Ave. and Bell Street. Food, .25 cent hot dogs and ice cream, games, fun for the whole family.

1 - Denton Spring Gala

5 p.m.- 9 p.m. Downtown Denton. \$15 advance. \$20 at door. A progressive event where guests leisurely walk between downtown businesses sampling food and wine, art, live music by the Big Joe Maher Jazz Band and much more. Proceeds go toward banners and way finding signs for downtown Denton. Tickets available at select downtown businesses. Visit www.downtowndenton.com or call Ann Jacobs, Main Street Manager at 410-479-4315.

5, 12, 19, 26 - Denton Farmers Market

Every Wednesday, 3p.m.-6:30p.m. corner of

Market and 2nd St. Downtown Denton.

Shop for locally grown produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, and more. Special music and Plein air artist demonstrations throughout the summer. Visit www.downtowndenton.com for more info.

7 - Golf Tournament

Benefits Caroline Hospice House. For more information and times, call 410-479-3500.

8 - 2nd Saturday at the Foundry

2 p.m.- 4 p.m. 401 Market St. Denton. Free. Watch local artists demonstrate their talents. Featuring wood turning with Tim Moore. Call 410-479-1009 for more info.

8 & 9 - Spring Native Plant Sale

10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Adkins Arboretum 12610 Eveland Rd, Ridgely. This sale features a wide range of trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers native to the Chesapeake Bay. Call 410-634-2847 for more info.

14 & 15 - Paddlefest

Be a part of the first-ever Caroline Paddlefest on the Choptank River! Evening activities, music and food are planned for both Greensboro and Denton on the 14th. The following morning, canoes and kayaks will launch from the landing in Greensboro and paddlers will make the 7.7 mile trip down the Choptank to Denton where a festival featuring water demonstrations, exhibits, games, live music, Paddle Artwork Auction and a

barbeque will be held. Contact: (410) 479-4638

14 - Hospice Chicken Dinners by Butch Frase

Grills on Wheels. \$10. Fill you tummy and help Caroline Hospice at the same time. 1/2 Chicken, baked beans, potato salad and dinner roll. Pre-orders recommended. Call 410-479-3500 for orders and more info.

21 - Ridgely Farmers Market

Every Friday 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Railroad Memorial Park. Spring greens, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods and much more. Call Cathy Schwab at 410-634-9235 to participate.

23 - Paddling Tour- Tuckahoe State Park

2:30 p.m. \$7 or \$15 for series, Tuckahoe State Park. Celebrate the rebirth of spring. Bring your own kayak or canoe or rent one in advance. Ages 16 and up. Under 16 ok if accompanied by an adult. Call Recreation and Parks at 410-479-8120 to pre-register.

30 - Ridgely's Strawberry Festival, 31st Annual.

Martin Sutton Park located on Route 480 in the heart of Ridgely. Highlights include the annual parade, games, rides, a variety of fresh-cooked foods, live music, prizes, and awards, and the now famous Ridgely Lions Club strawberry shortcake and ice cream. Rain or shine. Arrive early. For additional info. visit ridgelylions.org.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Denton Farmers Market

Every Wednesday, 3p.m.-6:30p.m. corner of Market and 2nd St. Downtown Denton.

Shop for locally grown produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, and more. Special music and Plein air artist demonstrations throughout the summer. Visit www.downtowndenton.com for more info.

5 - Fishing Derby at Martinak State Park

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 137 Deep Shore Rd. Denton. Bring the kids ages 5-16 to fish the Choptank River. Include fishing, food, fun. Call 410-479-8120 for more info.

5 - All American Soap Box Derby

9 a.m. West Central Ave. Federalsburg. Open to children ages 8-17. Purchase a kit in either Stock or Super Stock. Register by May 1. Call 410-829-0788 for more info.

June

11 - Pit Beef & Pork BBQ at Caroline Home

for Hospice. 10:30a.m. - 2p.m. Cost is \$8 for sandwich, chips and drink. Deliveries also available for orders of 10 or more within a 15-mile radius. Call 410-479-3500 for more info.

12 - Yard Sale, at Caroline Home for Hospice

8 a.m.-12 p.m. 613 S. Fifth Ave. Denton. Call 410-479-3500 to participate or for more info.

12 - Tuckahoe Triathlon

8 a.m. 13070 Crouse Mill Rd. Designed for serious and amateur athletes. 2 mile run, 10 mile bike and 1 mile canoe course. Prizes, Preregistration required. Call 410-820-1668.

25 & 26 - Relay For Life

6 p.m. Caroline Co. 4-H Park. Detour Rd. Denton. Light a candle in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend who has/had cancer.

Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For application and information visit www.relayforlife.org/carolinemd or call Cindy Bennett at 410-482-9159.

26 - Night Under the Stars at Adkins

Arboretum. 6 p.m. 12610 Eveland Rd. Ridgely. Participate in the Great American Campout and spend an overnight at the Arboretum. Early morning bird walk on the 27th. Call 410-634-2847 for more info.

<p>- <u>Adkins Arboretum</u> #410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org</p> <p>- <u>Caroline Co. Public Library</u> #410-479-1343 www.caro.lib.md.us/library</p> <p>- <u>Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks</u> #410-479- 8120 www.carolinerecreation.org</p>
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Denton Police Department . . .

Camp ESPA Lock Up Day

Lt. George Bacorn and Pfc. Eric Hall from the Denton Police Department participated in the 3rd Annual Camp ESPA Lock Up Day on April 1, 2010.

The Fundraising event raised over \$15,000 and was considered a great success! Camp ESPA sits on 5.5 acres along the Marsha Hope Creek in Dorchester County. It was founded in 1965 to allow under privileged and at risk youth ages 9-14 an opportunity to attend a weeklong camp at no cost. It is fully staffed by volunteers who are current or retired law enforcement officers and personnel.

In the past three years the camp has generated more than \$51,000.

This is the second year Lt. Bacorn has participated.

The camp is still in need of assistance. The swimming pool at the facility, which is one of the primary attractions, is in need of serious repair. Current estimates are approximately \$80,000. Anyone wishing to make a contribution or donation to help repair the pool can send a check payable to Camp ESPA in care of the Eastern Shore Police Association, 5425 Sharptown Rd. Rhodesdale, MD. 21659

If anyone is interested in attending the camp, please contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Helping Hands Neighborhood Association with the help of The Denton Police Department hosted their Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 27. About 20 children participated in the hunt. Shown here are the winners of the Easter Egg Hunt. The winners that collected the most eggs were in categories 6 and under and 6-12. The winners received a special basket.

About 20 children participated

Property Checks for Citizens on Vacation

Going on Vacation? The Denton Police Department can conduct premise checks on your residence while you are away. Call 410-479-1414 or stop by the Police Dept. for more information.

Bike Registration Drive

Did you know the Police Department offers free bike registration? Residents are encouraged to register their bikes, giving the information on the form below.

The Police Department receives many calls about abandoned and stolen bicycles. Most of the bikes recovered go unclaimed and are turned over to charity because owners cannot be identified.

By registering your bike, you

will receive a Denton Police Dept. sticker and your bike's information will be entered into the Police Department's database allowing the Police Department to reconnect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

If you have not had a chance to register your bike, please fill out the form below and return it to the Police Department.

Denton Police continue to ask residents to lock and secure your bikes and do not leave them lying around.



**DENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
BICYCLE REGISTRATION FORM**

With the increase in bicycle thefts, residents are encouraged to register their bikes with the Denton Police Department. Please fill out the form below and mail or return it to 13 N. Third St. Denton, MD 21629.


NAME: _____
 PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

BICYCLE DESCRIPTION

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____
 PRIMARY COLOR: _____
 SECONDARY COLOR: _____
 SERIAL NUMBER: _____

VALUE WHEN PURCHASED: \$ _____
 DATE OBTAINED: _____

NOTES/ACCESSORIES: _____



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

Join the Blood Bank of Delmarva

What is the Blood Bank?

The Blood Bank of Delmarva is a non-profit organization, which provides over 120,000 units of blood and blood products each year to hospitals in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Members receive coverage in exchange for their support.

Why should you join?

By joining the Blood Bank you will help ensure the continued availability of blood for our community and its citizens. Each year in our area over 20,000 patients need blood transfusions. Blood is needed every day for emergencies such as auto accidents, for planned surgeries, and for people undergoing treatment for cancer and other diseases.

What are the benefits?

If you or anyone covered by your membership uses blood at any hospital that requires blood replacement, the Blood Bank will replace it or pay the cost of replacing it. While health insurance plans cover testing and processing fees, the cost of the blood itself is usually not covered. Non-members are billed for any blood they use or may replace it pint for pint.

What does Blood Bank

membership cover?

• Unlimited blood replacement at any hospital in the United States.

• Includes the member, spouse, and anyone who can be claimed as a tax-dependent.

• Begins as soon as your enrollment form is received.

What are Blood Bank members asked to do?

Take a Turn Providing Blood. Members agree to take a turn providing blood about once every 18-24 months*. You do not have to give blood yourself. You can provide blood by either:

1. giving blood yourself or
2. having someone else give blood for you or
3. paying \$30 (the cost of replacing one pint of blood)

Please Remember:

• Blood Bank Membership is important protection for you and your family.

• Anyone can join, even if you can't give blood.

• The Blood Bank needs the support for everyone in the community.

For more information on donating blood, visit www.delmarvablood.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Spring Gala
May 1
- * Paddlefest
May 14 & 15
- * Community Arts Block Party
July 17
- * Caroline Summerfest
August 20 & 21
- * Denton Holiday Parade
December 2

Tuckahoe's Birds of Prey Photo Shoot



Saturday May 8
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. Cherry Lane area.

For more information call 410-820-1668

Planning and Codes . . .

2010 Draft Comprehensive Plan

Town of Denton 2010 Draft Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Denton has completed a draft of their 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan? A comprehensive plan is a document, officially adopted by the planning commission and local governing body, which indicates the manner in which a municipality or county must develop.

Maryland assigns local jurisdictions regulatory authority over land use planning through Article 66B of the Maryland Annotated Code. Comprehensive plans are required to be revisited every six years; the plans should be reviewed and, if necessary, then updated.

A previous comprehensive plan revision was drafted in 2007 but was not adopted by the Town. This rewrite of the draft more closely reflects the Town's vision for growth and includes new elements, or "chapters" that are now required by the State. These two additional elements, the Municipal Growth Element and the Water Resources Element, were added in the 2006 Legislative Session and are to be incorporated into the plan by October 1, 2010. If a jurisdiction has not included these mandated elements in its plan by October 1, 2010, that jurisdiction cannot change its land use zoning.

Currently the Maryland Department of Planning and other relevant State agencies are reviewing Denton's Draft Plan for consistency with the State's Smart Growth and growth management laws. The review and comments are for guidance to insure that our plan reflects the best possible land management policies and practices.

The Town's Comprehensive

Plan addresses the impacts of growth on public facilities (schools, parks, library, emergency services, etc.) and the environment not only within but also outside current Town boundaries. Because of the interjurisdictional nature of the plan, Caroline County will be reviewing and commenting on the Town's draft plan. The Caroline County's Planning Commission will be discussing the draft plan at their regular monthly meeting on May 12, 2010.

A comprehensive plan addresses future land uses, anticipated transportation, and the community facilities needs. It also contains policies for protecting environmental features and recommendations for amending local development-related ordinances in a manner that helps achieve the Plan's objectives.

Development-related ordinances must be consistent with the plan, a requirement referred to as "Consistency."

The plan must also explain how the jurisdiction will provide water for development and address the handling of sewage treatment plant discharges. Municipal comprehensive plans are general planning documents that must explain how anticipated growth will impact community facilities and the environment, and identify areas where growth will occur. However, the plan does not establish regulations.

A comprehensive plan is legally significant in that zoning, provision of water and sewer, and other local actions must be consistent with its recommendations. A comprehensive rezoning often follows an update of a comprehensive plan. The intent

Permits

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

- Hudson, 1110 Market Street, Rehab
- Royal Farm, 502 Market Street, Rehab
- Wagner, 1011 Gay Street, Rehab
- Cruickshank, 905 Market Street, Mechanical
- Caroline Nursing Home, 520 Kerr Avenue, Temporary Structure
- Johnson, 222 South 2nd Street, Rehab
- Jennings, 13 North 6th Street, Rehab
- Brittingham, 221 South 2nd Street, Fence
- Berkey, 1202 Market Street, Roof
- Ray's Electric, 1011 Gay Street, Mechanical
- Cusimano, 755 Crystal Avenue, Rehab
- Jones, 604 Fountain Avenue, Single Family Dwelling
- Kelley, 1612 Cattail Commons Way, Patio
- McNinch, 406 Market Street, Banner
- Choptank Community Health

- Systems, 301 Randolph Street, Rehab
- Lily Pad Café, 104 South 2nd Street, Fence
- Harrison, 312 Kerr Avenue, Pool
- Wilson, Wesleyan Circle Lot #73, Roof
- Hippert, 208 North 6th Street, Rehab
- Powell, 1708 Cattail Commons Way, Accessory
- Baker, 803 Gay Street, Accessory
- MG Permits, 502 Market Street, Signs
- Curren, 1214 Cattail Commons Way, Fence
- Todd, 1207 Tuckahoe Court, Deck
- Berg, 1126 Osprey Lane, Accessory
- Register, 108 Lou Avenue, Roof
- Health Care REIT, 420 Colonial Court, Sign
- Hignutt, 209 Maryland Avenue, Roof
- Edgewater, 1203 Trice Meadows Circle, Single Family Dwelling
- Vasquez-Palomeque, 1309 Chesapeake Drive, Accessory
- Valladores, 604 Fountain Avenue, Mechanical

Comprehensive Plan available on CD, online, at the Planning and Codes office, or Denton Public Library

Planning Commission Meeting
Location Change

The May 25 Planning Commission meeting will be held at the Denton Fire Company at 400 S. Fifth Ave. 6 p.m.

Public Hearing

Following the regular meeting there will be a **Public Hearing** regarding the Draft Comprehensive Plan at 7 p.m.

GRASS CUTTING SEASON IS HERE



Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to 10 inches or shorter. This reduces rodent and insect infestations.

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

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is to ensure that the zoning is made consistent with the new plan.

The adoption of Denton's Comprehensive Plan must follow certain procedural requirements. The Town of Denton's Planning Commission must hold at least one public hearing. The Planning Commission forwards a recommendation to adopt the plan to the Town Council. The Town Council can hold another public hearing if they desire and/or deliberate on the Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting. The Town Council has 60 days to act

or the failure to act is taken as concurrence with the Planning Commission's recommendation. The Town Council can adopt the plan in whole or in part, or it can return the plan to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

A joint Public Hearing of the Planning Commission and the Town Council concerning the 2010 Draft Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, located at 400 South

Fifth Avenue. This date is also the regular monthly meeting for the Denton Planning Commission. Their regular meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the joint Comprehensive Plan public hearing commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing.

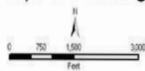
**Public Hearing
Tuesday May 25
Denton Vol. Fire Co.
7:00 p.m.**

The Town Planning Commission and the Town Council actively solicit Draft Plan input from all stakeholders. To enable public comments, a printed copy of the

2010 Draft Comprehensive Plan may be viewed at the Caroline County Public Library, Denton Branch and at the Denton Planning and Codes Department between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The document is also available at the Town of Denton website www.dentonmaryland.com. A CD copy of the Draft Plan is also available at no charge at the Planning and Codes Department.

Comments concerning the Draft Plan may be forwarded to the Town of Denton, Planning and Codes Department, 13 North Third Street, Denton, MD 21629 or email comments to jhenderson@dentonmaryland.com.

**Comprehensive Plan 2010
Denton, Maryland
Proposed Zoning**



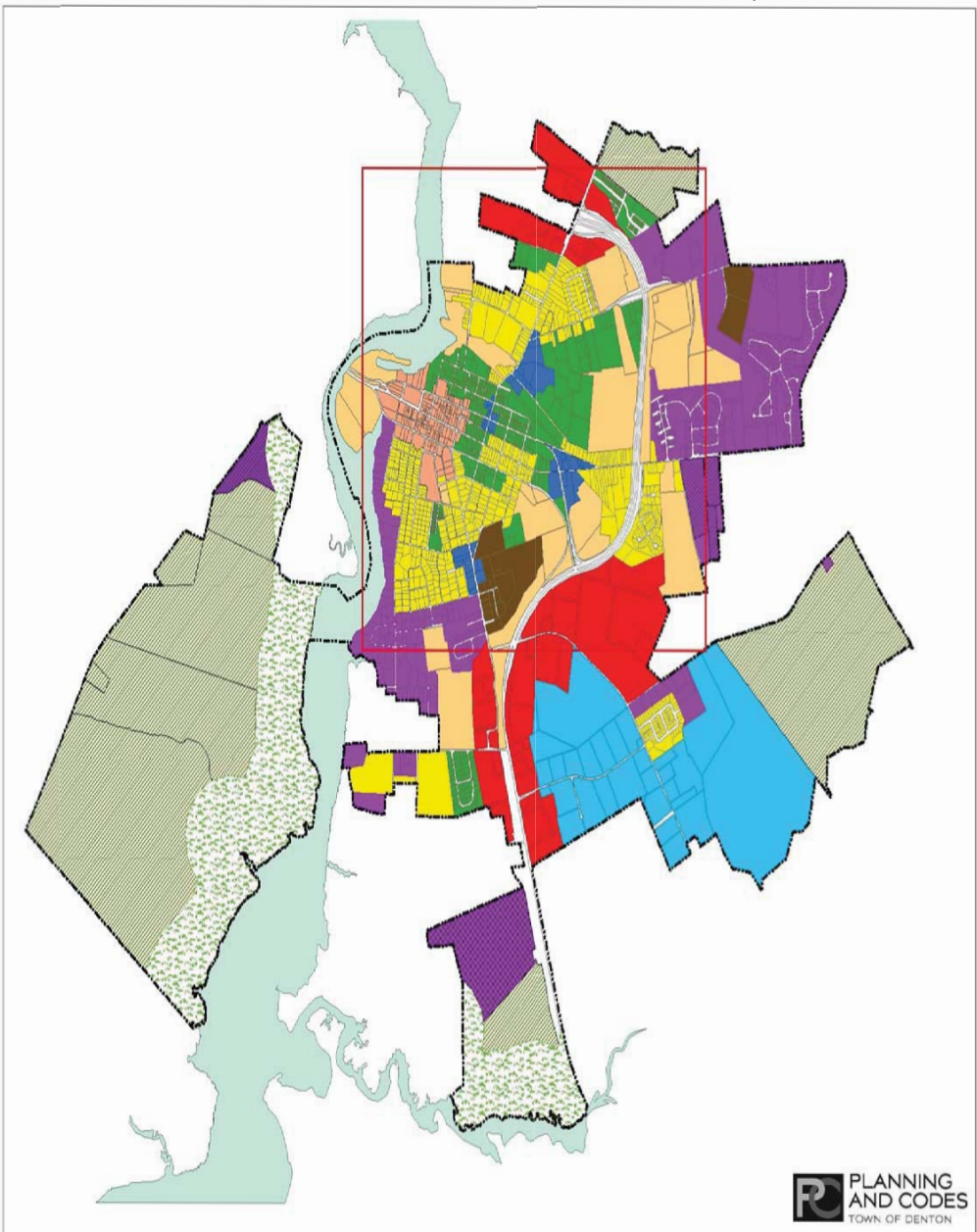
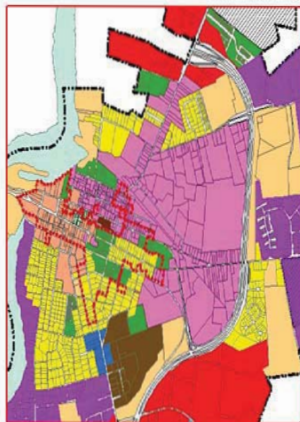
--- Corporate Boundary

Zoning Districts

- CBC - Central Business Commercial
- CM - Commercial Medical
- GC - General Commercial
- I - Industrial
- MR - Mixed Residential
- RC - Rural Conservation
- RHC - Regional Highway Commercial
- RP - Recreation and Parks
- SR - Suburban Residential
- TR - Town Scale Residential

Overlay & Floating Zones

- AE - Arts & Entertainment District
- HD - Historic District
- RDA - Redevelopment Applied
- RDE - Redevelopment Eligible
- PNA - Planned Neighborhood Applied
- PNE - Planned Neighborhood Eligible



Denton Public Works . . .

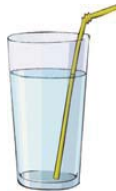
National Drinking Water Week

National Drinking Water Week is May 2 – 8, 2010. In an attempt to highlight the importance of tap water and the need to reinvest in water infrastructure, each year the American Water Works Association and an alliance of other organizations sponsor National Drinking Water Week during the first week in May.

Drinking water supplies in the United States are among the safest in the world. In 2000, daily water use in the United States was approximately 1,400 gallons for every man, woman, and child. This amount includes direct water use for drinking, bathing, flushing the toilet, etc. and indirect water use for watering the lawn, washing the car, growing crops, and manufacturing.

Water plays a critical role in the

success of a society, from meeting the basic public health needs of providing potable water and sanitation to supporting agricultural and other economic activities.

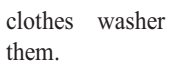


Water also provides a range of societal functions and ecological services such as fire control and habitat protection. Access to safe drinking water lowers morbidity and mortality rates by protecting the

population from water borne diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, and other pathogens. Disinfection and treatment of our drinking water make it one of the safest supplies in the world. For more information visit these websites: <http://epa.gov/OGWDW/waterweek/index.html> <http://www.awwa.org/Government/content.cfm>.

Conserving Drinking Water

10 Conservation Tips to Remember:



1. Don't leave the sink running while you brush your teeth.

2. Fully load the dishwasher and clothes washer before running them.

3. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run.

4. Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets.

Dripping faucets can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water each year in the average home. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons per day.

5. Install water-efficient appliances in your home. Look for the EPA WaterSense labels, and check with your local water system to see if they offer rebates.

6. Don't over-water your lawn, and water early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation.

7. When the driveway or sidewalk needs cleaning, consider a broom instead of a hose. It can save up to 80 gallons of water.

8. If you have a swimming pool, use a cover. You will cut the loss of water by evaporation by 90 percent.

9. Help preserve the quality of the available water supply by not overusing pesticides and fertilizers, avoiding flushing medications down the toilet or sink, and disposing of hazardous materials properly.

10. Place rain barrels beneath your downspouts. The rainwater can be used for outdoor plants and trees or to wash a car.

For more information on your water resources and EPA's Water Sense program, visit www.drinktap.org.



Residential Runoff

The rain and snow that flows away from your home and property has great potential for adversely affecting our community's watershed. According to the most recent National Water Quality Inventory, runoff from urbanized areas is the leading source of degradation to all water. As one of the earth's caretakers, there are steps that you can take to help reduce these effects.

A large portion of our residential landscape is covered by paved surfaces such as sidewalks, parking lots, roads, and driveways. Due to the solid surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a typical city block generates five times more runoff than a forested area of the same size.

These paved surfaces prevent water from percolating into the ground and instead cause runoff to flow into storm drains. This rain or snowmelt also picks up heat from the paved surfaces as well as oil, grease, and trash, all negatively affecting the receiving water.

To reduce runoff from the solid surfaces around your home, replace them if possible with porous surfaces. Sidewalks and driveways can be replaced with small paving blocks, porous paving asphalt, cobbles, or gravel. Paved sidewalks and patios can be exchanged for wooden decking, gravel, brick, paving stones, mulch, grass, or other natural groundcovers. These permeable surfaces allow rainwater and snow to slowly seep into the ground.

Rain gardens are specially designed low areas landscaped with plants that soak up stormwater from your roof, driveway, and other solid surfaces. They can also be used as a buffer to shoreline areas to capture runoff from the home landscape before it enters a lake, pond, or river. To reduce storm drain overload, many states are encouraging homeowners to install rain gardens.

These shallow depressions or retention ponds hold runoff and give water time to soak slowly into the ground, thereby reducing localized flooding and allowing the impurities to settle out, recharging the groundwater. Researchers are studying the possibility of rain gardens to remove other pollutants besides the heavy metals and phosphorus that they are now known to remove. These specialized gardens also create an appealing natural area that will attract birds and butterflies, while improving local water quality.

A rain garden can be as simple or as complicated as you want. You can construct it yourself if the design is simple or hire special contractors for more elaborate schemes. If possible, this retention pond should be placed in a naturally-occurring low spot in your yard. You will have to dig to create such a depression if the landscape is level. Depending on the drainage potential or your local soils, you may have to replace some of the soil with sand or gravel to encourage adequate drainage. Your rain garden should drain within four hours after a one-inch rain event. You must prevent standing water that allows mosquitoes to breed. Rain gardens should be situated at least 10 feet from your house but near a gutter outlet or paved surface. However, they should not be built over the septic tank, near any walls, or over any buried utilities.

The plants you choose should be able to tolerate both wet and dry conditions. Most rain gardens are dry the majority of the time. Native plants are often the best choices for these situations; many wildflowers, sedges, ferns, shrubs, and small trees tolerate the wet/dry cycle of rain gardens. Rain garden plants should be selected to match this situation. Your local extension agent should be able to suggest suitable varieties.

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remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

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.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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.

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. In November 2009, our system had a couple of violations related to Coliform testing. We suspected lab error, however we collected several addition samples immediately following our awareness. All additional sample results were negative.

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 at the Caroline County Library or by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's 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	Health Effects
Microbiological Contaminants							
Total Coliform Bacteria (Nov 2009)	Y			0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment	Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than were allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.
Fecal coliform & E.coli (Nov 2009)	Y			0	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	Human and animal fecal waste	Fecal Coliforms and E Coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.
Radioactive Contaminants							
Beta/Photon emitters Well 3 Well 5	N	4.6	pCi/l	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits	
Alpha emitters Well 5	N	2.3	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits	
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic Well 3 Well 5 (2008)	N	4 < 3.0	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	
Copper (distribution) (2008)	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 Well 5 (2008)	N	1.43	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Lead (distribution) (2008)	N	4	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits	
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (distribution) (2008)	N	10.65	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (distribution) (2008)	N	4.32	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Unregulated Contaminants							
Sodium Well 3 Well 5 (2005)	N	213.9	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits	
Chloroform Well 3	N	1.5	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 2009 or as otherwise noted. Some testing is not required annually.

Denton Main Street . . .

4th Annual Denton Spring Gala May 1



Participants at last year's Denton Spring Gala enjoy wine, food, and entertainment at the Foundry Building on Market Street.

The 4th Annual Denton Spring Gala will take place Saturday, May 1 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Downtown Denton will be transformed as guests stroll through the streets of downtown, enjoying art, live music, wine and beer tastings, a silent auction and more.

The Spring Gala is a progressive event, where guests will be able to leisurely walk between participating locations, where businesses will be competing to offer guests the "Best Denton Experience." Along the way, guests can enjoy May baskets, Paddle Art, May pole activities and live music by the Big Joe Maher Jazz Band. Featured artwork from local artists will be on display and will include oil and watercolor paintings, print-making, photography, ceramics, stained glass, basketry, and jewelry. Guests will receive a complimentary wine glass and Farmer's Market bag.

Tickets to the Spring Gala are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door for adults, and \$10

in advance and \$15 at the door for participants under 21. Tickets are now available for purchase at the Caroline Central Library and participating businesses, including The Foundry Gallery, What's New Shop, All Good Things, PNC Bank, The Salad Star, Defining Moments, Shore Gourmet, The Lily Pad Café, Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School, and the DDMS office at 406 Market Street.

Proceeds from the Denton Spring Gala will go toward banners and way finding signs for downtown Denton, an initiative of Downtown Denton Main Street, Inc (DDMS). Community support is crucial to help make this program successful.

If you are interested in participating as a featured artist, 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

Downtown Denton Main Street Office

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* www.downtowndenton.com

Linchester Mill Opens to Visitors



Starting June 5 Open Mill Days Saturday of each month from June to October. There will also be a Music Festival in the fall. Stay tuned for information on the festival.

Downtown Denton, Market & Second Street



Wednesdays 3:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.

April 14th - October 13th

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

Pleasure Carriage Driving Show



Plan to attend one of the Eastern Shore's best kept secrets. The Delmarva Driving Club is hosting a pleasure carriage driving show Saturday May 8 at the Caroline County 4-H Park located on Detour Rd. in Denton.

The event opens with formal classes in the morning followed

by an afternoon of participants competing in obstacle and cross-country carriage driving events. The events start at 9 a.m. Refreshments available for purchase.

Entry into the event is free to the public. For information call 302-846-2189 or visit www.delmarvadrivingclub.com

Caroline Hospice Foundation

MAY

7 - Friends of Hospice Golf Tournamen.

14 - Chicken Dinners 12 p.m.

30 - Strawberry Festival

Hospice is always looking for good volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact 410-479-3500.

JUNE

11 - Pit Beef 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

12 - Yard Sale 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

25 - National Nurse's Week

Upcoming Foundry Events

2nd Saturdays

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Twilight Tunes

5:30 p.m.

May 8 & June 12

Watch local artist demonstrations. Free

401 Market Street

May 19 & June 16

Homegrown music on the green during Farmers Market. Free

Courthouse Green
Downtown Denton.



Relay for Life Yard Sale

Saturday, May 1
8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

(rain or shine)

Denton Elementary School
303 Sharp Rd.

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

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

Call 410-924-7454 for more information.

4th Annual Denton Spring Gala



Saturday, May 1st
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Stroll through the streets of Denton to enjoy live entertainment by The Big Joe Maher Jazz Ensemble, wine and beer tastings, refreshments, regional art, May Baskets, a silent auction and more! Each participating business will be competing to offer guests the "Best Denton Experience," so be prepared to be impressed! Proceeds will benefit Downtown Denton Main Street.

Adults: \$15 advance/\$20 at the door
Under 21: \$10 advance/\$15 at the door

Denton
Main Street

Tickets are available at The Foundry Gallery, What's New Shop, All Good Things, PNC Bank, The Salad Star, Defining Moments, Shore Gourmet, The Lily Pad Cafe, Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School, and the DDMS office.

For more information, visit www.downtowndenton.com

Rain gardens require some maintenance to function properly. During the first year, the most important work is watering and weeding. A young garden needs about an inch of water per week until it is established. An established

garden needs to be weeded, cleared of plant debris, and remulched in the spring and fall.

The above information taken from a Pipeline article published by the National Environmental Service Center (NESC). 800-624-8301.

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.

Fishing Derby June 5

Martinak State Park, Caroline County 4-H Extension office and the Caroline County Recreation and Parks would like to invite you to their annual fishing derby. The fishing derby is open to children ages 5-16 and includes fishing, food, arts and crafts, and prizes.



The fishing derby will take place at Martinak State Park by the boat ramp.

Pre-registration is \$3, day of event registration is \$5. Call Recreation and Parks for additional information at 410-479-8120 or visit them online

at www.carolinerecreation.org

Thunder Storms and Lightning

Thunderstorms often come up suddenly and can present a variety of hazards, including power outages caused by lightning, heavy rains, hail, and wind. Such storms usually affect Maryland in the late spring, summer, or early fall, but can happen any time cold and warm air masses collide. Thunderstorms are sometimes even associated with snow showers. About 2,000 thunderstorms are in progress around the world at any given moment with lightning striking about 100 times every second. And yes, lightning can, and does, strike twice! Each year lightning kills 80-100 people and injures hundreds more.



Thunderstorms and lightning are very common for Maryland. Here's what you can do to protect yourself:

- Before a storm be aware of weather forecasts at all times.
- Watch for signs of approaching storms.
- Keep a battery operated radio handy.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely during a storm.

Remember, if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to get struck by lightning. Get to shelter immediately.

- Get out of boats and away from water.
- Unplug appliances, avoid using the telephone
- Do not bathe or shower.

- Get to higher ground if flash flooding is likely to occur from the storm.
- If out doors and shelter is not nearby, find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles.

If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, you are about to be struck by lightning! Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible, and minimize your contact with the ground.

The above information provided by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency website www.mema.state.md.us. For additional storm information log on to this website.

Attention Settlement Attorneys

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

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

Service Fees for Utility Calls

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

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

- \$50.00 fee during normal business hours.**
- \$100.00 fee after normal business hours.**

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

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #594 – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to signs. Introduced 11/2/2009, adopted 3/1/2010, effective 3/11/2010.

Ordinance #597 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the table of density and dimensional regulations in the Zoning Ordinance which is Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to the commercial medical (CM) zoning district. Introduced 2/1/2010, adopted 3/1/2010, effective 3/11/2010.

Ordinance #598 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Article 120 of the Code of the Town of Denton to permit the Denton Police to enforce license

requirements under article 148 of the public local laws of Caroline County pertaining to boat ramp fees. Introduced 2/1/2010, adopted 3/1/2010, effective 3/8/2010.

Ordinance #599 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting with amendments Chapter 106 of the Town Code regarding Stormwater Management. Introduced 3/1/2010, adopted 4/5/2010, effective 4/12/2010.

Ordinance #600 - An ordinance repealing and reenacting certain provisions of Chapter 120 of the Town of Denton Code, entitled vehicles and traffic, specifically relating to Section 120-17 special purpose parking zones. Introduced 3/1/2010, adopted 4/5/2010, effective 4/12/2010.

Resolution #723 - A Resolution of the Town of Denton approving

an agreement between the State of Maryland Energy Administration and the Town of Denton for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Introduced 3/1/2010, adopted 3/1/2010, became effective 3/1/2010.

Resolution #724 - The Denton Town Council authorizes the submittal of an application for Investment Assistance-Economic Adjustment Program funds in the amount of \$572,268 to provide funding for infrastructure in Crouse Park, including water, sewer, and associated road work and wharf

construction, as well as the Heritage & Welcome Center. Introduced 3/1/2010, adopted 3/1/2010.

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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Saturday, May 1st
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The poster features a decorative square frame in the top right corner containing a stylized floral design. Two sunflowers are positioned at the bottom left and bottom right corners of the text area.

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