

Denton Town News

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FREE

Absentee Ballots for Denton Town Election

Registered voters who wish to vote by absentee ballot during the Denton Town Elections on November 8, 2011 must request their absentee ballot by October 21, 2011, in accordance with the Denton Code.

Chapter 10, Article I, of the Denton Code reads as follows:

The following persons may vote as absentee voters in Town elections under this Article:

A. Any qualified voter in the town who may be unavoidably absent from the town for any reason on any town election day during the hours the poll is open.

B. Any qualified voter of the town whose physical disability confines him (or her) to his/her home or will otherwise prevent him (or her) from being present and personally voting at the polls on any town election day.

Chapter 10 (as amended by Ordinance #330) further reads:

A qualified voter of the town desiring to vote at any town election

as an absentee voter shall make application in writing to the Town Clerk for an absentee ballot, which application must be received not later than seventeen (17) calendar days before the election.

To make application for an absentee ballot: please include date of request, reason for request as indicated above, signature of applicant, and address of applicant and provide to the Town Clerk at 13 N. Third St., Denton, MD 21629 by October 21, 2011. Application forms are available at the Town Office.

Once the application for an absentee ballot is approved, the ballot will be mailed to the applicant two weeks prior to the election.

All absentee ballots must be returned to the Denton Town Office, Judges of Election, 13 North Third Street, Denton, Maryland 21629, before the closing of the polls (8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2011) in order to be considered valid.

Register to Vote by October 7

All citizens of the Town of Denton that have not yet registered to vote must do so in order to be eligible to vote in the Denton November elections. Under the universal registration law which went into effect January 1, 1990, any person registered to vote in Caroline County automatically becomes eligible to vote in the Denton Town Elections, if qualified under the regulations set forth in the Town of Denton Charter which are as follows:

Every person who is a citizen of the United States, is at least eighteen (18) years of age, has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty (30) days preceding any Town election, and is registered with the Board of Elections Supervisors for Caroline County, and registered in accordance with the provisions of this charter and town ordinances shall be a qualified voter of the Town. Transfers may be granted by the registration officials from one

ward to another in said Town. No person shall be entitled to register on Election Day. Every qualified voter of the town shall be entitled to vote at any or all elections.

Voter registration is available Monday through Friday during normal working hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Caroline County Board of Elections, Caroline Health and Public Services Building, at 403 South Seventh Street, Denton. Forms may be requested by calling the election office at (410) 479-8145, completed and mailed to the Board of Elections Offices.

PLEASE NOTE: The last date to register to vote in the Town of Denton November 8, 2010 election is Friday, October 7, 2011.

For further information, call 479-8145 (Board of Elections Office) or 479-2050 (Denton Town Office) during normal working hours.

*Town of Denton
Board of Supervisors of Elections*

Shoes 2 Share International

Shoes 2 Share International has placed red collection boxes at three locations in Town. Cindy's Country Store, Bullocks, and Bargain Beverage. With the assistance of Councilmen Dean Danielson these boxes were located in the area in July.

Tim Wampler, the founder and executive director, takes the shoes that are collected and refurbishes the shoes, then hands them out to the needy both in the United States and foreign nations. Tim and his two sons were in Denton in July to pick up collection boxes and two of the three boxes were full.

The County is looking to

place the boxes at their collection sites in the near future. Visit www.shoes2share.org for more information.

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed around October 1, 2011. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by October 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 January 1, 2012 and will be due in full by January 25, 2012.

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Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting 7 p.m. at Police Department

September 1
October 6

Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at Police Department

September 27
October 25

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

September 21
October 19

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:

September 5

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 OF DENTON TOWN ELECTION AND FILING BY CANDIDATES

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be an election held this date for the purpose of electing one Town Council member for a five year term. All persons desiring to become a candidate for the Town Council shall have resided in the Town at least one year prior to election, shall be a registered voter of the Town of Denton, shall be at least 25 years of age, and shall file in accordance with the Denton Charter, Article V, Section C5-9 which reads in part as follows:

Candidates for election to the office of the Denton Town Council shall file with the Board of Supervisors of Elections a petition signed by at least twenty (20) registered voters of the Town of Denton. The candidate shall file the petition for an elective office not less than thirty (30) days, including Sundays and holidays, prior to the date of such election. Such petition shall state the name and address of the candidate, the fact that such person is eligible for election of the office of council, and that such person wishes his/her name placed on the ballot as candidate. Such petition shall be sworn to by the person filing same, both as to the fact of the candidate's eligibility and as to the genuineness of the signatures on such petition. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall advertise the filing requirements once weekly for one (1) month prior to the filing deadline in a paper circulated in the Town. No person shall be eligible for elective Town public office who has not fulfilled the requirements of this Section.

A further requirement for candidates for election is found in Ordinance #206, Section 4, paragraphs a. and b. which reads in part as follows:

All elected Town officials in the Town shall file . . . a statement with the Commission disclosing any gifts received during the preceding calendar year from any person having a contract with the Town of Denton or any person regulated by any agency thereof. This statement shall identify the donor of the gift and its approximate retail value at the time of receipt.

Candidates for elective offices shall file statements consistent with the requirements of Subsection (a) of this section [above paragraph] at the time that they file their certificate of candidacy.

The petition for filing must be delivered to the Denton Town Office, 13 North Third Street, Denton, by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 7, 2011. It is suggested that the petition be returned several hours prior to the 4:00 p.m. deadline so the names of the signers of the petition may be verified as registered voters. This will provide ample time to obtain further signatures should any of the signatures prove to be invalid. Petition forms have been prepared for the convenience of the candidates filing and may be obtained at the Denton Town Office during normal working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays).

The Board of Supervisors of Elections
Denton, Maryland

**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	06/29/2012	07/25/2012	07/25/2012	08/06/2012

November-December ISSUE DEADLINE...

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



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

September

5, 12, 19, 26. Trivia Night at Market St. Public House 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.

9 - Friday Night Cruise-In and Outdoor Movie. Downtown Denton 6p.m.-9ish. Free.

10 - Fall Native Plant Sale

10a.m.-4p.m. Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd. Ridgely.

10 - Family Fun-Day on Tuckahoe's Challenge Course Tuckahoe State Park.

Kids bring your partent out for an afternoon of

fun on the Challenge Courses' high elements. 40ft rock wall, 50ft giant swing, 25ft pamper pole and zip line. pre-registration required. Adults 16 and older, \$15/person; yourth 7-15 \$10/person.

12 - Golf and Corn Row Tournament

Caroline Country Club

24 - Remembrance Run/Walk 5k

9a.m. Marina Park Federalsburg

Proceeds benefit Caroline Hospice Foundation.

This annual family run will help many people.

Please join in and support our local community.

To register go to www.seashorestriders.com

24 - National Hunting and Fishing Day

9a.m.-2p.m. Schrader's Bridgetown Manor
For more info. visit www.schradershunting.com

24 - Alpaca Festival & Farm Days

at Outstanding Dreams Farm

10a.m.-5p.m. 24480 Pinetown Rd. Preston.

Family fun for all. Learn about wonderful Alpacas, childrens activities, fiber art demos., food, crafts and more. call 410-673-2002 for more info.

24 - Community Arts Block Party

5p.m.-9:p.m. 401 Market St & 4th St. Denton

Live music, art activities, artisan demos, food, and more. Fun for the whole family. visit www.carolinearts.org or more info.

October

1 - Tails and Trails Dog Walk 10a.m.-2p.m. Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd. Ridgely.

Help raise money for homeless animals. This annual event features local vendors, refreshments, search and rescue demos and more. a 1/2 mile strut and one and two mile walks for dog walkers.

Proceeds benefit the Caroline County Humane Society. Call Steve 410-820-1600 for more info.

1 - Choptank River Rendezvous

6:30p.m.-9:00p.m. Choptank River Heritage Center 10219 River Landing Rd. Denton. Live entertainment by Warren Brey and Blusprint, an Eastern Shore Style buffet and fine spirits. \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Call 410-479-0655 for info.

3, 10, 17, 24 - Trivia Night at Market St. Public House 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.

7 - Friday Nites in Caroline featuring the Mid Shore Community Band 7p.m. North Caroline HS Auditorium. Free. Call 410-479-1009 for additional information.

8 - 2nd Saturday at the Foundry: Pumpkin Painting 2p.m.-4p.m. 401 Market St. Denton.

Celebrate fall with pumpkin painting at the Foundry. Free event open to all. Call 410-479-1009 for more details.

15 - Scarecrow Wizardry

12p.m.-4p.m. Martinak State Park, Denton.

Come make a scarecrow to take home and decorate your yard. \$3 if you bring your own shirt, parts and pantyhose. Instruction tips, twine and all the straw is free.

15 - Fall Fest

12p.m.-4p.m. Martinak State Park

Celebrate the joys of autumn with park staff and CCRP. Apple buter boil, corn shelling, scales & tales, pumpkin decorating, bicycle rodeo, games, food, and more.

21, 22, 28, 29. Haunted Tales Tour

Tours depart from Museum of Rural Life, 16 N 2nd Street, Denton at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Get your spook on at the Haunted Tale Candle-Lit Walk through Downtown Denton. Hear scary stories culled from the history of Denton, concluding with a hot beverage and sweet treat served back at the museum. Flashlights recommended. Join us if you dare. Contact (410) 479-0655.

23 - Habitat Halloween 5K Dash & 1 Miles Fun Walk

9a.m. Lake Creek Court Federalsburg. Prizes for top male and female finishes. Call Beth at 410-479-2621 to register and for more information

31 - Halloween Trick or Treating in Denton

6p.m.-7:30p.m.

31 - Trunk or Treat

6p.m.-8p.m. HAPS Building, Denton.

Decorate your vehicles and hand out candy or

other goodies from the back of your car or truck at this annual family event. In conjunction with the Denton Fire Co. Halloween party. or bring your ghost or goblin down to trick or treat. To register your car call Recreation & Parks at 410-479-8120.

- 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.caro.lib.md.us/library

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks

#410-479- 8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

Denton Police Department . . .

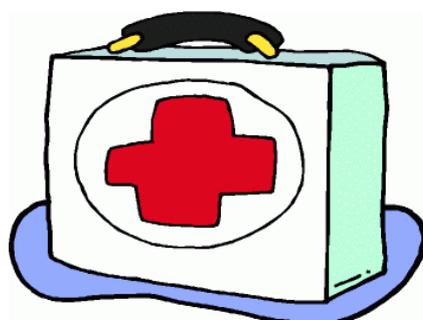
Prepare a Family Emergency Kit

The Caroline County Department of Emergency Services encourages all residents to be prepared for an emergency. To promote the idea, the Department designated the month of August as "Prepare an Emergency Kit Month" in the County. We urge residents to take this important step to prepare their family for potential natural disasters.

After your family prepares their emergency kit, send us a photograph of your kit to be entered into a drawing for a NOAA weather radio. The drawing will take place on September 1, 2011. To enter, send your photograph along with your name, address and phone number to Department of Emergency Services, 7 North First St., Denton, Md. 21629, or e-mail us at eminfo@carolinemd.org or drop it off at our booth during Summerfest Aug. 19 & 20, 2011.

An emergency supply kit should aid you and your family for at least three days in the event of an emergency. When preparing your kit, think about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. The following is a list of basic items every emergency kit should include. Review this list and think about the specific needs of your family. Consider having two kits, one full kit at home and a portable kit for your workplace, vehicle or other places you spend time. Basic Emergency Supply Kit recommendations:

- Water (one gallon per person per day) for drinking/sanitation; store in sealed plastic container
 - Food, three-day supply of non-perishable canned or boxed food (not frozen)
 - Infant formula and diapers
 - **R a d i o**, battery-powered or hand crank (NOAA Weather Radio) and extra batteries
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First Aid Kit and Whistle to signal for help
 - Dust Mask
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
 - Can Opener (manual) and assorted tools
 - Prescription medications and glasses
 - Pet Food and extra water for your pet
 - Sleeping Bag or warm blanket for each person
 - Important Documents; copies of insurance policies, identification, bank account records and, Local Maps in a waterproof portable container
 - Cash or traveler's Checks
 - Change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- For additional information, call Department of Emergency Services at 410-479-2622



Back to School Safety

It's back to school time for a lot of our children, as well as parents. It's also time for all of us to think about something...SAFETY. As our children venture out to area bus stops, walk to school, or ride to school, we need to keep SAFETY in mind. For those parents who see their children off to school and put them on a bus, please remember to make sure your children are practicing SAFETY habits while they await the arrival of their bus. Horse play has often proven to be very dangerous and/or deadly. Children who walk to and from school need to remember basic SAFETY rules, too. This includes looking both ways before crossing streets, walking in groups, and

proceeding to school on safe and familiar routes. Those parents or guardians who drive their children to school need to remember that traffic laws are for the SAFETY of the entire public. In other words watch your speed and remember to make sure your children are buckled into their seat belts. So, please obey these laws for SAFETY's sake and don't let the hectic pace of home affect your driving habits. Lots of parents every year either lose their lives in a rush or take the lives of someone else's child in such rushes. In short, for all concerned SAFETY is the key. Think SAFETY first; it will keep you and others from being hurt.



CAROLINE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

RABIES CLINIC

September 13

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

HAPS Building 403 S. 7th St, Denton

\$5 fee per animal

ONLY PETS UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE CLINIC.
Call 410-479-8045 to pre-register.

DENTON TRICK OR TREATING
OCTOBER 31
6:00 p.m.-7:30p.m.



Denton Police Department

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

Friday Night Cruise-In & Outdoor Movies

in Downtown Denton



2nd Friday of the Month
6 p.m. – 9ish
Market Street
Denton, Maryland



Movie Schedule

- May 13th- American Graffiti
- June 10th- Gumball Rally
- July 8th- Smokey & The Bandit
- August 12th- Bullitt
- September 9th- Cars

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

Step back in time with a Friday Night Cruise-In and outdoor movie! 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 & more! **Movies begin at dusk... bring a blanket or a lawnchair!**

For more information, contact Dean Danielson at 410.479.1545 or danielson51@comcast.net

Planning and Codes . . .

Walmart to Break Ground in Sept.

Walmart will break ground on a new Supercenter in Denton, Maryland, the week of September 19. The Supercenter will offer shopping convenience to customers looking for broad product selections, including fresh quality food and everyday general needs, at value pricing.

“Walmart is excited to begin the construction of this Supercenter site in an effort to bring greater development to Caroline County, offer quality jobs with good benefits and a variety of goods at our everyday low prices to those in the community,” said Mary Wilson, Maryland Market Manager, Walmart. “We look forward to partnering with elected officials, community leaders and surrounding businesses to help address the needs of the local community.”

The 152,888 square foot Supercenter will be a convenient one-stop family shopping center, featuring a full line of groceries as well as a bakery, a delicatessen, a frozen food section and meat, dairy and fresh produce sections. Merchandise areas include apparel and accessories, sporting goods, electronics, home, fine jewelry, outdoor garden center and health & beauty. The store will also feature a Subway.

In addition to helping customers save money so they can live better, the Supercenter is expected to create at least 250 jobs, providing valuable employment opportunities that offer competitive pay to local

residents, quality benefits and a real opportunity to build a career. More than 70 percent of Walmart’s store management team started as hourly associates and benefits include access to affordable health plans for both full and part-time associates, 401(k) plan, a stock purchase plan and a discount on store merchandise.

Mayor Robert L. Clendaniel stated, “I believe all of us on the Town Council welcome not only the increase in shopping choices and convenience that Walmart can offer; but also the outstanding opportunity for the Town of Denton and Caroline County to have job growth and economic development on this scale. The Town and Walmart have worked together through property and regulatory issues for over three years towards this day. We are thrilled to have Walmart serve our area.”

Walmart currently operates 35 stores and 12 Sam’s Clubs in the state of Maryland. The retailer employs 17,678 associates and works with 1,359 suppliers throughout the state. In 2011, Walmart stores, Sam’s Club locations and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$10.7 million in cash and in-kind donations to local organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Maryland.

The Denton Supercenter will open in the Summer 2012 at 610 Legion Road, Denton, MD 21629, near MD 404. (see page 7 for graphic of new Walmart building).

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between June 2011 and August 2011:

- Simpson, 1026 Market Street, Roof
- Vincent, 108A Randolph Street, Fence
- Breeding, 531 North Sixth Street, Roof
- Wright, 802 Market Street, Porch
- Cusimano, 755 Crystal Avenue, Apartments
- Woomer, 9585 Legion Road, Fence
- Singer, 517 Market Street, Fence
- Brown, 612 Lincoln Street, Rehab
- Holt, 1603 Cattail Commons Way, Accessory

- Shortall, 406 Gay Street, Demolition
- McNinch, 406 Market Street, Arbor
- Federal Home Loan Mortgage, 417 North Sixth Street, Roof
- Phillips, 303 Market Street, Sign
- Hemus, 317 Market Street, Sign
- B&B Market Street, 200 Market Street, Sign
- Moore, 113 Franklin Street, Mechanical
- Hutchinson Machining, 819 Crystal Avenue, Sign
- Alley, 700 Gay Street, Roof
- Lions Club, Second Street, Accessory.

Home and Business Loan Program

The Be SMART loan program is a low interest loan program provided by the MD. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), offered as an innovative financing program to improve energy efficiency through replacement or upgrades to a building envelope, heating and cooling system, lighting, windows and doors, equipment, and solar panels.

The program offers two types of loans each for residential and nonresidential (commercial) upgrades and replacements:

Residential

- Be SMART Home Energy Star
 - Be SMART Home Complete
 - Nonresidential (Commercial)**
 - Be SMART Business
 - Be SMART Business Plus
- Informational brochures on the programs are available in the Town Office, department of Planning and Codes or the web link below.

The link below provides additional information or speak with Ann Jacobs, Mainstreet Denton Manager at (410) 479-4305. <http://www.mdhousing.org/Website/Programs/BeSmart/>

GRASS CUTTING

Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to 6 inches or shorter. This reduces rodent and insect infestations. To avoid storm drain clogs, please keep the grass clippings out of the street.





**October
21, 22, 28, & 29.**

Tours depart at
6:30p.m. & 8p.m.
(rain or shine) from the
Museum of Rural Life,
corner of Gay and
2nd Street in Denton.

\$4 Adults
\$2 Children under 12
(children must be accompanied by adult)

Reservations Recommended

call 410-479-0655

Narrated Candlelight Walking Tour
Through Historic Denton
Each tour ends with a hot beverage
and sweet treat.



Denton Public Works . . .

Loose Leaf Collection Schedule

Autumn is approaching and soon the leaves will begin to fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their annual loose leaf vacuuming removal service to occur October 17 through December 12, 2011. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

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

- Rake leaves 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 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. 17 through Dec. 12, on Mondays and Fridays only, except for holidays.

Loose leaf collection days:

October 17, 21, 24, 28, 31.

November 4, 7, 14, 18, 21, 28

December 2, 5, 9, 12.

Business Open House October 22



Denton Ace Hardware and Downtown Businesses will be hosting their annual Fall Open House Saturday October 22, 2011 10a.m.-2p.m. on Market St. in Downtown Denton. Come celebrate Fall with Denton Ace and Several Downtown Businesses. Free hayrides, food and specials. Fun for the whole family.

Denton Holiday Windows

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 Ann Jacobs, Denton Main Street Manager, at 410-479-4315 or by email ann@downtowndenton.com

Caroline County Recreation & Parks

Fall Fest at Martinak



Martinak State Park
137 Deep Shore Rd. Denton
October 15
12p.m.-4p.m.

Celebrate fall with family scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating and Scales and Tales. Call 410-820-1668 for more info.

Want to make a scarecrow? You will Need:

\$3, * 1 pair of pantyhose * 1 long sleeve shirt * 1 pair of long pants. There will be a limited number of these

Denton Main Street . . .

Community Mosaic Project

creating mosaic tiles that will later be incorporated into public spaces within the Artsway.

Foundry artists and volunteers will be on hand to help, and mosaic supplies will be provided.

Inspired by their recent public art project, *The Musician and the Muses*, the arts council would like to continue to provide opportunities for public art, with help from the community.

For more information please contact the CCCA office 410-479-1009 or visit www.carolinearts.org. The Foundry is open Tuesday through Saturday 11-4. Free demonstrations and activities from a variety of artists are held the second Saturday of every month from 2-4pm. Upcoming Second Saturday demonstrations include: October 8 – Pumpkin Painting. The Foundry is located at 401 Market Street in Denton.

On Saturday, September 10, 2p.m. - 4p.m., The Foundry will host a community mosaic project, as part of the "Second Saturday" series offered at The Foundry, Caroline County Council of Arts' (CCCA) community art gallery at 401 Market Street in Denton. The event is free and the public is invited to spend some time at The Foundry

Tubing on the Choptank Sept. 10



Join the fun and come float or boat with us for the benefit of the Caroline Foundation for Mental Health, Inc. (also welcome kayaks and canoes). Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

We will launch from Crouse Park in Denton and end our river cruise at Martinak State Park with a cookout and dessert. Each year our flotilla has grown as participants return and bring more friends. We are encouraging those who are

feeling creative to don any type of crazy hat or head gear. Prizes for best in show.

\$30 donation includes lunch, beverages, tubes and towing

The proceeds support delivery of comprehensive mental health services in Caroline County. Tickets to reserve your tube and lunch are available through Wright Real Estate 410-479-2000, Higgins & Holsinger 410-479-3644 and Mary Lou Parsons 410-479-3663.

ANNUAL Denton Holiday Parade

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

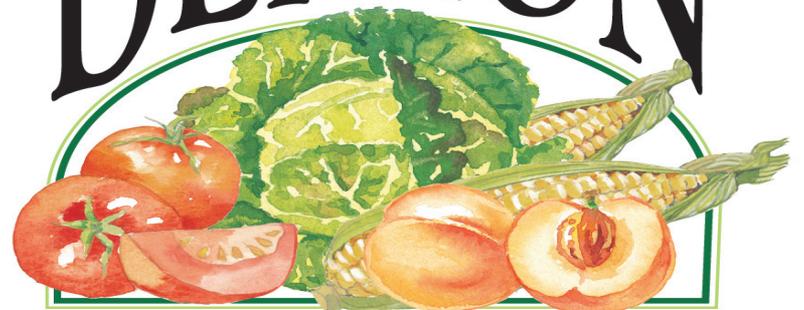
The Denton Holiday Parade is
Thursday December 1

Applications will be available in late September
online at www.dentonmaryland.com/events
or stop by the Denton Town Office

For more information call 410-479-2050
or email lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com

4th & Gay St. - Municipal Parking Lot

DENTON



FARMERS MARKET

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

Performance Review Tips from Freddie Bell Jones School

Have you ever waited for your performance review to figure out where you stand? Is your motto “No news is good news”? If so, think again. In most companies performance reviews are done every 6 to 12 months. This means that if you are unlucky, you may have to wait for up to a year to figure out where you stand in your position. Seek out feedback, gain perspective, and you will build a more solid working relationship with your superiors.

Managers are consumed with reports, updates, meetings, disciplinary actions, task sheets, time cards, and yes evaluations... eventually. Also, if a manager is not well organized, he or she may not notate your accomplishments along the way and the thing you did wrong that came closest to the review time is only indicated on your evaluation.

This is of course unfair to you, but whose fault is it really? Get proactive about how you are being evaluated.

Do not wait until the customary time period to see if you need much improvement, are scoring off the charts, or are virtually nonexistent in their book.

Some employees prefer to be virtually nonexistent and fade into the paint until it is close to bonus

or pay increase time. This can be a very risky strategy as this person is often reviewed when times are bad and positions are eliminated or kept based on need. If you show no signs of life throughout the year, you may give the impression that you are not necessarily needed on the payroll.

Get in the habit of marking your calendar or setting your Microsoft Outlook notifications quarterly, so you can have a sit down with your supervisor or manager regarding your progress. If an issue occurs, be certain to step up to the plate IMMEDIATELY and find a way to remedy the situation.

You may have more than likely seen the usual evaluation questions on your organization’s cookie-cutter performance review, so you know how you are being scored. Keep that in mind and uppermost when you are conducting yourself throughout the year. Get in the habit of evaluating your performance objectively at the end of each month. This will help to keep you excited about your position, responsible for your duties, and focused on your career goals.

The general ratings are as follows:

- Needs Improvement
- Meets Expectations
- High Performing
- I always find it somewhat

humorous when I hear some complain aloud about how surprised they are about areas in which they need improvement. This is something you should have already known long before your review.

Seek out your feedback...then improve! So the important thing to do when interacting with your superior TACTFULLY is to:

1. Not be a pain in the neck. Ask for feedback. Once you get it...don’t whine! Improve it. Ask for specific examples. Request suggestions. Follow the suggestions. Then think of some proper questions to ask.

Examples are below:

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* Do you have any objections to how I prepare our monthly reports?

* What do you believe can conceivably go wrong with...?

* Is there anything that I have not covered?

* Do you feel that the team is pretty receptive to me?

* I think this one went quite well. However, what do I need to know to make projects moving forward more successful?

* I think I have been covering all of the angles. Do you recommend a better method in place of how I handle incoming contracts?

* Have I left anything out? What have you seen in terms of my progress that has been most

beneficial to the ongoing projects?

* It has been a while since we have last spoken, can we touch base to make sure that we are still heading in the same direction?

2. Remember the successful job interviewer who is able to not only answer questions, but also reverse some of the questions thereby placing him or her in a powerful position throughout the interview. You too can gain similar positioning prior to your evaluation.

3. By seeking out the feedback, you can set a tone of mutual trust and respect.

4. You never have to worry about being tagged as the difficult employee with poor communication skills if your approach, attitude, and determination are all genuine.

5. You will become a more disciplined employee and your career of choice will be fulfilling as you are creating your own challenges and setting the bar higher than those who are required to evaluate you.

Seeking feedback by asking “How am I Doing?” is the single most important tactic to remaining viably employed!

Cheers,

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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 #632 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Section 5-1 of the Town Code to change the Date and Time of regular meetings from the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and omitting meeting location. Introduced 06/06/11, adopted 07/11/11, effective 07/18/11.

Ordinance #633 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions contained in

Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Board of Appeals variances. Introduced 06/06/11, adopted 07/11/11, effective 07/21/11.

Ordinance #634 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions contained in

Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Board of Appeals variances. Introduced 06/06/11, adopted 07/11/11, effective 07/21/11.

Resolution #753 – A resolution of the Town of Denton approving a second temporary construction easement agreement between the Town of Denton and Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust. Adopted 07/11/11.

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.

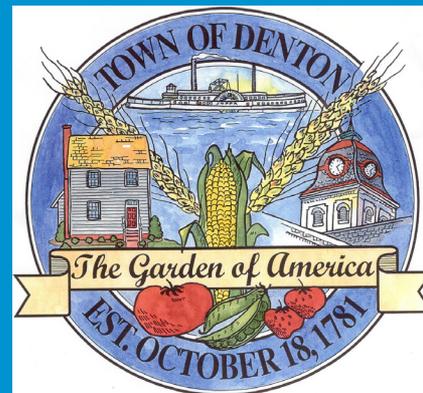
Special Collection Reminder

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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