



Denton Town News

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FREE

Town Office Moves to 4 N. Second St.

As of October 20, 2014, the Town office staff moved to their new location at 4 N. Second Street. This move will allow for more office space and larger meeting space for Town Council meetings.

The offices that moved include the Finance office, Planning & Codes office, and the Town Administrator.

Any payments that need to be made should be directed to this new location. There is also an after hours payment box to the left of the door facing Second Street.

Coming soon will be a drive up window for added convenience to residents that wish to make payments at the teller window from

their car.

We look forward to serving you in our new location at the corner of Market and Second streets (former PNC bank building).

Our phone numbers and email addresses remain the same, should you need to contact the office for any reason.

The previous Town Office at 13 N. Third Street will be donated to the Caroline County Historical Society so they can expand their Museum of Rural Life exhibits.

Town staff wish to thank you for your patience as we relocated to our new building. We look forward to serving you.

Fall Loose Leaf Collection

Autumn is here and the leaves are beginning to fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their annual loose leaf vacuuming removal service to occur October 13 through December 12, 2014. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Loose leaf vacuuming will occur on Friday and/or Monday, pending

work load, and excluding holidays. It will be necessary to call in your loose leaf vacuum pickup request by 12 NOON on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday.

Bagged leaf collection will still take place on Wednesday and must be called into the Town Office by 12 NOON on Tuesday.

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Bottled Water Vs Tap Water

Because people are concerned about the quality of the water they drink, the debate over bottled water versus tap water will continue. To avoid future health issues, people want to make sure there are no high levels of contaminants present in their water. Standards are similar for both so it can be difficult to determine which has better quality in the bottled water versus tap water debate.

Some people avoid tap water because they believe it may still contain too many contaminants. It may smell bad due to higher quantities of iron, calcium, or the chlorine used in purification causing consumers to believe that the water is harmful. If the water is allowed to sit uncovered overnight much of the odor tends to dissipate.

Municipal water systems are monitored by State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offices and must report the levels of several contaminants on an annual basis. These customer confidence reports provide information such as source (river, lake, aquifer), contaminant levels, and potential health effects. However, the EPA does not regulate private wells. Tap water coming from private wells should be tested every year for contaminants.

Bottled water comes from many sources including wells, natural springs, and municipal water systems. Very few brands actually come from natural sources. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) monitors quality for packaged water products sold for consumption. Bottled water producers are required to: process, bottle, hold, and transport bottled water under sanitary conditions;

protect water sources from bacteria, chemicals, and other contaminants; use quality control processes to ensure the bacteriological and chemical safety of the water; and sample and test both source water and the final product for contaminants.

Also to be considered is that the plastic packaging for water uses quite a bit of energy to produce. Plastic water bottles are a petroleum product requiring 17 million barrels of oil to create 28 million water bottles. Manufacturing also unleashes more than 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide taking 3 liters of water to produce a single liter of bottled water. Fuel is also consumed in transporting those bottles by truck or ship to their destinations.

While it is usually recyclable, very little of it is re-used. Consumers simply do not take the time to put plastic containers in suitable recycling receptacles. Container Recycling Institute estimates that only 23% of plastic beverage bottles are recycled. Millions of plastic bottles litter our roads, beaches,

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UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around January 1, 2015. To avoid having your water turned off payment must be received by January 25, 2015. 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 left of the front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. The next utility bill will be mailed around April 1, 2015 and will be due in full by April 25, 2015.

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Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting 7p.m. at Town Office

**November 6
December 11**

Council Working Sessions 6p.m. at Town Office

November 20

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Office

**November 25
December TBA**

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

**November 19
December TBA**

Utility Commission Meeting Wastewater Treatment Plant Legion Road

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

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed
on the following days:

**November 4, 11, 27, 28
December 25**

Trash Pickup

Collection day will be on every Tuesday,
unless otherwise noted in the Times
Record. Trash must be outside for
pickup by 6a.m.

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com

NOTICE DENTON TOWN ELECTIONS

Under authority of Chapter V of the Denton Town Charter as amended and reenacted, a town
election will be held on:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M.**

**IN THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT
4 NORTH SECOND STREET, DENTON MD
(The former PNC Bank Building)**

At which time registered voters of The Town of Denton will elect one (1) Council Member: To
serve a term of five years to succeed Lester L. Branson whose term expires December 31, 2014.

There are two candidates running for the position on the Denton Town Council for this year's
election.

The candidates for consideration are:

**Dean W. Danielson
Lester L. Branson, OD**

By Authority of the:
TOWN OF DENTON, MARYLAND
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

Town of Denton 2015 Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	10/01/2014	10/25/2014	10/27/2014	11/06/2014
October - December	01/01/2015	01/25/2015	01/26/2015	02/05/2015
January - March	04/01/2015	04/25/2015	04/27/2015	05/07/2015
April - June	07/01/2015	07/25/2015	07/27/2015	08/05/2015

January-February 2015 ISSUE DEADLINE...

*Please submit your articles of
interest to the Denton Town
Office via email: [lorendorf@
dentonmaryland.com](mailto:lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com) or
fax: 410-479-3534
by (December 10, 2014).
Thank you.*



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

November 2014

1 - Halloween Bash at the Culinary School
6-9p.m. 512 Franklin St. Denton. \$10, costume contest, good food, beer and wine, childrens activites and more. Call 410-479-2144 for tickets.

2 - Daylight Savings Time

Set your clock back one hour at 2a.m. Sunday

3-6 – Halloween Candy Trade-In

7a.m.-6p.m. at Smiles by Holsinger and Higgins 10646 River Rd. Bring in your candy and trade it for cash. Kids will be paid \$1 per pound of candy. Candy collected will be sent to troops overseas.

3, 10, 17, 24, - Monday Night Trivia at the Pub

7:30p.m.-9:30p.m. 200 Market St. Denton. Join host Norm Amorose every Monday for a fun filled evening of trivia. Call 410-47-4720 for details.

4th – Election Day – Town Office open for elections only 7a.m.-8p.m.

20 – Third Thursday in Downtown Denton

5p.m.-7p.m. Come shop and dine in downtown Denton. Businesses will have extended hours and specials during this event. Not to be missed.

7 - Friday Nights in Caroline Bay Country Chorus

7p.m. Federalsburg Library 123 Morris Ave. Free event. Back by popular demand this barbershop chorus performs the melodic harmonies of all-American classics. Contact 410-479-1009 or www.carolinearts.org for more details.

8 - Second Saturday at the Artsway

2p.m.-4p.m. 7 N Fourth St. interact with Foundry artists as they demonstrate their work and present an art activity. Free, fun for the entire family. Call 410-479-1009 or visit www.carolinearts.org for details.

11th – Town Office Closed, in observance of Veterans Day.

22 - Turkey Trot Fun Run, Walk, or Jog

8a.m. – 11a.m. Event begins at 9:30 am at DES, 303 Sharp Road. Registration at 8:00a.m., Event begins at 9:30a.m. at DES, 303 Sharp Road. This event is a 2-mile walk, run, or jog for all ages from Denton Elementary School to Martinak State Park and back. Other fun-filled activities include turkey raffles, face painting, crafts, Lil Pilgrim Wee Walk and the Turkey Dinner Relay. Contact 410-479-8120 or www.carolinerecreation.org.

27 - Happy Thanksgiving

27-28 - Town Office Closed, in observance of Thanksgiving

Nov. 20-Jan. 3 - Holiday Bazaar at the Fiber Arts Center

7 N. Fourth St. Denton 12p.m.-4p.m. Unique hand-crafted fiber art items including bags, scarves, hats, jewelry, and decorative textiles. Call 410-479-1009 for more info.

See page 8 & 9 for additional Holiday Events.

December 2014

1-31 - Denton Holiday Windows Display

downtown Denton. Stroll along Market St. and see the business windows decorated for the season. This year's theme is "Christmas on the Choptank".

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Monday Night Trivia at the Pub

7:30p.m.- 9:30p.m. 200 Market St. Denton. Join host Norm Amorose every Monday for a fun-filled evening of trivia. For more info. contact the Pub at 410-479-4720.

2-6 - Festival Of Trees, Caroline Co. Hospice

FACES Building 7 N. Fourth St. Denton.

2 - 12.-5p.m. Chamber Night 5p.m.-7p.m.

3 - 12.-5p.m.

4 - 12.-6p.m. Open until parade is over.

5 - 12.-5p.m.

6 - 12.-7p.m. Bidding ends at 4p.m.

Pre decorated trees available for auction. Proceeds support Caroline Co. Hospice.

Call 410-479-3500 or www.carolinehospice.com for more info.

4 - Denton Holiday Parade and Lighting of the Green

6p.m. Downtown Denton. Enjoy classic cars, bands, local youth groups, Santa and more at this annual parade event. Parade begins at the HAPS building, along 5th Ave. to Market St., and

ends at the Caroline Co. Courthouse. Stay tuned at the courthouse for the **Lighting of the Green** immediately following the parade. Live music, and trophy presentation.

4, 5, 7, 8 - Holiday Marketplace Downtown Denton.

Corner of Market & 3rd St. Come shop for items of all sorts, for special people on your holiday list. Hours: 4th & 5th 5-9p.m., 6th 11a.m.-6p.m., 7th 1-5p.m., 12th 5-9p.m., 13th 11a.m.-8p.m. & 14th 1-5.m.

6 & 7 - Christmas in Caroline

4-H Park on Detour Rd. Denton

Free admission to this annual craft show, collectibles, gifts, country store, fresh arrangements, food and more. Pet photos with Santa. Call 410-479-0565 or jdwooters@comcast.net for more info.

6, 12, & 13 - Santa's Magic Workshop

4p.m.-7p.m. Martinak State Park, Denton.

Admission: Bring 1 canned good for entry. Take a hayride, create holiday crafts, decorate ornaments, visit Santa, check out model trains, and enjoy tasty goodies and hot cocoa.

6 - 31 - Enchanted Illuminated Campground

Martinak State Park, 6p.m.-9p.m.

Take a relaxing ride with the family through the festive twinkling lights around the park. Donation box at entrance to the park with all donations going towards Caroline Co. Hospice. 410-820-1668.

13 - Gingerbread House Workshop and Contest

downtown Denton. Hosted by Chesapeake Culinary Center. Learn the tricks of the trade making gingerbread houses. Then display them downtown to win a prize. Fun for all ages.

13 - Santa Chase

7:30p.m. Martinak State Park 137 Deep Shore Rd.

Pre-register for \$15. Run in the dark so others can see. Candle luminaries mark the trail. In partnership with the International Lions Club of Ridgely and Denton. Holiday costume prizes, glow bands to all. 410-479-8120 or carolinerecreation.org to register.

25 - Merry Christmas

31 - Happy New Year

Denton Police Department . . .

It Can Wait, Texting & Driving Campaign

Texting while driving was estimated to be involved in 200,000+ vehicle crashes in 2012, often involving injuries and deaths.* That's why AT&T is committed to putting an end to texting and driving. We're focused on educating the public—especially teens—on the dangers of texting and driving. No text is worth a life...It Can Wait.

How we're addressing the issue:

- **A No Texting and Driving Pledge.** Encouraging drivers to make a commitment to never text and drive while holding themselves accountable to a loved one. All drivers can take the pledge at ItCanWait.com, and share their pledge in social channels to extend the no-texting-and-driving movement #ItCanWait.

- **Driving Behavior Change.** Encouraging individuals to create a routine in the moment of temptation that reminds them of their pledge not to text and drive and signals to friends on social and on text that they are unavailable while driving.

- **First-Hand Accounts.** Last year, AT&T worked with acclaimed filmmaker Werner Herzog to develop a powerful documentary and national advertising spots featuring real stories of lives drastically altered—and even ended—because of texting while driving. We also coordinate a speaker's bureau bringing these stories to communities across the country.

- **Teen Education.** Asking individuals, especially teens, to spread the word about the dangers of texting and driving through #ItCanWait. AT&T has also provided the Werner Herzog documentary to every high school in the country.

- **AT&T DriveMode®.** A mobile application offered for free for Android™ and BlackBerry® smartphone customers, designed to curb texting and driving.** The app provides a customizable auto-reply message that users' friends and family receive if they send an SMS or MMS text or email, notifying them that the user is driving and will respond when it is safe.

- **Simulators.** An online simulator is available at itcanwaitimulator.org to show firsthand the dangers of texting behind the wheel. AT&T also is continuing to tour a state-of-the-art texting while driving simulator chair to high schools and events across the country.

- **Company and Employee Advocacy.** AT&T and its employees urge the public to commit that they will never text and drive. Integrated messaging appears in AT&T catalogs, signage, bills, emails and newsletters, and at AT&T-sponsored events.

- Incorporated a don't-text-and-drive message on the protective clings for devices sold in AT&T retail stores.

- Revised wireless and motor vehicle policies to prohibit texting and driving. ItCanWait.com

Join the conversation: #ItCanWait* According to the Annual Estimate of Cell Phone Crashes 2012 Report published by the National Safety Council

** Data and text messaging charges may apply for download and app usage. Standard messaging rates apply to auto-reply messages. AT&T DriveMode is free to AT&T customers only. Compatible device required. ©2014 AT&T Intellectual Property. All rights reserved. AT&T, the AT&T logo and all other marks contained herein are trademarks of

AT&T Intellectual Property and/or AT&T affiliated companies. All other marks contained herein are the property of their respective owners.

- **Third-Party Support.** AT&T has rallied It Can Wait support from more than 1,500 organizations, including USAA, Goodyear, the FCC, National Organizations for

Youth Safety (NOYS), National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

For more information on the It Can Wait movement and to access the online resource center please visit www.ItCanWait.com, and join the movement #ItCanWait.

Speak up.

you might just save a life.



Steps to stop texting and driving:

1. Awareness. Know the risks.

Texting while driving is involved in 200,000+ vehicle crashes each year, often involving injuries and death.¹

2. Commitment. Take the pledge.

Make a *lifelong commitment* never to text and drive.

Go to ItCanWait.com and take the pledge with a loved one.

3. Ritual. Change your behavior.

Create a routine that reminds you before you drive.

4. Influence. Speak up.

90% say they'd stop if a friend in the car asked them to.²

78% of teen drivers say they're likely not to text and drive if friends tell them it's wrong or stupid.²

93% would stop if a parent in the car asked them to.²

44% say that they would be thankful if a passenger complained about their texting while driving.²

¹National Safety Council ²ConnectedSafely.org

Denton Police Department

410-479-1414 * tips@todpolice.com * www.dentonmdpolic.com

Denton Police Department Explorer Program

On June 14, 2014 Cpl E.V. Hall Jr. of the Denton Police Department under the approval of Chief R. Cox revamped the Denton Explorers Program.

Cpl Hall started with nine teenagers ranging from the ages of 13-17 years old with seven living in Denton, one in Ridgely, and one in Greensboro. Cpl Hall also has two instructors, Tracy Ferguson Jr and Lindsey Robinson, assisting with the program.

The Denton Explorers are an organization based on educational training and skill learning in order

to further them in future endeavors of higher education whether it is law enforcement or other professions.

The young adults are held to a high academic, moral, and integrity standards.

The Denton Explorers are student leaders amongst their peers and at all times are expected to represent themselves in the best of conduct knowing that they are a reflection of The Town of Denton, Caroline County, The great State of Maryland, and the community in which they live. The Denton Explorers also take pride in

Community Service events.

In the short span of time that they have been together they have already completed 39 hours of service.

The Denton Explorers over the course of the summer were able to put on two separate Bike Rodeos. The Explorers were able to teach bicycle safety courses.

The Explorers made several seating mats which they quilted from t-shirts under the guidance of instructors from the Caroline Council of Arts.

The Explorers have visited the

Caroline County Humane Society. And the Denton Explorers were on hand to assist with both days of the Caroline Summerfest.

Those are just the events and accomplishments as of date and there are plenty of upcoming events for the Denton Explorers throughout the school year.

To date the Denton Explorers are now up to fourteen members, adding four more teenagers from Denton and one more from Ridgely.

For more information about the Explore Program please contact Cpl. Hall at 410-479-1414.



Permit Reminder

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

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between August 2014 and October 2014:

Cobble, 110 S. Eighth Street, Roof
 Wilson, 714 S. Fifth Avenue, Accessory
 Town of Denton Farmers Market, Third & Market Street, Sign
 Redden, 104 S. Second Street, Renovations
 Molock, 308 Fountain Avenue, Accessory
 Hall, 417 Wood Lane, Accessory
 Tyler, 1133 Osprey Lane, Pellet Stove
 Mathews Properties, 408 N. 10th Street, Storage Building
 Black Oak Properties, Denton Plaza, Petco
 Sims, 121 Briarwood Circle, Accessory
 Golden Dragonfly Acupuncture, 221 Market Street, Sign
 Caffrey, 1103 Daylily Lane, Deck
 Dollar Tree, Denton Plaza, Wall Sign
 Beck, 1014 E. Gay Street,

Mechanical
 Todd, 319 S. Third Street, Solar Panels
 Minner, 423 S. Second Street, Windows & Siding
 Amalfitano, 810 Market Street, Roof
 Fritz, 1105 Osprey Lane, Pellet Stove
 Black Oak Properties, Denton Plaza, Freestanding Sign
 Black Oak Properties, Denton Plaza, Freestanding Sign
 Genova, 237 Briarwood Circle, Deck
 Jordan, 1118 Osprey Lane, Accessory
 Black Oak Properties, Denton Plaza, Rite Aid Pharmacy
 Otusago, 702 Market Street, Roof
 Jefferson, 204 S. Second Street, Roof
 Davis, 801 Market Street, Roof
 Minner, 423 S. Second Street, Tree Management
 Bach, 604 Fountain Avenue, Accessory Structure

Snow Plowing Policy Reminder

Planning for a winter storm event can be difficult. The variations in the rate of snowfall, moisture content, air/surface temperatures, time of day, and wind velocity make each storm unique. Public Works crews need your cooperation to effectively clear our streets after a snowstorm. If at all possible, residents should wait until the storm has passed and roads are passable to venture out.

To achieve the best possible results in the most efficient manner from the Department, residents are asked to remove their parked vehicles, trailers, and boats from all Town streets if possible. This will allow snow plows an opportunity to clear the streets with fewer passes, improve accessibility, and minimize damage to private vehicles, thereby saving both time and money.

Streets in Denton are prioritized into four categories for snow and ice events. Priority One streets are designated snow emergency routes that must be kept open at all times. Snow plowing begins when the accumulation of snow in the streets exceeds approximately two inches and snow continues to fall. The street accumulation is generally independent of the total accumulation of snow in the area. All Priority One streets are plowed before proceeding to any other areas.

Plowing of Priority Two streets will begin when accumulations of snow on the streets exceed approximately two inches and after all Priority One streets have been plowed. Plowing operations will begin on Priority Three streets and public parking lots after the completion of plowing operations on snow emergency routes. Sand

is normally applied to hilly areas/intersections as needed.

Winter Tips

If driving cannot be avoided when a snow emergency is declared, allow extra time to get to your destination. When roadways are icy or snow covered, you should never expect to drive as you would during clear weather or on dry road surfaces. Increase following distance between your vehicle and others on the road. Remember that bridges and ramps freeze first and may be especially difficult to navigate.

Do not abandon your vehicle. If your car breaks down, move your vehicle as far off the road as possible and lift the hood. Try to leave a distress signal, such as a scarf, hanging from the window.

To assure good visibility, try to remove all ice and snow from the windows, wipers, mirrors, and lights

of your car. Remove snow and ice from the front grill, hood, and roof of your vehicle to reduce the chance of snow flying off of your vehicle while driving.

When shoveling snow from your driveway, shovel to the right when facing the street. You do not want to shovel the snow onto an area that will simply be plowed back onto the driveway after the plows come through. The shoveled snow should not be stacked over the ends of culverts or catch basins. Thawing snow could overload the drainage facilities and cause local flooding.

The Town of Denton will use a variety of means to communicate snow and ice control information. Public service announcements will be made on the local radio stations or you can log on to the Department's website at www.dentonpublicworks.com.

Caroline County Public Library

419-479-1343; www.carolib.org



Holiday Closings: Veterans Day Nov 11, Thanksgiving Day Nov 27, Christmas Dec 24 & 25

Denton Storytime



Wednesdays 10:15 & 11:00

Fall Storytime
Nov 5 – Dec 10



Sleepover Storytime

Little ones ages 3-7 and their favorite stuffed animal are invited to a special storytime at the library.

January 2 4:30-5:30 pm

It's a library sleepover for your stuffed animal

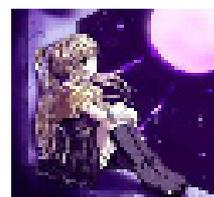


Job Search Series

6:30 – 7:45 pm

Denton Computer Lab

Nov 13



Otaku Night

6-8:00 pm

Teens age 13-17

Nov 21 & Dec 12

Anime Rated PG-13

R.E.A.D.

Reading Education Assistance Dogs

Come read to friendly service dog Cricket!

Open to children ages 5-11.

Nov 13 & Dec 11

5-7:00 pm; sign up required.



Come and meet with Health Career Coordinator Cyndi Slacum to explore local and regional career opportunities in health care.

Denton-Nov 19 & Dec 8

10:00 AM

Free program for kids in grades K-8

MEGA LEGO THON

We provide the LEGO - - you provide the Imagination!

Thursday, Nov 13, 6:00 pm

Thursday, Dec 11, 6:00 pm

Astronomy For Everyone

Size and Scale of the Universe

With Astronomer Kevin Manning



Monday, Nov 24

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Denton

Family Game Night



6:00-7:30 pm

Denton

Nov 20 & Dec 18

If you need assistance to use the library, please let us know.

Christmas Around Caroline

ANNUAL Denton Holiday Parade

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 6 p.m.
Downtown Denton

Admission: Free

The annual Holiday Parade begins at the HAPS building, travels along 5th Ave. to Market St., and ends at the Caroline County Courthouse where the Lighting of the Green will take place. Join Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks as they lights memorial trees, sing carols, food available, trophy winner announcements, and more. 410-479-2050, dentonmaryland.com/events



Holiday Bazaar at the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES)

November 20–January 3, 2015
Thursday–Saturday, 12–4 p.m.
7 N. Fourth St, Denton, MD 21629

Cost: Free Admission

Unique hand-crafted fiber art items including bags, scarves, hats, basketry, and decorative textiles. 410-479-1009, fiberartscenter.com.

Denton Holiday Windows

December 1–31, 2014
Market Street in Downtown Denton

Stroll along Market Street in downtown Denton and see the business windows decorated for the season. This year's theme is "Christmas on the Choptank."

Greensboro's Lighting of "The City"

December 5, 2014
Parade 6 p.m. & Lighting of the City to follow
Parade down Sunset Ave. ending at the old carnival grounds

Admission: Free

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hear all of your Christmas wishes and take a picture with you. Special appearance will be made by Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. Enjoy listening to holiday music and eating homemade cookies with hot chocolate. 410-482-6222

Holiday Marketplace

at old Denton Bank & Trust, corner of Market & 3rd St

Thursday, December 4: 5–9 p.m.

Friday, December 5: 5–9 p.m.

Saturday, December 6: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday, December 7: 1–5 p.m.

Friday, December 12: 5–9 p.m.

Saturday, December 13: 11 am–8 p.m.
(Photos with Santa, 5–8 p.m.)

Sunday, December 14: 1–5 p.m.

The annual holiday marketplace has been revived. Come shop for items of all sorts, for the special people on your holiday list.

Ridgely Old Fashioned Christmas

December 6, 2014
6:45 p.m.
Central Ave., Downtown Ridgely

Admission: Free

Lions Club parade will conclude at the Town Hall where you are invited for light refreshments and a visit with Santa. Bring your camera for photos with Santa. 410-634-2177, ridgelylions@verizon.net, ridgelymd.org.

14th Annual Christmas in Caroline

December 6, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
December 7, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Caroline Co. 4-H Park, Detour Rd. Denton

Admission: Free

Antiques, crafts, collectibles, gift merchandise, country store, fresh arrangements, wreaths, grave blankets. Special candycane game, winter wonderland game wheel, children's make-it take-it crafts, photos with Santa and pet Christmas photos, festive Christmas music, silent auction, and great food. 410-479-0565, jdwooters@comcast.net

Caroline Hospice Festival of Trees

December 2, 12–5 p.m., Chamber Night 5–7 p.m.
December 3, 12–5 p.m.
December 4, 12–6 p.m., Open until parade is over
December 5, 12–5 p.m.
December 6, 12–7 p.m., Bidding ends at 4 p.m., tree pick-up 4–7 p.m.
FACES Building, 7 N. Fourth St., Denton

Admission: Free

Come see beautifully displayed Christmas trees at the Caroline Co. Arts Council building. You can bid on each of the trees up until December 7 at 5 p.m. 410-479-3500, carolinehospice.com



More on other side.



Christmas Around Caroline

Toy Train & Model Railroad Exhibit at Greensboro Library

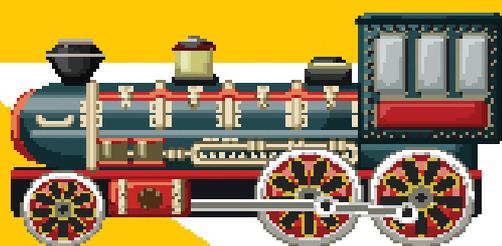
December 6 & 7, 2014
10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Greensboro Branch of the Caroline Co. Public Library

Admission: Free

The magic of trains returns during the 15th annual toy train & model railroad exhibit, featuring a large LEGO train layout and operating trains in O, S, g, H, N, and Standard Gauge. Fun for all ages.

410-482-2173, carolib.org



12th Annual Train and Toy Show

December 13, 2014
9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Caroline Co. 4-H Park, Detour Rd.

Admission: \$3 at the door, children under 12 free with an adult. Food, test track, train parts, 4 operating train layouts and more.

443-744-0356, fundraising@dentonwfc.com for info or to rent a table for \$17.

Gingerbread House Workshop and Contest

Hosted by Chesapeake Culinary Center
December 13, 2014
Downtown Denton
dentonmaryland.com/events


More
on other
side.



Santa's Magic Workshop

December 6, 12, & 13, 2014
4–7 p.m.

Martinak State Park

Admission: one canned good per person for contribution to the St. Martin's Barn Food Pantry & monetary donations for the Caroline County Hospice.

Free hayrides, Holiday Christmas tree crafts, Santa visits, model train display and complimentary refreshments. Produced in partnership with Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks and Martinak State Park. Enchanted Illuminated Campground will be open thru December 31 from 6–9 p.m. 410-820-1668

Annual Santa Chase

December 13, 2014

Race starts 7:30 p.m.;

Registration open at 6 p.m.

Martinak State Park, 137 Deep Shore Rd. Denton

Admission: Pre-registration discount \$15 per Runner; group of 4 for \$50. Run in the dark so others can see! Candle luminaries mark the trail. A charity run in partnership with the International Lions Clubs of Ridgely and Denton. Holiday costume prizes; holiday glow bands to all registrants. 410-479-8120, carolinerecreation.org to register.

Federalsburg Historical Society—Christmas in the Museum

December 8, 2014
6–10 p.m.

100 Covey & Williams Alley
Behind Town Hall, Federalsburg

Admission: Free

Santa Claus will be paying a visit to the museum after the Federalsburg Christmas Parade. Free refreshments will be in store, decorated Christmas trees on display and wreath making will take place. The Historically Yours Boutique will be open to last minute shoppers. Winning ticket for the refinished trunk will be drawn. 410-754-9036

Federalsburg Christmas Parade

December 8, 2014
7 p.m.

Main Street, Federalsburg

Admission: Free

Fun family event, judging for trophies for many types of entry classifications, Santa Claus will visit the Federalsburg Heritage Museum after the parade. 410-754-8173, federalsburg.org/communitynews

Ridgely "Live Nativity" Pageant

December 20, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Lot next to Ridgely Town Hall on Central Ave.

Free Admission.

Costumed actors, animal's and live music depicts the Christmas story. 410-634-1067



Denton Public Works . . .

Preventing Frozen Pipes

During the winter months, the Public Works Department experiences many calls from residents to turn off water after pipes have frozen and broken. In the time that it takes for us to respond much damage could have taken place.

When water freezes, it expands up to ten percent in volume. That is why a can of soda explodes if it is put into a freezer to chill quickly and forgotten. When water freezes, it expands the same way putting tremendous pressure on whatever is containing it, including metal or plastic pipes. If it expands enough, the pipe bursts, water escapes, and serious damage results. It is important to note that fire sprinkler pipes tend to freeze before other water pipes because the water is not moving. When water freezes in a sprinkler pipe, it creates an obstruction that can make the system inoperable during a fire. As ice in the pipe expands, added pressure can cause the pipe to burst.

What is the solution?

Prior to cold weather, locate any pipes, equipment, and processes that are dependent upon heat or above freezing temperatures for safety and proper operation. This may include sprinkler piping, water piping, swimming pool supply lines, sewer piping, and any process that contains a liquid vulnerable to freezing. Drain liquids from any idle equipment and piping. Insulate pipes that are in unheated areas such as basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

Disconnect garden hoses from all outdoor faucets. Turn off outside water lines, and then open the outside spigots to drain any water still in the pipes. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

During cold weather, keep windows, vents, and doors closed

where possible. Maintain an inside temperature about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Portable heaters may be used in areas subject to freezing. Routine inspections of portable heaters should be conducted. When using a portable heater, make sure the heater carries the Underwriters Laboratories listed label. Temporary heaters should have standard safety controls, such as high-temperature cut-outs, flame supervision, flame failure and preset safety regulators. Heaters must be placed away from combustible materials and operated according to manufacturers' instructions.

Thawing frozen pipes

If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. The likely place for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation. Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe. Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use open flames to thaw frozen pipes or other equipment. If the frozen pipe is part of a fire sprinkler system, Fire Impairment Procedures should be implemented.

Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber. Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes because if one pipe freezes, others may freeze also.

Having a water shutoff valve installed inside your home is recommended. In the event of an emergency, a shutoff valve will

provide the means to immediately shut off the water, preventing a catastrophe if you are not at home.

A local plumber can perform this installation. Once installed it is important to make sure that everyone in your household is aware of the location of the valve. The valve should be operated periodically to

Loose Leafs from front page.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup. If calling after hours please leave the request on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 25.

Please follow these guidelines for leaf removal:

- Leaves should be raked to the curbside or alley.
- DO NOT rake leaves into the street.
- DO NOT rake leaves onto the sidewalk.
- Make sure all sticks and limbs are removed from the pile of leaves.
- Make sure there are no other objects or debris mixed with the leaves (like bottles, cans, flowerpots, gloves, ashes, pet waste or other

Bottled v Tap from front page.

streams, and other waterways. Taxpayers spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year for their disposal and cleanup.

The plastic containers contain chemicals that can be harmful to humans if they leach into the water. Leaving pre-packaged bottles in a hot car or in a freezer can release some of the harmful chemicals. Some people may think they are being more eco-friendly by re-using plastic packaging but again this makes it more likely the harmful chemicals may affect the liquid inside.

Families with busy schedules may find packaged products are more convenient when planning a sports outing or outdoor activity. However, reusable bottles are usually safe and free of harmful chemicals saving money for the

prevent it from seizing up. If your home is already equipped with a shutoff valve, verify its location and ensure that it works.

For more information, log on to www.weather.com or www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm/preventing-thawing-freezing-pipes.

trash).

- Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs, or other debris will not be picked up.

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

- All pickups will be done by request/appointment only.

- Loose leaf pickups will occur from Oct. 13 through Dec. 12, on Mondays and Fridays only, except for holidays.

Loose leaf collection days:
October 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31.
November 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24.
December 1, 5, 8, 12 .

consumer. Light weight steel bottles, readily available in stores for those who are concerned about plastic containers, safely hold tap water and keep it clean. Bottled water can cost as much as 300 times more than tap water, even when purchased in bulk containers.

Whether to use bottled water or tap water is a matter of choice. Bottled water is convenient in our mobile world and is easily stored in case of emergencies. Both bottled and tap water are safe, healthy choices. Only tap water delivers public health protection and fire protection. The biggest difference is bottled water is much more expensive than tap water.

For the annual water quality report, go to www.dentonpublicworks.com.

Denton Main Street . . .

**DENTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT
TOY AND FOOD DRIVE**

November 3
thru
December 21

Drop off all donations in the
Police Department Lobby
located at 100 N. Third St.
8:30a.m.-4p.m.
Thank you.

ANNUAL
**Denton Holiday
Parade**

and Lighting of the Green

**Thursday December 4
6p.m.
Downtown Denton**



**CHESAPEAKE
CULINARY CENTER**

Locally Grown

**JOIN US AT OUR
*Halloween Bash***

**Saturday, November 1st
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Featuring:

- **COSTUME CONTESTS**
- **FRIGHTFULLY-GOOD FOOD**
- **Beer & Wine**
- **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**
- **More!**

**FOR TICKETS & RESERVATIONS,
CALL 410-479-2144**

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**CHESAPEAKE CULINARY CENTER
512 FRANKLIN STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND**

UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND SHORE CONVENIENT CARE AT DENTON

Open September 9!

Providing medical care and diagnostic services to patients in need of treatment for minor illnesses and injuries including:

- Respiratory Infections
- Colds
- Allergies
- Sprains, strains and broken bones
- Bruises and contusions
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Flu and flu-like symptoms
- Headaches
- Lacerations and cuts
- Insect and animal bites

Laboratory and X-ray services are also available.

**836 South 5th Avenue
Denton, MD 21629**

Located in the plaza adjacent to Food Lion

Open Monday - Friday, Noon - 8 p.m.

No Appointment Necessary — Walk-Ins Welcomed!

For additional information about University of Maryland Shore Convenient Care at Denton or services provided at this location, call 410-479-5905.

Patients experiencing life-threatening illnesses or injuries, including but not limited to severe chest pain, loss of consciousness, severe or uncontrolled bleeding or large surface burns to the body should call 911.

This is not a substitute for medical advice.

Attention Settlement Attorneys

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

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

Service Fees for Utility Calls

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

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

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

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

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #661 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amending provisions of Chapter 10 – Elections of the Denton Town Code. More specifically to amend Article I § 10-1 Qualifications for Absentee Voter status; 10-2 Application for Absentee Ballots; and by adding Article III § 10-8 Voting Assistance; 10-9 Limitations on Electioneering;

10-10 Challengers and Watchers; and § 10-11 Penalties for Violations. Introduced 08/07/14, passed 09/04/14, effective 09/11/14.

Ordinance #662 - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the provisions contained in Chapter 120 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Vehicles and Traffic.

More specifically amending Article XI § 120-48 Privately Owned Structures; 120-49 Enforcement; and 120-50 Notification, Violations and Penalties. Introduced 08/07/14, passed 09/04/14, effective 09/11/14.

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.

Cram the Cruiser Food Drive

Fighting Hunger in Denton



A year round food drive sponsored by the Denton Police Department.

Denton PD is currently partnering with Winter Haven Shelter to help provide food to the people they help. For more information please call Patti at 410-479-1414.

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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.