



# Denton Town News

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**FREE**

## Central Library Teen Zone Gets National Recognition

Caroline County's Central Library Teen Zone made it in the online edition of American Libraries Magazine's Library Design Showcase 2011! American Libraries magazine is the magazine of the American Library Association and is sent out to all its members.

Creative Arts Unlimited, the designer and builder of our Teen Zone submitted it to American Libraries to be included in its Library Design Showcase. <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/content/library-design-showcase-2011-childrens-and-teens-spaces>.

This project was the brainchild of former, now retired Library Administrator, George Sands and managed by Amanda Courie, our Youth Services Manager. The first of its kind in the region, this space provides a safe, welcoming environment for teens to study, get homework help, socialize with friends, and use computers and free Wi-Fi.

The Teen Zone features six

Apple desktop computers, ample space for laptops, a lounge area with a large-screen TV, and a gaming station. A substantial collection of books for teenagers is located just outside the Teen Zone itself.

Creative Arts Unlimited was a great company to work with, putting together the right mix of creativity and practical applications. Library Interiors provided the new shelving.

This project could not have been completed without funding from the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Library Development and Services Capital Library Grant Program and the matching funds from the Board of Library Trustees for Caroline County. Additional funding came from the Eastern Shore Regional Library for the technology portion of the project.

If you haven't been by to see our new Teen Zone, please stop by!

## Annual 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

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## UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around July 1, 2011. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by July 25, 2011. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m., by mail, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the right of the front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. The next Utility bills will be mailed around October 1, 2011 and will be due in full by October 25, 2011.

## Water Bills To Be Mailed Out July 1

Utility Bills will be mailed around July 1, 2011, and are due to be paid by July 25, 2011. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on July 25, 2011.

Past due notices (red cards) will be mailed on July 27, 2011, 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, 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. or after hours by placing the payment in an envelope in the night deposit box located to the right of the front door on the outside of 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 3:30p.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

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## Town Calendar

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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, 2011. Water service will be shut off for non-payment.

### Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Police Department

May 2  
June 6

## Tax Sale Reminder

The 2010 - 2011 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, 2010 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.

### Working Session 6p.m. at Town Office

May 16

### Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Police Department

May 24  
June 28

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

May 18  
June 15

### Utility Commission Meeting Wastewater Treatment Plant Legion Road

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

### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed  
on the following days:

May 30 - Memorial Day

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](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)

**Town of Denton**  
**410-479-2050**

#### 2011 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	09/30/2010	10/25/2010	10/25/2010	11/05/2010
October - December	12/30/2010	01/25/2011	01/25/2011	02/07/2011
January - March	03/31/2011	04/25/2011	04/25/2011	05/05/2011
April - June	06/30/2011	07/25/2011	07/25/2011	08/05/2011

### July-August ISSUE DEADLINE...

*Please submit your articles of*  
*interest to the Denton Town*  
*Office via email: [lorendorf@](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com)*  
*dentonmaryland.com or*  
*fax: 410-479-3534*  
*by June 10, 2011.*  
*Thank you.*



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

*Denton Public Works*  
*410-479-2050*

# Calendar of Events

## May

**4, 11, 18, 25 - Denton Farmers Market, every Wednesday 3p.m.-6p.m., NEW LOCATION 4th Street and Gay Street municipal parking lot.** Shop for locally grown produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, and more. Visit [www.downtowndenton.com](http://www.downtowndenton.com) for more info.

### **7 - Memorial Ride, 1st Annual**

*8a.m. \$20 donation, \$5 per passenger.* Ride to raise money for the Eastern Shore law enforcement officers memorial wall. 3 starting locations: Bay Country Rest Area, Costa Ventosa Winery, or Power House Gym in Cambridge. Ride ends at Camp ESPA 5425 Sharptown Rd, Eldorado. Call Phylis at 410-726-7894 to register and for more info.

### **7 - Pleasure Carriage Driving Show**

*9a.m.-5p.m., Free, Caroline Co. 4-H Park, Detour Rd. Denton.* Participants compete in obstacle and cross-country carriage-driving events. Refreshments available, call 302-659-2827 or visit [www.delmarvadrivingclub.com](http://www.delmarvadrivingclub.com) for more info.

### **7 - Denton Spring Gala**

*\$20 in advance, \$25 at door, 5:30p.m.-9:00p.m., Downtown Denton.* Stroll along main street and enjoy an evening of food, wine, music, art, and more. Businesses open for extended hours. Proceeds benefit the Denton Main Street Organization. Tickets may be purchased at the Foundry 401 Market Street, or call 410-479-1009 for more details.

### **13 - Friday Night Cruise-In**

*6p.m.-9ish, Market St. Downtown Denton.* Step back in time, spend a summer evening strolling the historic streets of Denton while enjoying classic cars. DJ, food and more. Call 410-479-1545 or [danielson51@comcast.net](mailto:danielson51@comcast.net) for more info.

### **13 - Paddlefest, pre-event fun in Greensboro**

Before you set out to paddle on the 14th, make plans to visit downtown Greensboro. Enjoy food, entertainment, historic house tour, wine tasting, haunted carriage rides, and more. visit [www.carolinechamber.org](http://www.carolinechamber.org) and click on events.

### **14 - Paddlefest, 2nd Annual**

*8a.m. begins at Greensboro boat ramp, ends at Choptank River Yacht Club in Denton.* Enjoy kayaking or canoing on the Choptank River. This 7.7 mile journey ends at the yacht club where music, food, kayak demos, art, and more can be found. \$15 reg. fee, kayaks/canoes available for rental or bring your own, call the Chamber of Commerce at 410-479-4638 to register and for more information.

### **14 - Family Fun Day at Tuckahoe State Park**

*11a.m.-2p.m., 13070 Crouse Mill Rd, Ridgely.* Kids and grownups alike will enjoy a day on the Tuckahoe Challenge Course's high elements, including a 40 ft rock wall, tube net, zip line, 50 ft. giant swing, and more. Pre-reg. required, \$15 adults, \$10 kids ages 7-15. Call 410-820-1668 to register.

### **29 - Ridgely Strawberry Festival**

*10a.m.-5p.m., Martin Sutton Park, Route 480 & Park Ave, Ridgely.* Strawberry shortcake featured and other delectable treats, music, food, family fun, and parade. Visit [www.ridgelylions.org](http://www.ridgelylions.org) for more details.

## June

**1 - Caroline Summerfest Applications Due Today.** Call 410-479-2050 for details.

### **1 - NCHS Graduation**

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Denton Farmers Market, every Wednesday, 3p.m.-6p.m., NEW LOCATION 4th Street and Gay Street municipal parking lot.** Shop for locally grown produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, and more. Visit [www.downtowndenton.com](http://www.downtowndenton.com) for more info.

### **4 - Fishing Derby at Martinak State Park**

*9a.m.-12p.m. 137 Deep Shore Rd., Denton.* Celebrate summer with fishing, food, arts and crafts, lunch, refreshments, and plenty of fun. Pre-registration \$3, \$5 day of event. Call 410-479-8120 for details and age restrictions.

### **4 - Quickstart Canoe Course**

*1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Free, Tuckahoe State Park Boat House.* An American Canoe Association certified instructor teaches this free course. Participants will learn how to prepare for a canoe excursion, how to enter and exit a canoe, how to rescue a flipped canoe, and basic strokes and maneuvers. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-820-1668.

### **7 - Rabies Clininc**

*5p.m.-7p.m. HAPS Building, \$5 per animal.* See page 9 for additional details.

### **10 - Friday Night Cruise-In**

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### **11 - Tuckahoe Triathlon**

*7:30a.m.-11a.m. Tuckahoe State Park, 13070 Crouse Mill Rd. Ridgely.* For serious and/or amateur athletes, 2 mile run, 10 mile bike and 1 mile canoe course. Canoes and bicycles should be in place by 7:30a.m., pre-race meeting at 7:45a.m. at start line. Prizes for individuals, couples, and parent-child combos. Pre-registration required. Call 410-820-1668 or visit [www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.asp).

### **11 - Cruisin' for Canines**

*10a.m. Caroline Co. Humane Society, \$20 in advance \$25 day of event.* Bring your classic car or any car and have fun with this scavenger hunt,

trivia contest, poker run. Drive to designated areas in the county and complete a list of 20 questions. Trophies given for 1st-3rd place. Special incentive for classic car drivers. Finish line at Snappy's Bar and Grill Denton Plaza. Call 410-820-1600 or visit [www.carolinehumane.org](http://www.carolinehumane.org) for more info. or to register.

**- Adkins Arboretum**

**#410-634-2847**

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

**- Caroline Co. Arts Council**

**#410-479-1009**

**[www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org)**

**- Caroline Co. Public Library**

**# 410-479-1343**

**[www.caro.lib.md.us/library](http://www.caro.lib.md.us/library)**

**- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks**

**#410-479- 8120**

**[www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org)**

# Denton Police Department . . .

## It's Boat Ramp Permit Season

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

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

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

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

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



## Library Celebrates 50th Anniversary

May is Library Month in Caroline County!

The Caroline County Public Library was officially founded on May 23, 1961, and to celebrate, the County Commissioners have proclaimed that May is Library Month!

Stop by and check out all the library has to offer: free computers & Wi-Fi access; books, magazines, music CD's, and DVDs; and a friendly, knowledgeable staff to address all of your information needs.

Save the Date: Saturday,

October 1, 2011: Customer Appreciation Day Join us to help celebrate 50 years of service to the community. Stop by the library for a fun-filled day of family-friendly activities.

Visit our website [www.carolib.org](http://www.carolib.org) for further events! The Caroline County Public Library empowers customers

to use information and ideas to enrich their lives. The Central Library-Denton is located at 100 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629, 410-479-1343.



## Lightning Safety For Your Family

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Each year in the United States, more than 400 people are struck by lightning. On average, between 55 and 60 people are killed; hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological disabilities. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects information on weather-related deaths to learn how to prevent these tragedies. Many lightning victims say they were "caught" outside in the storm and couldn't get to a safe place. With proper planning, these tragedies could be prevented.

Other victims waited too long before seeking shelter. By heading to a safe place 5 to 10 minutes sooner, they could have avoided being struck by lightning.

Some people were struck

because they went back outside too soon. Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder clap.

Finally, some victims were struck inside homes or buildings while they were using electrical equipment or corded phones.

Others were in contact with plumbing, a metal door or a window frame. Avoid contact with these electrical conductors when a thunderstorm is nearby!

### What You Might Not Know About Lightning

All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous. In the United States, in an average year, lightning kills about the same number of people as tornadoes and more people than hurricanes.

Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall.

Many lightning deaths occur ahead of storms or after storms have seemingly passed.

If you can hear thunder, you are in danger. Don't be fooled by

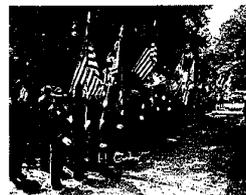
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## 1st Annual Memorial Ride

Contact person: Phylis 410-726-7894

Ride ending at Camp ESPA

5425 Sharptown Road., Eldorado



### ALL GAVE SOME SOME GAVE ALL

It is important that Law

Enforcement Officials know how much they are respected for putting their lives on the line everyday. This wall is to honor all the officers who have lost their lives while working the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

It is our belief that this event is a fitting tribute to our Fallen Heroes from the Eastern Shore of Maryland who made the ultimate sacrifice.

A \$20 donation for each motorcycle and \$5 per passenger is requested. This is a police escorted ride.

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARD THIS MEMORIAL WALL

### (3) Registration Locations

Starting at 0800 hours

**Bay Country Rest Area**

Rt 301 and Hayden Road

Queen Annes Co.

**Costa Ventosa Winery**

9031 Whaleyville Road, Whaleyville, Md.

Bikes out by 0900 traveling to Cambridge.

**Power House Gym**

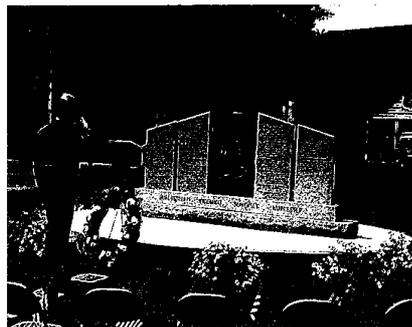
702 Cambridge Plaza, Cambridge, Md.

Registration starting at 0830 hours

Bikes out by 1000 traveling to

Camp ESPA, Rt 313, Eldorado, Md.

There will be a brief ceremony, food and music. An event pin will be available at Camp ESPA.



## Denton Police Department

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

Save the date for the 2011

# Friday Night Cruise-In

in Downtown Denton



2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month

6 p.m. – 9<sup>ish</sup>

Market Street

Denton, Maryland



May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th

Step back in time with a Friday Night Cruise-In! Spend a summer evening strolling the streets of historic Denton while enjoying the classic cars parked along Market Street. There will be a DJ spinning Oldies tunes, food vendors and more!

For more information, contact Dean Danielson at  
(410) 479-1545 or [danielson51@comcast.net](mailto:danielson51@comcast.net)

# Planning and Codes . . .

## Property Maintenance and Building Code Changes

The Town of Denton has recently adopted local amendments to the building codes and property maintenance codes. Electronic copies of the local amendments will be available at the following link on Friday, April 15, 2011. [http://www.dentonmaryland.com/departments/planning\\_codes\\_applications.asp](http://www.dentonmaryland.com/departments/planning_codes_applications.asp).

Building codes regulate the built environment related to new construction, additions, fitting out of, and repairs to existing structures.

The property maintenance code regulates the built environment related to maintenance of existing structures, lots, and properties. The current building codes are:

1. 2009 edition of the International Building Codes (IBC) with local amendments;
2. 2009 edition of the International Residential Codes (IRC) with local amendments;
3. 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), with no amendments;
4. 2009 edition of the International Existing Building Code (IEBC), with no amendments;
5. The Town enforces the requirements of the Maryland State provisions for Accessibility Code, Mechanical Code, and Plumbing Code. Separate adoptions were not required for these codes.

The current property maintenance code is: The 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with local amendments. The IPMC is used to provide a standard for maintenance of all types of existing structures and properties, including vacant lots, and standards for residential rental properties. Significant changes to the property maintenance code, includes:

1. Higher violation fines associated with repeat violators and severity of the violation-whether the violation is life threatening (most severe) to grass cutting (least). A repeat violator is a property having three or more of the same violations of the IPMC in a twelve month period.

2. Appealing a citation given by the code official for property maintenance violations or residential rental violations is made to the Town Council. The Town Council will act as the Board of Appeals in cases related to both property maintenance and residential rentals. The decision of the Town Council may be appealed to the Circuit Court.

3. Evicted items must be removed from rental properties in 48-hours, allowing an evicted tenant 24-hours to claim their property before the items are considered refuse. The owner of the leased or rented property is responsible for the clean up of the evicted refuse and may be assessed a fee for the clearing of the items.

4. The height of grass cannot be more than 6-inches.

5. Trees on a property are required to be maintained by the property owner. Unsafe trees on a property are required to be removed.

6. If pests, such as roaches, are determined to have infested a neighboring property because of proximity to the infested property, the infested property owner may be required to provide extermination or the cost of extermination for the affected property.

This article is to provide highlights of the changes to the building and property maintenance code. If you have any questions please call (410) 479-3625, Denton Department of Planning and Codes for additional information.

## Permits

*The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between February 2011 and April 2011:*

Palmer, 111 Sunset Drive, Roof & Patio  
Town of Denton, 323 Market Street, Rehab  
Centreville National Bank, 805 South Fifth Avenue, Addition  
Cobble, 110 South 8th Street, Fence  
Hill, 209 South 6th Street, Roof

Wyre, 4 South 1st Street, Porch  
Edgewater, 1204 Trice Meadows Circle, Single Family Dwelling  
Dunkin' Donuts, 601 Legion Road, Sign & Awning  
Subway, 601 Legion Road, Sign & Awning  
Caroline Chamber of Commerce, 601 Legion Road, Banner  
Dunn, 210 Briarwood Circle, Fence  
McCafferty, 1371 Market Street, Roof

### GRASS CUTTING SEASON IS HERE



Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to **6 inches** or shorter. This reduces rodent and insect infestations.

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

## Goats vs. Weeds Demo June 2 & 4

Invasive species crowd out native woodland plants and animals and can strangle trees and bring down limbs. Machines often can't reach problem areas, manual removal is very labor intensive, and herbicides can inflict collateral damage on water, plant, and animal resources.

Targeted grazing with goats can be a cost-effective and environmentally friendly method of controlling invasive species on your property. Goats graze in places that mowers can't reach and humans don't want to go, including bramble and poison ivy thickets.

Adkins Arboretum will have a demonstration June 2 & 4. 10a.m.-

12p.m. This is your chance to see goats in action at the Arboretum and learn how to implement this practice on your own land.

Presenters will include Nevin Dawson, forest stewardship educator, University of Maryland Extension; Sylvan Kaufman, Sylvan Green Earth Consulting, and Brian Knox, president of Sustainable Resource Management, Inc. and supervising forester for Eco-Goats. Light refreshments will be served, including goat cheese.

For more info. call 410-634-2847 or visit [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org)  
Fee: \$15 members, \$20 general public.

**Denton Planning and Codes**

410-479- 3625

[www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)

## How To Identify Lead Paint Hazards

Most homes built before 1950 have lead paint. After 1950, the use of lead in paint declined; but many homes built until 1978 still had some lead paint. Lead paint is most likely to be hazardous when it is deteriorating (chipping, flaking, or chalking) or when maintenance or remodeling work creates lead dust or debris.

Various lead paint inspection services are available to identify lead paint or to evaluate lead paint hazards. You may obtain a list of accredited inspection contractors from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). You may do some limited testing yourself, but information provided by a trained and accredited inspector will generally be more complete and definitive.

A complete survey is performed to determine the presence and location of lead paint hazards in a home or other building. Such a survey includes sampling of all painted surfaces on the interior and the exterior of the building. Neither a single paint chip sample nor a composite sample of several different areas within a building can give an accurate picture of the extent or location of lead paint hazards. A lead paint survey may be of particular use if you are planning repainting or remodeling activities that may disturb painted surfaces in your home.

A risk assessment will provide

an evaluation of potential sources of lead exposure in a home. The condition of the paint should be noted because dust from peeling, chipping or chalking paint is the most common source of lead exposure in young children. Repainting, maintenance and other home improvement activities should also be considered by the risk assessor.

While lead paint continues to be the most important source of high level lead exposures, a full risk assessment may include other sources, such as water, food and parental occupation.

A lead hazard screen, conducted by a risk assessor, determines whether a home that is in good condition has potential lead hazards.

### When is a lead inspection necessary?

- when a child has been identified as being lead-poisoned.
- when a property owner is concerned that a lead hazard exists and wishes to abate that hazard.
- when a property owner is required to test for lead in order to be in compliance with Maryland standards for rental housing.
- when a group day care center, which may have lead paint, is reviewed for licensing or plans renovations which may disturb lead paint.
- when, under federal law, a homebuyer desires to hire an inspector prior to purchasing a

home constructed before 1978.

### Who can perform an inspection?

- accredited testing companies
- some local health departments or environmental departments
- the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)

(NOTE: Most government agencies have limited resources and are able to inspect homes of lead-poisoned children only).

### What types of analysis are used to test for lead?

- laboratory analysis of paint scrapings
- portable XRF (x-ray florescence) analyzer
- chemical spot test, using a test kit

(NOTE: Each method has specific limitations. See the section on Advantages and Disadvantages later in this fact sheet).

### Can I check for lead myself?

Yes. With direction from a laboratory, you can collect paint scrapings from areas of your home which you would like to test. Take (or mail) your samples to the laboratory. You may also use a chemical spot test kit for lead paint. Several paint stores now sell such kits. Follow kit directions carefully.

For a complete survey or risk assessment of a home, you should hire an experienced professional testing company. Contact individual

firms to determine specific services provided and costs for these services. Due to differences in services provided, as well as technical operations, there may be a wide variation in prices. We recommend you call at least 3 organizations to compare prices and services before you contract for testing services.

• Is the company currently accredited by the State of Maryland as a lead paint inspection contractor?

• What will be the scope of work?

• Should I have a survey, a risk assessment, or a more limited inspection?

• What is the cost of a complete survey?

• What methods are used for analysis?

• What previous experience has the company had?

• Has the person who will perform the actual inspection been accredited by the State of Maryland as an inspector technician or as a risk assessor?

• How will the information be reported to you? How can I use this information?

This information was provided by <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Land/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/Programs/LandPrograms/LeadCoordination/index.aspx>. For additional information please visit the above website.

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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 contaminants

in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2010. 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 contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants 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) -

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## Denton Public Works . . .

### Expense of Operating a Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant

Most people don't think about where the water comes from or how it gets to their faucets, they just consider it free and there for the taking. Likewise, little thought is given to what happens to the wastewater generated by private residences, institutions, commercial buildings, and industries once it goes down the drain. Maintaining water treatment systems, distribution lines and storage facilities, sewer treatment plants, pump stations, and collection lines is costly. Much of the extensive network of water and wastewater systems infrastructure is underground, going unseen and unnoticed until something breaks. Managing these vital assets by careful maintenance, monitoring, rehabilitation, renewal, and replacement strategies is essential to ensure public access to water and sanitation and to protect public health and the environment.

Life cannot exist without water. In addition to drinking water, we depend on a safe and abundant water supply for everything associated with the production of all the goods we consume including our food and for basic hygiene. Despite water being necessary for our survival, investments to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure that assures continual safe delivery of potable water are in jeopardy because of declining revenues and tightening budgets. The natural effects of time, materials, capacity changes, poor installation, and corrosive soil and flow contents require that the pipes be repaired or replaced to ensure that a consistent quality of water be delivered to citizens. Similarly, expenses of maintaining the mechanical elements of both the water and wastewater systems are costly. Serious problems will be encountered if our water infrastructure is not able to deliver to us our most valuable natural resource.

As knowledge about health risks associated with various contaminants and disinfection by-products increases, new regulations will continue to grow more stringent. Each new regulation presents new challenges that typically require new sustainable methods and/or technologies in order to meet or surpass the new requirements. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has stated a goal to increase enforcement of water quality regulations, particularly Clean Water Act regulations dealing with wet weather issues. The Chesapeake Bay "pollution diet" proposed by the EPA will serve as a model for utilities across the country making it necessary for them to find the funds to meet those needs by raising rates or the bond market.

Delivery of water/wastewater services are considered enterprise funds in which all cost of service delivery – direct, indirect, and capital costs - are identified and paid for through fees that make the entity self-supporting. Enterprise funds provide goods or services to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting. Sewer rates are based on water consumption because the majority of water used goes down the drains and toilets ending up in the sewer system.

Water/wastewater rate increases are necessary for maintenance of existing infrastructure and equipment, maintenance and repair of existing mechanical components, cost of chemicals, and payment of personnel. The Town-owned water system infrastructure provides water storage in 3 towers pumped from 2 wells and a treatment system. The wastewater collection system includes a network of pipes and pumps that collect and transport wastewater to the treatment facility. Wastewater entering the Plant is called influent as it passes through

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### 10 Tips to Conserve Drinking Water

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](http://www.drinktap.org).



### Tuckahoe's Birds of Prey Photo Shoot



**\$15 photographer**  
**Free to spectators**

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

Saturday May 7  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



For more information call 410-820-1668

**Treatment Plant from page 8**

screens which remove large solid material, then to specialized tanks for grit removal, on to large settling basins, then to clarifiers, and finally is chlorinated and dechlorinated before leaving the Plant. Sludge is collected from the bottom of the clarifiers and placed on reed beds.

Operators of the water/

wastewater systems must be adequately trained and certified. They are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and are responsible for repairing everything from pipe leaks and valves to electrical and instrumentation equipment. This work becomes especially demanding during seasonal changes when the ground moves causing water mains to break

under the strain.

When measured as a percentage of household income, Americans pay less for water/wastewater bills than other developed countries. Because of this, the public has been led to believe that water is available and cheap. To meet essential infrastructure needs, pricing that recovers the costs of building, operating, and maintaining a system

is absolutely necessary. Drinking water and wastewater utilities must be able to price water to reflect the full costs of treatment and delivery.

Sources for information used include: <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure>; [www.utilitycontractoronline.com](http://www.utilitycontractoronline.com); [www.nrwa.org](http://www.nrwa.org); [www.waterworld.com](http://www.waterworld.com)

**Lighting from page 4**

blue skies. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat.

Lightning leaves many victims with permanent disabilities. While a small percentage of lightning strike victims die, many survivors must learn to live with very serious lifelong pain and neurological disabilities.

**Avoid the Lightning Threat**

Have a lightning safety plan. Know where you'll go for safety and how much time it will take to get there. Make sure your plan allows enough time to reach safety.

Postpone activities. Before going outdoors, check the forecast for thunderstorms. Consider postponing activities to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation.

Monitor the weather. Look for

signs of a developing thunderstorm such as darkening skies, flashes of lightning or increasing wind.

Get to a safe place. If you hear thunder, even a distant rumble, immediately move to a safe place. Fully enclosed buildings with wiring and plumbing provide the best protection. Sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches do NOT protect you from lightning. If a sturdy building is not nearby, get into a hard-topped metal vehicle and close all the windows. Stay inside until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.

If you hear thunder, don't use a corded phone except in an emergency. Cordless phones and cell phones are safe to use. Keep away from electrical equipment and wiring. Water pipes conduct electricity. Don't take a bath or

shower or use other plumbing during a storm.

**Organized Outdoor Activities**

Many people enjoy outdoor activities. It's essential for the people in charge of these activities to understand the dangers of lightning, have a lightning safety plan in place, and follow the plan once thunder is heard or lightning is seen. Many outdoor activities rely on volunteer leaders, coaches or sports officials to make safety decisions. Make sure the leaders of these activities follow a lightning safety plan. Don't be afraid to ask, and don't be afraid to speak out during an event if conditions become unsafe. You could save a life!

**What You Should Know About Being Caught Outside Near a Thunderstorm**

There is no safe place outside in

a thunderstorm. Plan ahead to avoid this dangerous situation! If you're outside and hear thunder, the only way to significantly reduce your risk of becoming a lightning casualty is to get inside a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. In addition, you should avoid the following situations which could increase your risk of becoming a lightning casualty.

\* Remember – there is no substitute for getting to a safe place.

\* Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area.

\* Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.

\* Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences.

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**RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE**

*(Sponsored by the Caroline County Health Department)*



**\$5 fee per animal**

**Date & Time****Location of clinic**

**May 24, 2011**

5-7 p.m.

at **Greensboro Elementary School**  
(625 N. Main Street, Greensboro)

**May 31, 2011**

5-7 p.m.

at **Colonel Richardson Middle School**  
(25390 Richardson Rd, Federalsburg)

**June 7, 2011**

5-7 p.m.

at **Health & Public Services Building**  
parking lot (403 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 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 9-4 p.m. Monday-Friday if you want to pre-register.**

## Denton Main Street . . .

### 5th Annual Spring Gala May 7th

Tickets are now on sale for the 5th Annual Denton Spring Gala, which will be taking place on Saturday, May 7 from 5:30p.m. – 9:30p.m. Downtown Denton will be transformed as guests stroll through the streets of downtown, enjoying gourmet hors' d'oeuvres with wine and beer pairings, live music, artist demonstrations, "Denton Encounters," a silent auction and more.

Spring Gala is a progressive event, where guests will be able to leisurely walk between participating downtown businesses that will be competing to offer guests the "Best Denton Encounter."

The Chesapeake Culinary Center will be catering the event, which will include five different gourmet food stations with wine and beer pairings. These stations will include an Artisan Cheese and Charcuterie Station; a Dipping Station featuring spinach & crab dip, hot buffalo dip, French onion dip, hummus & fresh vegetables and salsa, bacon & horseradish dip; a Mediterranean Station featuring skewered tortellini, antipasto, bruschetta, pasta dishes, tapenade and Italian meatballs; a Meat Station featuring shish kebobs, beef, ham and turkey; and a Pastry Station featuring assorted desserts.

Musical entertainment will be performed by Dave & Stix and The

Ashley Mitchell Band. Dave & Stix is an eclectic and energetic duo featuring Dave Hawkins on vocals, guitar, harmonica and fiddle and percussionist Jeff "Sticks" Chaney. The Ashley Mitchell Band performs a blend of some of the hottest pop hits to memorable funk tunes and always has their audience on the dance floor wanting more. Members include Ashley Mitchell, Donny Marvel, Jarvis Barnes, Shawn Spike Simon and Aaron Enron Melton.

Tickets to Spring Gala are \$20 if purchased in advance and \$25 at the door for adults, and \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for participants under 21. Tickets are now available for purchase at the Caroline Central Library, the Denton Main Street Office (located at 406 Market Street) and participating businesses.

The main event sponsors are Chambers and Nier, P.C. and PNC Bank along with many local businesses and organizations. 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 by donating items to the silent auction or through corporate sponsorship, please contact Ann Jacobs, Denton Main Street Manager, by phone at 410-479-4305 or by e-mail at [ann@downtowndenton.com](mailto:ann@downtowndenton.com)



*Denton Spring Gala*

### Fishing Derby June 4

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, Saturday June 4, 9a.m.-12p.m.. 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](http://www.carolinerecreation.org).

### Client Appreciation Party May 7th

Cindy Draper & Associates is celebrating 10 Years at 311 Franklin Street.

Cindy started her massage therapy practice in Denton 17 years ago. 10 years ago Cindy and her associates moved to 311 Franklin Street and the group immediately began to grow.

Along with massage therapy, Cindy's 9 associates offer Acupuncture, Aqua Chi foot ionization spa, Cranial Sacral Therapy, Reflexology, Reiki, and Ancient Wisdom Essential Oils sales. They have 116 years combined

experience.

Client Appreciation Party is Saturday, May 7, 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Additional upcoming events at Cindy Draper & Associates:

Monday May 2 - Free Reiki share 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

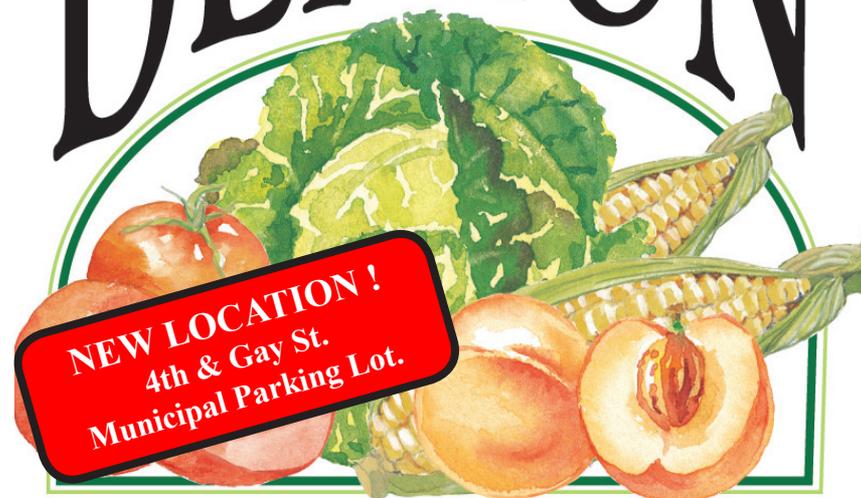
Saturday May 21 - Ways to De - Stress 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Saturday June 4 - Nourish Body, Mind, Spirit a Womens Retreat 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

For more information call (410) 479 - 0596 or visit [www.cindydraper.com](http://www.cindydraper.com).

*4th & Gay St. - Municipal Parking Lot*

# DENTON



**NEW LOCATION!**  
4th & Gay St.  
Municipal Parking Lot.

# FARMERS MARKET

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

*May 4 - September 14*

## Polish Your Table Manners May 7th

Join Ummu Bradley Thomas for dinner at Freddie Bell Jones Modeling & Finishing School, Inc. on Saturday, May 7, 2011, located at 322 Market Street, Suite 113, Denton, Maryland 21629, 5p.m.-7p.m. Soup, salad, entree, sorbet, and dessert are on the menu for the evening.

As you join me at the table, when do you place your napkin on your lap, before or after grace? Do you add seasoning in your food and if you do, are you insulting my cooking abilities?

Is it okay to blow on hot soup to cool it down? Do you scoop with your spoon towards you or away from you?

What direction do you pass the rolls around the table? Do you butter the bread all at once? The dinner entree is beef and you don't eat meat. What do you do or say? Which direction do you hold your cutlery?

When do you use Continental Style Dining over American? What topics of conversation should be avoided at the table?

Polished table manners and social graces can take you to another level. Everyone knows not to speak

when there is food in their mouths and how to place their napkin, but do you know the difference between the strict and not so strict rules of dining, such as which foods are eaten by spoon, by finger, or by fork?

With mastery of these dining skills, you become even more polished and a pleasant dinner guest. No one is born with good table manners, and our society has been somewhat lax with the emergence of fast foods, but that is still no excuse. Proper presentation skills are power and are vital to your personal and professional success as it reveals a great deal about you.

The rules of dining are straightforward and easy to master. Join me for dinner and training at the table for \$35 or order one of the following Polish that Pays Workbooks authored by me:

Table Manners for the Youth, \$20.00 The Polish that Pays, Workforce Edition, \$20.00 The Polish that Pays, Teen Edition, \$20.00 A Head Start on Manners, Manners with Methuselah, Ages 3-6, \$10.00

Cheers,  
Ummu Bradley Thomas

## Lightning from page 9

Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.

If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

### Act Fast If Someone Is Struck by Lightning!

Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge, are safe to touch, and need urgent medical attention. Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Some deaths can be prevented if the victim receives the proper first aid immediately.

Call for help. Call 9-1-1 or your local ambulance service. Give first aid. Do not delay CPR if the person is unresponsive or not breathing. Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available.

If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning can strike twice. Don't become a victim.

### Stay Informed About Storms Listen to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards

There are an estimated 25

million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes in the U.S. each year. While the National Weather Service (NWS) issues severe thunderstorm watches and warnings for storms that produce damaging wind or hail, watches and warnings are NOT issued for lightning. When you hear thunder, there is an immediate lightning danger.

As a further safety measure, consider purchasing a portable, battery-powered, tone-alert NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards. The radio will allow you to monitor any short-term forecasts for changing weather conditions.

The tone-alert feature can automatically alert you when the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm watch or warning.

For more information visit NWS lightning links, forecasts, and assessments: <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov> NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards:

<http://www.weather.gov/nwr>

American Red Cross:

<http://www.redcross.org>

Federal Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.fema.gov>.

• Live Entertainment

• Gourmet Hors d'oeuvres with Wine & Beer Pairings

• Artist Demonstrations

• Silent Auction

• Special Events at Each Business

Buy tickets at the Caroline Central Library & participating Denton businesses. Call (410) 479-4305 for information.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual   
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Downtown Denton

Adults: \$20 advance/\$25 at door

Under 21: \$15 advance/\$20 at door

Proceeds benefit Downtown Denton Main Street.

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AUGUST  
19 & 20



# 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](http://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 relood 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.

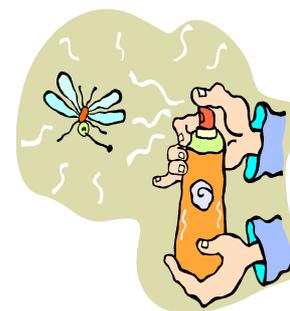
## Repellents Can Offer Relief:

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.

**Water Quality from page 7**

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.

<b>TEST RESULTS</b>							
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Beta/photon emitters Well 3 (2009) Well 5 (2009)	N N	4.6 6.8	pCi/l	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits	
Alpha emitters Well 3 (2009)	N	2.3	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic Well 3 (2009) Well 5 (2008)	N 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 (2009) Well 5 (2008)	N N	1.43 1.47	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	
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>							
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	
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>							
Sodium Well 3 (2009) Well 5 (2005)	N N	213.9 200	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits	
Chloroform Well 3 (2009)	N	1.5	ppb	N/A	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination	

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 contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

Our system received a reporting violation when test results for our annual nitrate monitoring was not received by the required due date of the 10th day of the month following completion of these tests. These tests were completed in December though. The system was returned to full compliance after test results were received by MDE from our lab.

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 contaminants, 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.



**Caroline County Humane Society**  
*Serving All Creatures Great and Small*  
 Ridgely, Maryland

## BE A PART OF IT!! FIRST ANNUAL

### "CRUISIN' FOR CANINES (& FELINES)

Saturday June 11, 2011 starting at 10:00 a.m.

at the Caroline County Humane Society.

Registration from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.-1st car starts at 11:00 a.m.

Part scavenger hunt, part trivia contest, part poker run-all-around fun!

Participants will drive to designated areas in the county

(Ridgely/Preston/Federalsburg/Denton) and

complete a list of 20 questions about what they find at each stop.

At seven stops, a canine greeter will give them a playing card.

The winner of the event will be based on the most correct answers

in the best time. Best 5 card poker hand also wins!

**Trophies** will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for

both the trivia contest and the poker hand.

**Special Incentive for those coming in their classic cars!**

**Snappy's Bar & Grill - Denton Plaza is the finish line!**

\$20 Pre-registration/\$25 Day of Event (per vehicle-unlimited # of people)

For registration form or more information

Website: <http://www.carolinehumane.org>

410-820-1600



#### 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 #621** – An ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting with amendments Chapter 60 of the Town Code regarding forest conservation. Introduced 02/07/11, adopted 03/07/11, effective 03/14/11.

**Ordinance #622** – An Ordinance amending the Town of Denton Property Maintenance Code Provisions contained in Chapter 94 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Property Maintenance. Introduced 02/07/11, adopted 03/07/11, effective 03/14/11.

**Ordinance #623** – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the land subdivision provisions contained in Chapter 73 of the Denton Town Code with respect to naming of streets and alleys.

Introduced 02/07/11, adopted 03/07/11, effective 03/14/11.

**Ordinance #624** – An ordinance of the Denton Town Council to repeal and reenact the current Critical Area Map for the Town of Denton to correct certain mapping errors. Introduced 02/07/11, adopted 03/07/11.

**Ordinance #627** – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the residential rental housing provisions contained in Chapter 98 of the Denton Town Code with residential rental properties. Introduced 02/07/11, adopted 03/07/11, effective 03/14/11.

**Ordinance #628** – An ordinance amending the Town of Denton building code, residential code,

mechanical code, protection of structures with historic significance, existing building code, and energy conservation code provisions contained in Chapter 38 of the Denton Town Code with respect to article and section references, and green construction. Introduced 04/04/11, to be considered 05/02/11.

**Ordinance #629** – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Property Maintenance Code provisions contained in Chapter 94 of the Denton Town Code with respect to unsafe, abandoned, vacant, and foreclosed properties building standards. Introduced 04/04/11, to be considered 05/02/11.

**Resolution #749** - A resolution of the Town of Denton adopting a policy with respect to the Naming of Streets and Alleys in the Town.

Adopted 03/07/11.

**Resolution #750** - A resolution that the Town of Denton supports Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of the Maryland Eastern Shore for Grant Application to purchase and renovate Edenton Senior Apartments through Maryland Community Development Administration of \$2,500,000.00. Adopted 03/16/11.

*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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## Permit Reminder

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