



Denton Town News

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FREE

Traffic Light Law Effective Oct. 1

Maryland State Police are reminding motorists of a new law about to take effect regarding actions drivers must take when approaching intersections with non-functioning traffic signals.

Beginning October 1, 2012, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal from any direction at an intersection shall stop:

- at a clearly marked stop line;
- before entering any crosswalk;
- or
- before entering the intersection.

After stopping, the driver must:

- yield to any vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection;
- and
- remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

Intersection traffic control signals, most commonly called 'red lights,' or 'stop lights,' direct the safe and orderly flow of traffic in and through thousands of intersections across Maryland. Most are powered by electricity that can be interrupted because of storms, traffic crashes, or other incidents that cause power outages. Just because a traffic control signal is not functioning at an intersection does not mean drivers are relieved of their duty to exercise care and caution. The new law makes clear the procedures each driver must now follow.

Violations of the new law carry a fine of \$90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is \$130 and three points.

REMEMBER EXISTING LAWS:

If two vehicles approach an intersection without a traffic control device or with a non-functioning traffic control signal from different roadways at the same time, there is existing motor vehicle law that applies. In this situation, the driver on the left must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right.

There are also times when a traffic control signal that normally operates green, yellow, and red lights may be in 'flashing' mode. This usually means red lights may be flashing in one direction and yellow lights are flashing in another direction. Flashing red and yellow lights on a traffic control signal do not mean the light is 'non-functioning.'

In this situation, the drivers approaching the red flashing light must stop and can only proceed when the intersection is clear. Drivers approaching the yellow flashing light should slow down and use caution, but are permitted to proceed through the intersection without stopping. Drivers are also reminded that if a police officer is directing traffic in the intersection, they should obey the directions of that officer, regardless of the signal indicated on the traffic control device.

It is difficult to describe every potential intersection situation. Above all, drivers are reminded that it is their duty to always drive with care and caution, especially when approaching an intersection with a non-functioning signal. If other drivers are present at the intersection, remember to be courteous, use

Denton Town Elections

November 6, 2012

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

13 N. Third St.
Denton, MD 21629

All residents of the Town of Denton that have resided in Denton 30 days prior to the election day and were registered to vote prior to Oct. 5, 2012, are encouraged to come and cast their vote.

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around January 1, 2013. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by January 25, 2013.**

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 April 1, 2013 and will be due in full by April 25, 2013.

caution, and do everything possible to try to determine the intentions of other motorists and communicate your intentions, if you are unsure of how to proceed. Even if you have the right of way, it is better to allow another driver to proceed if it appears he or she is going to do so, instead of risking an intersection crash.

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Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Police Department

November 1
December 13

Town Council Working Sessions 6p.m. @ Town Office

November 15

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Town Office

November 27
December TBA

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

November 21
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 6, 12, 22, 23.
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 6, 2012

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

**IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT
13 NORTH THIRD STREET, DENTON MD.**

at which time registered voters of The Town of Denton will elect one Council Member to serve a term of five years to succeed Mayor Dennis D. Porter whose term expires December 31, 2012.

There is one candidate running for the vacancy on the Denton Town Council for this year's election.

The candidate for consideration is:
Dennis D. Porter

TOWN OF DENTON, MARYLAND
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

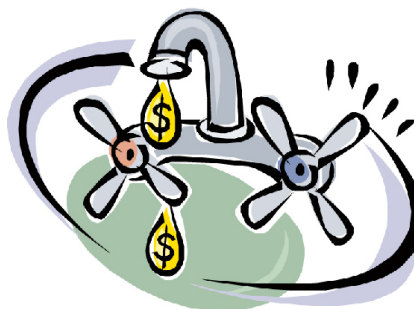
**Town of Denton
410-479-2050**

2011-2012 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
July - September	09/30/2011	10/25/2011	10/25/2011	11/07/2011
October - December	12/30/2011	01/25/2012	01/25/2012	02/06/2012
January - March	03/30/2012	04/25/2012	04/25/2012	05/07/2012
April - June	06/28/2012	07/25/2012	07/25/2012	08/06/2012

January - February 2013 ISSUE DEADLINE...

*Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by **December 10, 2013**.
Thank you.*



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

November

4 - Daylight Savings Time

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



5, 12, 19, 26. - 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.

6 - Election Day

Town Office open for voting only.



2, 30 - Friday Nights in Caroline presents

Unified Jazz Ensemble Nov. 2

Alexander/Orrin Duo Nov. 30



7p.m. Central Library, Denton. Enjoy free music. Brought to you by the Caroline Co. Council of Arts.

10 - Second Saturday at the Foundry

Foundry Building 401 Market St. Denton.

Free artist demonstrations open to the public to participate. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

12 - Town Office Closed, in honor of Veterans Day

17 - Turkey Trot

DES to Martinak State Park

Mark the beginning of the holiday season. Walk,



run, or jog this two-mile course from DES to Martinak State Park and back. First 75 registrants receive a gift, all entrants automatically entered into the turkey raffle. Check

in begins at 8a.m. Race begins at 9:30a.m. If registered by Nov. 14 \$8 per person or \$25 per family of 4; after that \$12 per person and \$36 per family of 4. Call 410-479-8120 to register.

22 - Happy Thanksgiving

22,23 - Town Office Closed, in honor of Thanksgiving.



- Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

www.adkinsarboretum.org

- Caroline Co. Arts Council

#410-479-1009

www.carolinearts.org

- Caroline Co. Public Library

410-479-1343

www.carolib.org

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

December

1 - 31 - Denton Holiday Window Display

Downtown Denton.

Stroll along the 200 block of Denton and see the magical windows decorated for Christmas. Courtesy of the Denton Main Street Organization and local businesses.

1 - 2 Christmas In Caroline

4H Park, Detour Rd. Denton

Antiques, crafts, collectibles, gift merchandise, country store, fresh greens and wreaths. Special candy-cane 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. Call 410-479-0565 or jdwooters@comcast.net for more info.

4-8 Hospice Festival of Trees

Foundry Building, 401 Market St. Denton.

December 4 & 5 (10a.m.-5p.m.),

December 6, parade night until 6p.m.,

December 7 & 8 10a.m.-5p.m. (bidding ends on the 8th),

December 9 Pick-up 11a.m. - 1p.m.

Come see beautifully displayed Christmas trees at the Caroline Co. Arts Council building. You can bid on each of the trees up until December

8 at 5p.m. Call 410-479-3500 or visit www.carlinehospice.com for more info.

6 - 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, live music, and trophy presentation.

8 - Second Saturday at the Foundry

2p.m.-4p.m. Foundry Building 401 Market St.

Denton. Free artist demonstrations open to the public to participate. Call 410-479-1009 for details.

8 - Train and Toy Show

4-H Park, Detour Rd. Denton

Admission: \$3 at the door, children under 12 free with an adult. Food, test track, train parts, 4 operating train layouts and more. Call 410-479-2928 for info.

8, 9, & 15 - Santa' Magic Workshop

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

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.

8-24 - Enchanted 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.

15 - CASA of Caroline's Annual Christmas House Tour.

Downtown Denton. \$10 per person. A self-guided tour featuring several homes decorated in holiday splendor. Maps are provided with the purchase of a ticket. Tickets on sale at the CASA office 114 Market Street Mon-Fri 9a.m.-3p.m. and the day of the tour. Proceeds benefit CASA of Caroline, Court Appointed Special Advocates for children in the foster care system. Call CASA at 410-479-8301 or email carolinecasa@verizon.net.

See page 11 & 12 for additional Holiday Events.

Denton Police Department . . .

Help Wanted

The Denton Police are accepting applications for an entry level patrol officer. Applications can be requested by email at info@dentonmdpolice.com, calling the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or by coming to the Department, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.

New Scooter Law In Effect

Maryland State Police and local law enforcement are reminding the owners and riders of motor scooters and mopeds that a new law will make significant changes in the use of their chosen form of transportation.

On October 1, 2012, new Maryland vehicle law took effect that requiring all motor scooters and mopeds to be titled and insured, while all operators and passengers must wear a helmet and eye protection. These new requirements are in addition to the existing law that requires all motor scooter and moped operators to possess a valid driver's license or a moped operator's permit.

All drivers and passengers of motor scooters and mopeds will be required to wear motorcycle helmets that meet safety standards set by the United States Department of Transportation. Drivers and passengers must also wear eye protection, unless the vehicle is equipped with a windscreen.

Motor scooter and moped owners will be required to insure their vehicles. They must obtain at least the minimum vehicle liability insurance and must carry proof of the insurance with them whenever they are operating the scooter or moped.

Motor scooters and mopeds will be required to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration. Owners will be able to obtain titling

information through the MVA website at www.mva.maryland.gov beginning October 1. When the title is obtained, the vehicle owner will be provided with a decal that must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

Maryland law defines a motor scooter as a non-pedal vehicle that has a seat for the operator; has two wheels, of which one is ten or more inches in diameter; has a step through chassis; has a motor with a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less, or a 50 cc engine or less; and is equipped with an automatic transmission.

A moped is defined as a bicycle that is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a motor; is equipped with pedals that can drive the rear wheel(s); has two or three wheels, one of which is more than 14 inches in diameter; has a motor with a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and a 50 cc engine or less.

The drivers of motor scooters and mopeds are required to follow the same rules of the road as bicycles. Those rules include:

-Drivers must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical and safe as possible, except when:

- Making a left turn;
- Operating on a one-way street;
- Passing a stopped or slower moving vehicle;
- Avoiding pedestrians and

road hazards;

--The right lane is a right turn only lane;

--Operating in a lane too narrow for a bicycle or motor scooter and another vehicle to travel safely side by side.

-Drivers may ride side by side only if flow of traffic is unimpeded;

-Drivers must exercise due care when passing;

-Headsets covering both ears, or earplugs in both ears are not permitted;

-Scooters or mopeds may not be operated on roadways with speed limits greater than 50 mph;

-Scooters or mopeds may not

be operated at more than 30 mph;

-Drivers may not operate on a roadway where there is a smooth paved bike lane or paved shoulder available, meaning they must use the bike lane or paved shoulder instead of the roadway;

-Drivers must obey the rules of the road applicable to all vehicles.

Troopers and local law enforcement across Maryland have received training regarding the new laws. Scooter and moped drivers who violate the new law can expect to be stopped and issued traffic citations or warnings, beginning October 1.

ATTENTION! NEW LAW RE: NON-FUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHTS



Effective October 1, 2012, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal from any direction at an intersection **MUST:**

STOP AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK, OR BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION.

After stopping, the driver **MUST:**

YIELD TO ANY VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN IN THE INTERSECTION AND REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO ENTER AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.

Violations of this law carry a fine of \$90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is \$130 and three points.

**Remember – If a traffic light is out:
STOP, YIELD, PROCEED WITH CAUTION**

Denton Police Department

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

Town of Denton
Current and Proposed Water & Sewer Rates

The following is a list of the current water and sewer rates as adopted by the Denton Town Council on Sept. 6, 2012. **Ordinance #645 and Ordinance #646 adopted new water and sewer rates as reflected below. The new rates begin with the billing for Sept. thru Dec. quarter and will appear on the Jan. 1, 2013 bills.**

Water will be charged as follows:	FY2012	FY2013
Water Capacity Charge		
Single Family	\$ 4,000.00	
Multi Family		
Efficiency/1 bedroom (per unit)	\$ 2,000.00	
Two or more bedroom (per unit)	\$ 4,000.00	
Commercial and Industrial to be determined by ERU's		
** Special Assessment (additional)	\$ 175.00	
Water Meter Fee (one time fee)	\$ 3000.00	
Water Rates		
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 23.00	\$25.00 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.45
Out of Town or Tax waived		
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 46.00	\$50.00 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.90
Water Turn off fee		
During regular hours	\$ 50.00	
All other hours	\$ 100.00	
Water Meter Replacement Fee (1" or less)	\$ 4.00 per quarter	
 Sewer will be charged as follows:		
Sewer Capacity Charge		
Single Family	\$5,000.00	
Multi Family		
Efficiency/1 bedroom (per unit)	\$2,500.00	
Two or more bedroom (per unit)	\$5,000.00	
Commercial and Industrial to be determined by ERU's		
** Special Assessment (additional)	\$ 325.00	
Sewer Rates		
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 23.00	\$25.00 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.41
Out of Town or Tax Waived		
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 46.00	\$50.00 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 12.08	\$12.82
Vacant lot sewer availability fee	\$ 25.00 per quarter	
Calls for Utility Service		
During Regular Hours	\$ 50.00	
All other hours	\$ 100.00	

**** Special assessment fees pertain to certain properties along Maryland Route 313, these properties are assessed additional connection fees of \$175.00 for water & \$325.00 for sewer.**

Planning and Codes . . .

Walmart Grand Opening



October 26, 2012 at 6:45a.m. the Denton Walmart Super Center opened its doors. There was a line of people outside the door to get a first look at the new store. Many rushed to be the first to purchase the first item.

The store manager, Bill Duffy, was on hand to hand out donations to local organizations. Some of the agencies that received money include Boy Scout and Cub Scout groups, Denton VFC, Habitat for Humanity, Local schools, and more.

The Super Center includes not only grocery and general items, it has a hair salon, vision center, and Subway restaurant.

The new Walmart Super Center will be open 24 hours a day to meet your shopping needs and is located at 610 Legion Rd., Denton.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between August 2012 and October 2012:

- McCauley, 1230 Painted Fern Road, Patio & Deck
- Sharper Stylz Barber Shop, 221 Market Street, Sign
- Balling, 1106 Ruddy Duck Court, Accessory Structure
- Cook, 814 South 2nd Street, Siding & Window
- Mathews Properties, 408 N. 10th Street, Storage Buildings
- G&C Builders, 425 Colonial Drive,

- Roof
- Rausch, 1117 Market Street, Accessory
- Smith, 310 South 2nd Street, Fence
- Fearins, 200 South 6th Street, Pergola
- Wood, 605 Franklin Street, Deck
- Gioia, 509 South 2nd Street, Pool
- Caroline Center, 109 South 8th Street, Roof
- Calloway, 726 Camp Road, Accessory
- Britton, 801 Gay Street, Roof
- Caroline County Jail, 101 Gay Street, Mechanical



Sign up to Decorate a Holiday Window in Downtown Denton.

As part of the holiday season in Downtown Denton, windows on Market Street are decorated by a holiday theme.

The Denton Holiday Windows committee is seeking individual artists, families, civic groups, churches and businesses who would like to decorate a window in the 200 block of Market Street.

For more information please contact the Denton Main Street Organization, at 410-479-4315 or by email dartemisessentials@gamil.com

Prescription Pill Turn-In

Denton Police Department
100 N. Third St.
8a.m.-4p.m.

Drop your unused or expired pills in the box provided in the lobby. Police will dispose of pills for you.

Call 410-479-1414
for more info.

Denton Public Works . . .

Interesting Water Facts

FACT: More water is used in the bathroom than any other place in the home.

To reduce usage, turn off the water when you brush your teeth and shave. Install low-flow toilets, shower heads, and faucet aerators to save thousands of gallons of water a year.

FACT: A dripping faucet can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water a year. A leaky toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water a day.

Check your plumbing and repair any leaks as soon as possible. Go to www.dentonpublicworks.com Has Your Water Bill Increased?" for more information.

FACT: What's dumped on the ground, poured down the drain, or tossed in the trash can pollute the sources of our drinking water.

Take used motor oil and other automotive fluids to an automotive service center that recycles them. Patronize automotive centers and stores that accept batteries for recycling. Take leftover paint, solvents, and toxic household products to special collection

centers.

FACT: On average, 50% - 70% of household water is used outdoors for watering lawns and gardens.

Make the most of the water you use outdoors by never watering at the hottest times of the day or when it is windy. Turn off your sprinklers when it is raining. Plant low-water use grasses and shrubs to reduce your lawn watering by 20% - 50%. Go to www.dentonpublicworks.com "Tips for lawn water conservation" for more information.

FACT: Lawn and garden pesticides and fertilizers can pollute the water.

Reduce your use of pesticides and fertilizers and look for safer alternatives to control weeds and bugs. For example, geraniums repel Japanese beetles; garlic and mint repel aphids; and marigolds repel whiteflies.

FACT: Public water utilities regularly test the quality of the drinking water provided to customers.

A copy of the most recent water quality report is available at www.dentonpublicworks.com.

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 15 through December 14, 2012**. 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 in to the Town Office by 12 NOON on Tuesday.

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 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. 15 through Dec. 14, on Mondays and Fridays only, except for holidays.

Loose leaf collection days:
November 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 26, 30.
December 3, 7, 10, 14.

ANNUAL
Denton Holiday
Parade

and Lighting of the Green

Thursday December 6
6p.m.
Downtown Denton

Walk for the "Well of It" Nov. 10

Register now for the 4th Annual 5K Run/Fun Walk for the "Well" of it, a fundraiser to benefit Lifetime Wells for Ghana on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 408 Central Ave. Ridgely, MD The event begins at 8a.m.

Kenny Wood, a resident of Denton and member of St. Benedict/ St. Elizabeth Parish, has been drilling wells in South East Ghana since 2006 to provide clean water to over 500,000 people in that area. He has personally donated equipment and his time to drill over 720 wells in Ghana and an additional 100 wells in Tanzania. The Run/Walk for the "Well" of It will benefit the drilling of additional wells for the area to provide clean water to hundreds of thousands more.

Interested runners and walkers can pre-register by calling 410-634-2253 or visit www.beparish.com. Registration is \$10 for walkers and \$20 for runners prior to October 19. Come out and Walk for the "Well" of It in Ridgely and enjoy the Holiday Bazaar and children's carnival from 8a.m.-2p.m on the parish grounds.

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF AND LATEX PAINT AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

The Maryland Environmental Service will be conducting a household hazardous waste collection day and electronics and latex paint recycling day for Midshore residents on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Midshore I Facility located at 7341 Barkers Landing Road, Easton, MD 21660. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. There is no charge to Midshore residents for these services.

Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste items include:

- Gas, gas/oil mixes and automotive fuels
- Acids, cleaners, and solvents
- Chemicals (pool, darkroom, etc.)
- Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
- Oil based paint, paint thinner, stains, turpentine, wood preservatives and wood strippers
- Fluorescent tubes and lamps
- Mercury thermometers

Acceptable electronics will include:

- Computers and peripherals (keyboards, laptops, monitors, mice, printers, cables, modems, etc.)
- TVs, remotes, VCR, CD and DVD players
- CB radios, fax machines, answering machines and copiers

Used latex paint will be accepted for recycling. Do not bring unusable latex paint to the event. Instead, solidify the paint with an absorbent such as kitty litter, dirt or mulch and dispose of the paint in regular trash.

Items NOT accepted at the event are:

- Explosives and ammunition
- Medical and radioactive wastes
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Asbestos
- Smoke detectors
- Business, industrial and commercial farm wastes
- Appliances
- Power tools
- Tires
- Household trash

For questions on the program, please contact the Maryland Environmental Service at 1-800-I-RECYCLE (1-800-473-2925).

Denton Main Street . . .

Lunch Talks at the Community Garden



Pack your lunch and head to the Denton Community Demonstration Garden on the 4th Friday of every month from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for an enjoyable series of lunch-hour garden talks and demonstrations. The series will be held during the Friday Downtown Denton Farmers' Market, so guests will also be able to shop for locally grown fruits & vegetables, herbs and baked goods.

Tables will be set up so that guests will be able to enjoy the garden talks and demonstrations during their lunch break. Discussion topics will range from gardening techniques to culinary creations inspired by the garden. The remaining fourth Friday dates for this season are September 28 – Canning and Preserving Vegetables, and October 26 - Composting.

The Denton Community Demonstration Garden, located by the municipal parking lot at 4th and Gay Streets in downtown Denton, is a community public space that showcases edible plantings, sustainable agricultural techniques, and garden ecology. The initial plantings of the community garden

involve Square Foot Gardening, a technique that allows gardeners to cultivate small but intensively planted gardens. The garden also provides a venue for social and cultural exchanges through learning about food security, nutrition, and cooking.

If you are an individual, school group, club or organization that is interested in participating in the seasonal planting, maintenance, harvesting, food processing distribution or marketing necessary to sustain a productive garden, please call 410.479.1009 or email dentoncommunitygarden@gmail.com. For those looking to make a donation, there is also a wish list of gardening items online at www.dentoncommunitygarden.com.

The Denton Community Demonstration Garden has been made possible by funding from the Caroline Human Services Council and the Woman's Club of Denton and through the support of countless volunteers and organizations. Thank you for helping us plant the seeds for a better tomorrow.

Trot Like a Turkey November 17



Join Caroline County Recreation and Parks November 17 rain or shine for the 27th Turkey Trot fun run, walk, or jog! This event is a 2-mile walk, run, or jog for all ages from Denton Elementary School to Martinak State Park and back and includes free gifts to the first 75 registrants. Registration check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the event begins at 9:30 a.m. Other events include turkey raffles, face painting, crafts, Turkey

Dinner Relay, Turkey Bowling, Flickin' Chickn', refreshments and the Lil' Pilgrim Wee Walk for kids ages 2 – 5. It's a mini mile course that includes balloons and ribbons for all participants plus a free gift to the first 10 registrants! Please bring something for the Samaritan House. Check out the flyer at www.carolinerecreation.com or pick one up at the Recreation & Parks office.

Santa's Magic Workshop



Santa's Magic Workshop gives kids a chance to make their own Christmas ornaments. Other activities include a train display, festive lights, seasonal music, wagon rides, refreshments, and Santa will be on hand to hear your

special wishes. Festivities will take place at Martinak State Park at the Nature Center and the Log Cabin December 8, 9, & 15 from 4 - 7 p.m. Admission is 2 canned goods per person which will be donated to St. Martins Barn in Ridgely.

SHOP
DOWNTOWN DENTON
FOR YOUR
HOLIDAY GIFTS

Kids and Bullying

Most bullying happens when adults aren't around, such as in between classes, at lunch or recess, after school, and online. Still, bullying rarely takes place without an audience - kids are around to see bullying 85 percent of the time. But even though they see it, kids usually don't try to stop bullying, and may even be unknowingly encouraging it.

Most of the time that kids witness bullying, they stand by passively. This causes bullying to last longer because it reinforces the bullies' power and status, two reasons that people bully. Most kids don't want to watch bullying, and don't want it to happen at all. But many kids don't know how to do this and worry that by stepping in they might become the next victim. These worries, and witnessing verbal and physical abuse, take a toll on bystanders.

Possible Effects on Bystanders:

- Feel angry, helpless, and

guilty.

- Don't feel safe where bullying takes place, like in certain hallways in school, on the bus, in the park, or online.

- Fear of becoming the next victim.

Two out of three kids want to help when they see bullying, and helping out is one of the most effective ways to stop bullying and prevent it from happening again. When friends help out, 57 percent of the time bullying stops in 10 seconds (Hawkins, Pepler, and Craig, Social Development, 2001).

There are effective and safe ways for kids to step in and help others being bullied.

Some work better in certain situations than others. You can help kids decide when to use each method by role-playing bullying situations with them. Remember to emphasize that kids should only step in when they feel safe.

- Walk away. This shows bullies that their behavior is not

funny or okay.

- Speak up. Tell bullies that what they are doing is wrong. By saying, "that's not funny, let's get out of here" or something similar, kids can stand up for each other. This may also give other bystanders the confidence to speak up or walk away.

- Be a friend. Sometimes kids get picked on because they don't have any friends or anyone to stand up for them. When kids befriend someone being bullied, bullies are less likely to pick on them. Friendship can also give children the support and the confidence to stand up for themselves.

- Ask others to help. When more kids stand up to bullies, the bullies will be more likely to realize their actions are not okay.

- Get an adult. Sometime kids who are bullied are scared to ask an adult for help because they think it will make the bullying worse. Kids can help by telling an adult what is happening, or going to speak to an

adult with kids being bullied.

What You Can Do

Standing up to peers is a hard thing to do for people of all ages. But you can make it easier for kids by giving them the confidence and the support they need to do so. Here are some ways parents can help children develop these traits:

- Teach children to be assertive. Emphasize peaceful ways to solve problems and encourage kids to stand up for themselves verbally, not violently.

- Show kids safe ways to help others. Make it clear that you expect kids to take action if they see someone being hurt, or if they are hurt themselves.

- Hold kids accountable. If children stand by and watch someone being bullied, make it clear that their behavior hurts the victim too.

- Get to know their friends.

44th Annual Holiday Bazaar November 9 & 10

Friday, November 9 & Saturday, November 10

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
408 Central Ave. Ridgely, MD.

Friday evening the doors open at 5p.m. for a Crab Cake Dinner and over 30 vendors to start your holiday shopping. Saturday, November 10 doors open at 8a.m. for the White Elephant Sale, Children's Carnival (10a.m.-2p.m.) which include hay rides, pony rides, moon bounce, vendors, fresh produce, and homemade sandwiches and soups. Our famous apple dumplings will also be on sale.

Please call 410-634-2253 or visit www.deparish.com

Christmas Around Caroline

12th Annual Christmas in Caroline

Saturday, December 1, 9 am–5 pm
Sunday, December 2, 10 am–4 pm
4-H Park, Detour Road, Denton

Admission: free

Antiques, crafts, collectibles, gift merchandise, country store, fresh greens and wreaths. Special candy-cane 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. For more info 410-479-0565, jdwooters@comcast.net.



Greensboro Lighting of "The City"

Saturday, December 1
Parade 6 pm & Lighting of the City 7 pm
Parade down Sunset Avenue ending at the 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 and the Gingerbread man. Enjoy making a craft to take home, listening to holiday music & homemade cookies with hot chocolate. For more info 410-482-6222, greensboromd.org.



Caroline Hospice Festival of Trees

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 4 & 5,
10 am–5 pm

Thursday, December 6, parade night until
6 pm

Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8,
10 am–5 pm (bidding ends on December 8)

Sunday, December 9, pick-up 11 am–1 pm

Foundry Building
401 Market Street, 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 8 at 5 pm. For more info 410-479-3500, carolinehospice.com.



Ridgely Old Fashioned Christmas

Saturday, December 1
6:30 pm
Central Avenue
Downtown Ridgely

Admission: Free

Lions Club parade, light refreshments. Santa concludes the parade at the Town Hall where you are welcomed to bring your cameras. For more info 410-634-2177, ridgelymd.org.



Toy Train & Model Railroad Exhibit

Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2
10 am–3 pm
Greensboro Branch of the Caroline County Public Library

Admission: Free

The magic of trains returns at the Greensboro library. Featuring operating train layouts in O, S, G, HO and Standard Gauge. Outdoor G Scale railroad village and live steam. Fun for all ages. For more info 410-482-2173, carolib.org.

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Christmas Around Caroline

10th Annual Train and Toy Show

Saturday, December 8
9 am–3 pm
Caroline County 4-H Park, Detour Rd., Denton

Admission: \$3 at the door, children under 12 free with an adult. Food, Test Track, Train Parts, 4 operating train layouts and more. For more info 410-479-2928.

Federalsburg Christmas Parade

Monday, December 10
7 pm
Main Street, Federalsburg

Admission: Free
Fun family event, judging for trophies for many types of entry classifications, Santa Claus will be in the Federalsburg Heritage Museum after the parade. For more info 410-754-8173, federalsburg.org/communitynews.

ANNUAL Denton Holiday Parade & Lighting of the Green

Thursday, December 6, 6 pm
Downtown Denton

Admission: Free
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 us as we light memorial trees, sing carols, food, trophy winner announcements, and more. For more info 410-479-2050, dentonmaryland.com/events.

Behold the Gift— Ridgely Live Nativity Pageant

Saturday, December 15
7:30 pm
**Lot beside Ridgely Town Hall,
Central Ave. Ridgely**

Admission: Free
Costumed actors, animals, and live music depict the Christmas story. Sponsored by the Ridgely area churches.



CASA of Caroline's Annual Christmas House Tour

Saturday, December 15
10 am–3 pm
Downtown Denton

Admission: \$10 per person
A self-guided tour featuring several homes beautifully decorated in holiday splendor in the Denton area. Maps are provided with the purchase of a ticket.

Tickets on sale at the CASA office 114 Market Street Mon-Fri 9 am–3 pm and the day of the tour. The house tour is a fundraiser for CASA of Caroline, Court Appointed Special Advocates for children in the foster care system. For more info 410-479-8301, carolinecasa@verizon.net.



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Cram the Cruiser Food Drive

Fighting Hunger in Denton



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

If you have a location you would like to see a "Cram the Cruiser" box or event, please contact Patti at the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414. Help us make it a monthly routine to contribute food to help out our fellow residents in need.

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 NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #645 - An ordinance by the Denton Town Council revising the Water Rates for users of the Municipal Water System. Introduced 07/05/212, adopted 09/06/12, effective 09/13/12.

Ordinance #646 - An ordinance by the Denton Town Council revising the Sewer Rates for users of the Municipal Water System. Introduced 07/05/212, adopted 09/06/12, effective 09/13/12.

Ordinance #647 - An ordinance of the Denton Town Council to repeal and reenact the Official Zoning Map for the Town of Denton to update the official Zoning Map of the Town of Denton. Introduced 09/06/12, adopted 10/04/12, effective 10/14/12.

Ordinance #648 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton granting the application of Denton Sales and Rentals, LLC, and Superior Rentals, LLC, to rezone parcels 1025 and 1026 on Caroline County Tax Map 101 from Mixed Residential (MR) and Rural Agriculture (RA) to Regional Highway Commercial (RHC). Introduced 09/06/12, adopted 10/04/12, effective 10/14/12.

Ordinance #649 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions contained in Chapter 128 Sections 8, 128, and 142 of the Denton Town Code with respect to signs in Commercial Shopping and Industrial Centers. Introduced 09/06/12, adopted 10/04/12, effective 10/14/12.

Resolution #772 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving an amendment to the February 6, 2006, annexation agreement between the Town of Denton and Denton Sales and Rentals, LLC, and Superior Rentals, LLC. Adopted 10/04/12.

Resolution #776 - A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application and receipt of financing for a Strategic Demolition & Smart Growth Impact Fund Project in Denton, Maryland to be funded either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department")

of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland. Adopted 09/06/12.

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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GET YOUR FLU SHOT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

The Caroline Co. Health Department
will be administering flu shots at 403 S. Seventh St.,
Denton, while supplies last.

Please call them at 410-479-8030
to make your appointment.

* Cost \$20

* Please wear short sleeves.

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