



Denton Town News

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FREE

Denton Participates in the MML Geocache Trail

On January 1, 2009, the Maryland Municipal League (MML), with the gracious help of our sponsor/partners, the Maryland Geocaching Society, ESRI, KCI Technologies, Inc, Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), Stearns & Wheler, LLC, and the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, will become the first State League in the country to launch a statewide city/town Geocache Trail.

MML is using this innovative approach to promote awareness of and visits to Maryland's cities and towns, with the goal of helping to stimulate economic development in Maryland's municipalities. This effort taps into the rapidly growing high-tech tourist trade that is not limited to any particular age group.

Discovering a geocache is very much like going on a treasure hunt using a hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) to plot map coordinates to locate the treasure or "cache." The geocacher must access the official geocache website www.geocaching.com; go to the MML account and download or manually enter the map coordinates for each cache on the Maryland Municipal League Geo Trail; then use the GPS to find the caches. It is deceptively easy.

A geocache trail is a series of geocaches tied together by a common theme. The theme of the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail is Celebrating Maryland's Cities and Towns. The trail is comprised of 78 city/town caches located in

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Parking Changes on Market Street

Traffic/parking concerns on Market Street between Sixth Street and Gay Street have been a topic of discussion since 2004. The Road Safety Committee conducted a survey of residents in 2004 in the affected area resulting in a recommendation to have no parking or limited parking. At that time the Council took action approving no parking, followed by public complaints to the Council, and it was changed back to allow parking.

Director of Planning and Codes Bill Kastning, Director of Public Works Scott Getchell, and Denton Police Chief Rodney Cox were asked to provide a follow-up assessment and make recommendations on street parking and traffic impacts between Sixth Street and Gay Street.

After reviewing the previous study, assessing parking availability for residents, and considering accessibility for safety apparatuses traveling on Market Street, Staff recommended no parking on that section of the street.

Following discussion by the Council, Planning Commission Chair Doris Walls, and concerned citizens, the Council passed the motion to ban parking on Market Street between Sixth Street and Gay Street Extended. The parking ban went into effect December 1, 2008.

The public is reminded to continue to be mindful of the posted speed limits. Vehicles should not be driven over the curbs into front yards for parking.

Town of Denton Launches New Website

The new Town of Denton website has been launched and is now live. This site, developed by CorsicaTech, expands on the information provided in Denton's original website. Some of the new attributes include a copy of the Town Council Agenda and the ability to provide current background information on town projects and events.

The Denton Town Council Agenda will be posted online and will be available for viewing by the Friday before the Town Council's meeting. Presently meeting agendas are posted in the front lobby of the Denton Town Office. Town staff will continue to post the agendas, as well as update the website to include a current copy. The Town Council

minutes will continue to be able to be accessed on the Town's website.

In addition to the new website, General Codes has launched a new municipal code browser. The Town of Denton code can easily be viewed online. A direct link can be found on our website home page and the government access page. This is a good resource for viewing Denton's Charter and Codes.

Denton Public Works has also launched its own website. You can visit their website at dentonpublicworks.com or you can select the link provided under the Departments section on the homepage. This website provides up-to-date information on capital improvement projects, as well as other informative tips for Denton

businesses, residents and property owners.

Development of the Denton Police Department website is underway and is anticipated to be launched sometime after the first of the year. The Planning and Codes Department will be updating their section of the Denton Town website to include copies of their planning documents as well as their Boards and Commission agendas.

Town staff are in the process of updating the business directory for the new site. If you would like for your Denton business to be included and/or would like for your information to be updated, please contact Lisa Orendorf at 410-479-2050 or lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com. Each business listing can

include a website link.

Visit Denton's Website at dentonmaryland.com

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Town Calendar

All meetings are held in the Denton Town Office Conference Room at 13 North Third Street, unless otherwise noted.

Town Council Meeting at 7 p.m. Police Department

January 5
February 2

Planning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.

January 27
February 24

Historic Review Meeting at 6 p.m.

January 21
February 18

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

January 8
February 12

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

January 1, 19
February 16

Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address:
www.dentonmaryland.com

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2009. To avoid having your water turned off payment should be received by January 25, 2009. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.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, 2009 and will be due in full by April 25, 2009.

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2008 - 2009 Real Property Tax Sale process will begin soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billings or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

All real property taxes were due in full by December 31, 2008 and are to be paid at the Caroline County Treasurer's Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Treasurer's office at 410-479-0410. If you want to check to see if you have any other outstanding bills due on your property within the Town of Denton, please contact the Finance Dept. at 410-479-2050.

2009 Utility Billing Schedule

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
October - December	12/30/2008	1/25/2009	1/28/2009	2/5/2009
January - March	3/31/2009	4/25/2009	4/28/2009	5/6/2009
April - June	6/30/2009	7/25/2009	7/28/2009	8/5/2009
July - September	9/30/2009	10/25/2009	10/28/2009	11/5/2009

Town of Denton 410-479-2050

March - April 2009 ISSUE DEADLINE

Please submit your articles of interest to the Denton Town Office via email: lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com or fax: 410-479-3534 by February 6th. Thank you.



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

*Denton Public Works
410-479-2050*

Calendar of Events

January



1st - Happy New Year!
Town Office closed
Library closed

5th, 12th, 26th - Books Plus

7:00 p.m. Large meeting room, central library, Denton. Book Discussion

12th - Magic Candle Stories



5 p.m. childrens activity room, Central Library, Denton. Stories, songs and activities for children ages 5-7 years.

16th - 2nd Story Live Concert: Stef Scaggiari Trio.

FREE, 7 p.m. Central Library Denton. This piano, bass and drum jazz trio has played international festivals around the world to much critical acclaim.



19th - Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
Town Office closed,
Library closed.

24th - 8th Annual Robert Burns Supper

6 p.m. *Caroline Country Club, 24820 Pealiquor Rd. Denton.* Celebrating the life and works of the great Scottish hero and poet Robert Burns. The evening will include traditional toasts, poetry, music, Scottish wit, a four course buffet, and of course Haggis. For tickets and information call CCCA at 410-479-1009.

28th - Puppet Show



10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Large Meeting Room, Central Library, Denton. Puppet show followed by a craft for children ages newborn to 5 years and their caregivers.

30th - Performing Arts Showcase

7 p.m. Central Library, Denton
Local artists perform on the 2nd Story Live Stage. Call 410-479-1009 for more info.

31st - 2nd Story Live Concert: Joe Crookston

7:30 p.m. Central Library, Denton. Admission \$10, Students \$5, \$1 discount for CCCA mem-

bers. Folk music. Playing guitar, banjo, fiddle and accordion.



- Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

www.adkinsarboretum.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

February

2nd, 9th, 23rd - Tax Assistance at the Library

5 p.m. Central Library, Denton
Do you need a hand preparing your taxes? Tax Assistance will be held in the Large Meeting Room. For more information and to make an appointment, please call AARP Tax Assistance, 410-479-1343 ext. 2

3rd - Internet for Beginners

10 a.m. Computer lab, Central Library, Denton
FREE adult class covers basics such as using the mouse, searching the library's online catalog and finding info on the internet. Call 410-479-1343 to register.

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - Tax Assistance at the Library

12 p.m. Central Library, Denton.
Do you need a hand preparing your taxes? Tax Assistance will be held in the Large Meeting Room. For more information and to make an appointment, please call AARP Tax Assistance, 410-479-1343 ext. 2

4th, 11th, 18th - Baby Steps Storytime

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Large meeting room, Central Library, Denton. Songs, stories, finger plays and a craft for children ages newborn to 2 1/2 years and their caregivers.

4th, 11th, 18th - Giant Steps Storytime

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Small meeting room, Central Library, Denton. Song, stories, fingerplays and a craft for children and their caregivers.

5th - Blood Pressure Testing

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Main Library area, Central Library, Denton. Free blood pressure testing is provided by the Caroline County Health Department the first Thursday of each month. Call 410-479-1343 for more info.

7th - Ferko String Band

FREE. 7 p.m. Central Library, Denton.
Since 1922, the Joseph A. Ferko String Band has been entertaining audiences the world over. 20 musicians from Philadelphia playing Mummer's Parade style on stage and down the aisles.

9th - Books Plus

7 p.m. Small meeting room, Central Library, Denton.

13th - Friday Nites at the Library

7 p.m. Central Library, Denton.
UMES Jass Ensemble from Princess Anne. Come early for a good seat.

14th - Happy Valentines Day!

16th - Holiday - Presidents Day

Town Office Closed



23rd - Magic Candle Stories

6:30 p.m. Small meeting room, Central Library, Denton. Thematic stories and activities for children ages 5-8 years.

25th - Puppet Show

10:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Large meeting room, Central Library, Denton. Puppet show presentation followed by a craft for children ages newborn to 5 years and their caregivers.

28th - 2nd Story Live Concert: Bob Sima

7:30 p.m. Central Library, Denton.



Admission \$10, Students \$5, \$1 discount for CCCA members.
Bob comes to us with a smile, a positive upbeat presence, and a suitcase full of tuneful original songs and stories that will

make you laugh and cry and go home humming his melodies.

Denton Police Department . . .



The Denton Police Department added a second K-9 to their department. "Buddy" joined the department in September 2008 and has been assigned to Officer Brad Korisher. Buddy is a 17 month old Belgian Malinois brought over

from Holland and was trained by Wayne Collins of K-9 Consultants. Buddy is a dual purpose dog, trained in narcotics detection and is also being trained for patrol work and tracking. He was narcotics certified on November 22nd.

What is CrimeReports.com?

Have you visited www.CrimeReports.com yet? If not, take a look. CrimeReports.com has a crime reporting map for our area.

CrimeReports.com standardizes the way law enforcement agencies communicate crime data to the public, right down to the neighborhood or street they live on.

Participating law enforcement agencies publish local crime incident data to CrimeReports.com which converts crime data into easily accessible information for community members. Most agencies update the data daily.

CrimeReports categorizes crime incidents into 15 general

crime type categories and 21 sub-categories of crime and calls for service activity. They include: Assault, Breaking & Entering, homicide, Proactive Policing, Property Crime, Quality of Life, Registered Sex Offenders, Robbery, Sex Offense, Theft, Traffic, Theft from Vehicles, Vehicle Recovery, Theft of Vehicle, Alarm, Arson, Death, Family Offense, Kidnapping, Missing Person, Weapons Offenses, and more.

CrimeReports is free to the public and includes automated email crime alerts. For more information visit www.CrimeReports.com.

Safety While Shopping

When shopping, lock all merchandise or packages in the trunk of your car.

Don't leave packages, money, purses, and other items in plain view in your vehicle.

Keep Vehicles locked in your driveway at all times.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under

your arm. Keep wallets in an inside pocket.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Park in well-lit areas that will be well-lit when you return.

Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.



Bike Registration Drive Coming Spring 2009

With the growing number of bicycle thefts in 2008, the Denton Police Department will be hosting a Bike Registration Drive for Spring 2009.

The Police Department receives many calls about abandoned and stolen bicycles. In 2008 the Police Department received over 42 reports of stolen bikes.

Most of the bikes recovered go

unclaimed and are turned over to charity.

The Police Department offers free bike registration to help identify the bikes owner.

More information about this drive will be issued in the next newsletter. The Police Department continues to ask residents to lock and secure your bikes and do not leave them lying around.



Denton PD Escorts Santa

The Denton Police Department assisted the Mid Shore Council on Family Violence at their annual Holiday dinner. A member of the Denton Police Department delivered Santa Claus to the dinner in a patrol

vehicle. The patrol vehicle delivered Santa Claus with lights and sirens. This is done to show the children of domestic violence situations that the police are not always there to take away/arrest mommy or daddy.



The Helping Hands Neighborhood Association participated in the Denton Holiday Parade by decorating a float with the assistance of the Denton Police Department. Helping Hands members rode on the float during the parade. The float was decorated to represent a wish for a peaceful, restful holiday season.

The Helping Hands

Neighborhood Association again this year distributed their annual holiday baskets to the elderly and families in need in the town of Denton. The baskets included such items as fruit and personal items. A total of forty baskets were assembled at the Denton Police Department and then were distributed by Helping Hands members with assistance from the Denton Police Department.

Denton Police Department
410-479-1414 or tips@todpolice.com

Police Department Press Releases

Date : 10/01/2008

Classification Burglary 4th Degree
Location : 1100 block CANVAS-BACK LN

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Police responded to a vacant residence in Mallard Landing where a representative of the HOA reported that person(s) unknown had forced open a door that led into the garage. Entry was not made into the main residence and nothing appeared to be damaged. The residence has been vacant since May. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414 or via e-mail at tips@todd-police.com.

Date : 10/02/2008

Classification Theft Over \$500
Location : 400 block RIVERVIEW GARDENS

Denton Police are investigating the theft of a television. Police responded to Riverview Gardens where employees reported that person(s) unknown had removed a Sony Flat Screen TV from apartment 406. Apartment 406 is being used as a hospitality suite while renovations are being completed. The employees reported that the TV was placed into a closet on September 28 so work could be done on that apartment. It was discovered missing on October 1. The TV is valued at \$800.00.

Date :10/03/2008

Classification Utter Forged Prescription
Location : 500 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police arrested Jason Martin, 30 year old male, and Sabrina Martin, 26 year old female, both of Millersville, MD for prescription fraud. Police responded to Denton Pharmacy where employees reported that Sabrina Martin had passed a prescription trying to obtain Oxycodone. The pharmacist noticed that the document did not appear correct and contacted the issuing practitioner who verified that the prescription was not valid. While at the Denton Pharmacy po-

lice also learned that Jason Martin had passed a prescription at the Rite Aide for Oxycodone from the same practitioner. That prescription was also verified to be invalid. Both Martins were taken into custody without incident and charged with one count each uttering a false document, forgery of a prescription; utter a false prescription, attempting to obtain a prescription drug by deceit, possession of an altered prescription and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Both were released on their own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date : 10/07/2008

Classification Fail to stop after un-

att property damage
Location : 200 block S THIRD ST
Denton Police are investigating a hit and run motor vehicle collision. Police responded to the Hargraves Building where Francis Morgan reported that his vehicle, a 2007 Buick Lucerne, had been hit and damaged. Morgan further advised that there was a white in color box style truck parked next to where Morgan had parked. A damage estimate is not available at this time.

Date : 10/08/2008

Classification Burglary 4th Degree
Location : 700 block MARKET ST

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Mary Dean and Melissa Dedo reported that person(s) unknown entered their residence and removed two digital cameras and an iPod. The total value taken is estimated at \$736.00.

Date :10/09/2008

Classification Utter Forged Prescription

Location : 500 block S FIFTH AV
Denton Police arrested Jennifer Nolan, 25, of Salisbury, for passing a forged prescription. Police responded to the Denton Pharmacy where employees reported that Nolan had attempted to obtain Oxycontin, however employees became suspicious. Employees made contact with the subscriber of the prescription

who verified that it was counterfeit. Nolan was charged with issuing a counterfeit prescription, forgery of a prescription, issuing a forged prescription and obtaining drugs by fraud. Nolan was ordered released on her own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing with a District Court Commissioner.

Date : 10/09/2008

Officer
Classification CDS: Possess-Not Marihuana

Location : NINTH ST
Denton Police arrested Scott Smith, 41, of Greenwood DE, for traffic violations and possession of suspected cocaine. Police received a radio broadcast regarding an older model Toyota pickup being operated in a reckless manner on New Bridge Road traveling towards Denton. Police were able to locate the vehicle entering Town limits on Franklin Street. The vehicle traveled east on Franklin Street where it turned onto Ninth Street. Police observed that when the vehicle made the turn it struck the curb, left the roadway into a yard and then returned to the roadway. The vehicle was then stopped and the operator was identified as Smith. A check of MVA records revealed that the tags on the vehicle Smith was operating belonged on another vehicle and this vehicle was not insured. Smith was placed under arrest for this violation and search incident to arrest was conducted. That search led to the seizure of a plastic bag containing a white powder substance believed to be cocaine. Smith was formally charged with possession of CDS, displaying registration plates for another vehicle, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle and failing to display registration card on demand. Smith was released by a District Court Commissioner on \$10,000.00 unsecured bond.

Date : 10/10/2008

Classification Theft less than \$100
Location : 600 block N SIXTH ST
Denton Police are investigating a

theft. Donald Trice reported that person(s) unknown removed two (2) center hubcaps from a 2001 Lincoln Town Car while it was parked at Power Plaza on N. Sixth Street. Mr. Trice advised the vehicle was parked there to be sold and had been there for approximately three (3) weeks. The value of the hubcaps is estimated at \$99.00.

Date : 10/12/2008

Classification Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking

Location : 800 block GAY ST
Denton Police are investigating the theft of a motor vehicle. Floretia Stanford reported that person(s) unknown removed her 1999 Suzuki Vitara from her yard. The vehicle was recovered a short time later and returned to the owner.

Date :10/14/2008

Classification Miscellaneous
Location : 1300 block MARKET ST

Denton Police responded to the 1300 block of Market Street in reference to an animal complaint. David Fortner, 46, of Denton, reported that a dog was attacking one of his cows on his property. Fortner further reported that he observed the dog biting the cow and the dog was actually latched onto the cows lip. Fortner kicked the dog but it would not let go. Fortner stated that he then discharged a single shot from a shotgun, striking the dog, and it let go. That shot did not kill the dog and police had to shoot it again for humane purposes. The dog's owner was located and identified as Cody Cooper, 21, of Denton. No charges are pending in this matter at this time.

Date : 10/14/2008

Classification MDOP over \$500
Location : 800 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Christopher Harding, 34, of Millsboro, DE, reported that person(s) unknown slashed all four tires on his 2008 Subaru while it was parked in the Dollar General park-

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Planning and Codes . . .

Wal-Mart* Update

Wal-mart* on Legion Road received the Planning Commission's preliminary site plan approval on October 14, 2008 subject to a number of mutually agreeable conditions. Recently, they submitted a revised site plan to address comments by the town's engineer firm, George, Miles and Buhr. A final site

plan hearing request has not been made by the applicant at press time. Once made, the Planning Commission will hear the applicant's request for final site plan approval. If an approval is granted, the applicant may then apply for building permits to commence construction.

Planning Commission Alternate Position Created

The Town Council recently updated its zoning code to create an Alternate position on its Planning Commission. The Alternate is required to attend all commission meetings and may review site plan and subdivision applications at public hearings as do Regular

members. However, the Alternate may only vote in the absence of a Regular member.

The Town Council appointed Dr. Agnes Case to a five-year Alternate term commencing on January 1, 2009.

4th Grade Essay Contest "If I Were Mayor"

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA) invite 4th grade students throughout Maryland to participate in a statewide essay contest: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." The contest gives students a chance to creatively use cognitive and grade-specific language arts skills and civics/social studies knowledge.

City and town governments can choose to provide many services to their citizens such as trash collection, leaf collection, recycling, snow removal, police protection, water, waste water treatment, planning for how land can be used, inspecting the safety of buildings, and parks and playgrounds.

Many cities and towns do not provide all of these services. The mayor and council decide what services can be provided based on what citizens want and the amount of money in the budget to pay for services.

Cities and towns in Maryland are not responsible for schools. Decisions about schools are made by

State and County government and each county's school board.

This year's essay contest theme is: Every little bit we can do to encourage everyone in our cities and towns to think "green" and protect our environment takes us one step closer to saving our planet.

Everything from creating a recycling program, to cleaning up a stream or park or saving energy can make a difference in the quality of life we will enjoy in the future.

If you were Mayor, how would you encourage your citizens to get on board and "GO Green?" What programs could you put in place to encourage your citizens to preserve our natural resources? Be creative with your ideas!

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2008-2009 school year. Essays must address the subject with the opening line begin-

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between October 1, 2008, and November 30, 2008:

- Lutz, 316 S. Third St., Roof
- Flack, 703 Camp Rd., Roof
- Sakers, 608 Market St., Roof
- Kampmeyer, 235 Siesta Dr., Demolition
- Fenzel, 108 Sunset Dr., Tree Removal
- Kampmeyer, 235 Siesta Dr., Accessory Building
- Gables at Caroline, 701 S. 5th St., Fence
- Pitts, 408 S. 5th St., Roof
- Town of Denton, 13 N. Third St., Banner
- Gems Event Production, 9 S. Third St., Sign

Building Permits

- Rementer, 300 S. Third St., Window & Siding
- Mackel, 201 S. 5th St., Roof
- Zepp, 309 Sydney Lane, Mechanical
- Smith, 325 Carter Ave., Accessory Building
- Dunkin Donuts, 601 Legion Rd., Banner
- Hollingsworth, 319 S. 4th St., Handicap Ramp
- McCreary, 424 E. Wesley Circle, Lot 60, Demolition
- Denton Wesleyan Camp, 424 E. Wesley Circle, Lot 8, Demolition
- Denton Wesleyan Camp, 424 E. Wesley Circle, Accessory Building
- Geisel, 105 S. 5th Ave., Mechanical
- Chance, 711 Camp Road, Rehab

ning: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

Essays may not exceed 275 words. Only one essay may be submitted per student.

Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas:

Essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.

Students must include their first and last names, school, and teacher's name at the top of their essays.

Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2009. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2009.

Sometime during the month of May, the 11 winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis.

The Maryland Municipal League (MML), founded in 1936, represents the 157 incorporated cities and towns in Maryland and several taxing districts throughout the state. A voluntary, nonprofit, non-partisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training, and the dissemination of information to its members.

You must mail your entries to:
MAYORS' CONTEST
Maryland Municipal League
1212 West Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Teachers may submit any number of entries using one form. To increase your chances of winning, use the Mayors' Contest Study Guide that can be downloaded from MML's website, www.md-municipal.org. (This contest is not affiliated with any County Public School System in Maryland.)

Questions? Call MML at 800-492-7121.

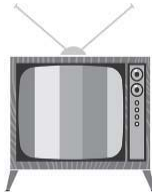


Broadcast Digital Television Begins February 17th, Are You Ready?

Over-the-air broadcast television stations will be converting to all-digital television broadcasting by February 17, 2009. You've heard this over and over if you watch television, listen to the radio, or surf the internet, but what do you need to do? Well, we'd like to make navigating the transition a little easier.

What do I do now?

According to Comcast if you are connected to a local cable system or another subscription video provider you need not do a thing; you're already set! However if you have an "analog" television that is not hooked up to cable or some other video provider and it functions utilizing "rabbit ears" or an outside "antenna," it will stop receiving local broadcast TV signals.



How do I know if my TV is "analog" or "digital"?

There are things to look for to be able to tell whether you have an "analog" or "digital" TV. You can look for a label that says Integrated Digital Tuner, Digital Tuner Built-In, Digital Receiver, or Digital Tuner, DTV, ATSC, or HDTV. If your TV has any of these labels you should be fine and should not have to do anything.

What are my options?

So here are your options if you own an "analog" TV set:

•Purchase a "digital to analog converter box" to use with each of your current TVs (Government coupon available)

•Purchase a new digital TV (if you rely on an outside antenna or

rabbit ears)

•Connect your analog TV to the service provided by your local cable company or another video service provider.

How do I obtain a coupon for the converter box?

You can obtain a federal government coupon in the amount of \$40 to help offset the cost of a converter box. The boxes generally run between \$40-\$70 at most popular consumer electronics retailers. You can obtain the coupon by:

•logging on to www.DTV.gov

•or calling 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-338-2009)

Coupons are issued on a first come first served basis and are mailed out after you follow all of the application procedures. The federal government can issue up to 2 coupons per household (which have no monetary value) as long as supplies last.

Where do I go if I still have questions?

Some of the resources you can turn to if you still have questions about the transition, the converter box, or your television are provided here for your convenience.

•www.dtvtransition.org 1 888 DTV-2009 (1 888 388-2009)

•www.dtv.gov 1 888 CALL-FCC (1888 225-5322)

•www.ntiadtv.gov 1 866 296-1107

•www.dtv2009.gov 1 800 DTV-2009

•www.getreadyfordigitaltv.com 202 222-2300

•www.dtvanswers.com 202 429-5300

Caroline County Humane Society Barn Cat Program

The Caroline County Humane Society has recently began their Barn Cat Program. Based upon recommendations and guidelines set forth by national feral cat groups, this program is designed to save the lives of cats that come to the shelter that may not be considered "adoptable" under other standards, or are unhappy or unsuited to life solely inside. They require that two cats be adopted together.



Cats in the barn cat program fall into three categories:

- Cats whose litter box habits are not consistent enough to be indoor only cats, and who have lived or spent time outside per previous owner.
- Cats who were found as strays,

and who may be too independent to appreciate living in a house.

- Cats who are shy/fearful of people, and prefer the company of other cats and animals.

The cats are tested for feline leukemia and FIV, are spayed/neutered, wormed, vaccinated and ear-tipped (a form of identification for feral cats).

They have already adopted out their first two barn cats to a family in Ridgely. They have reported that the cats have adjusted well, and are doing great.

Want more information? They have established guidelines and requirements in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of "barn cat candidates." Find out more at: www.carolinehumane.org/barn_cat.html or call 410-820-1600.

Home Safety During Your Vacation

If you are planning on traveling and being away from home soon, notify the Police Department as they can do a premise check of your property while you are away.

Always lock your home's doors and windows, even if you're only gone for a few minutes.

Compact or dispose of packaging discreetly. Don't let criminals see what you are discarding.

Don't leave packages on porches or door steps. It makes easy access for thieves and draws unwanted attention to your home.

Community Arts Center Project
Last chance to paint a tile for your new Community Arts Center and Gallery!

Tiles will become a permanent part of the Community Arts Center & Gallery at 401 Market Street in Denton. Located in the Artsway, Denton's arts & entertainment district For \$25 these tiles offer a unique opportunity for expression while supporting a worthy cause. Tiles can be purchased and painted at Claybaker's 1 S. Washington St, Easton or call 410-479-1009 for more information.



Makes a great Christmas gift!
Visit the new Arts Center Gallery! Call for opening times 410-479-1009.

Denton Public Works . . .

Snow Plowing Policy

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.



New Public Works Website

After several months of development, we are pleased to announce the deployment of our new website www.dentonpublicworks.com.



The site includes news of the latest Town projects, the function and responsibilities of each department, the Annual Water Quality Report, seasonal tips, awards, and contact information. We hope you find it useful and informative. Please check in regularly as we will be posting updates on a daily basis.

Does Your House Have a Water Shut Off Valve Inside?

The Public Works Department has experienced many calls from residents this year 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. It is better to be pro-active in taking a few simple precautions and save yourself the mess, money, and aggravation frozen pipes cause.

What's the solution? Besides moving to Florida, installing a water shutoff valve 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

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

In addition to having a valve installed, pipes exposed to cold air should be properly insulated to further prevent problems. When temperatures drop below freezing, the pipes in the exterior walls and under your house could be affected. When water freezes inside a pipe, it expands and inevitably ruptures the pipe. Water damage can and will occur in a short amount of time.

Wrap insulation around water pipes that are close to the ground or in unheated spaces such as the attic. 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.

For more information, contact Mark Chandler at 410-479-5446.

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050
www.dentonpublicworks.com



RECYCLING GUIDE - What to Recycle and Where

Reduce (change consumption), **Reuse** (yard sales, www.freecycle.org, 2nd hand,...), **Recycle** (see below)!



	MATERIAL*	YES Please	NO Thanks
	Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books, Unwanted Mail, Office Paper, most other paper that tears.	Some programs now can mix all papers. Window envelopes & staples are OK.	No plastic bags, hard cover books, food residue, tissues, non-paper items, metal clips & binders.
	Cardboard	Keep clean & dry Flatten	No wax coated cardboard, packing material, paperboard (cereal boxes).
	Metal Cans – Aluminum, Steel, Tin, Bi-metal	Empty & Rinse Remove paper labels	No residue, dirty foil No scrap metal.
	Glass Bottles & Jars Clear, Brown, Green & Blue	Empty & Rinse Bottles & Jars Only	No lids, window glass, ceramics, pyrex, mirrors, light bulbs ...
	Plastic Bottles #1 & #2 Bottles & Jugs <i>with a neck</i>	Empty & Rinse Flatten if possible	No tubs, trays, lids, auto & garden product bottles, bags ...
	Used Motor Oil & Antifreeze accepted at most <u>transfer</u> stations	Collect in a leak proof container. DO NOT MIX.	Fuels, Hazardous, Unknown materials.
	Appliances, Clothing & Textiles, Scrap Metal, Tires, Boat Shrink Wrap, Electronics, Other Items	Check for details at most <u>transfer</u> stations and special collections (ex. eCycle)	
	Plastic Bags	At most grocery stores	Residue, trash, etc.
	Household Hazardous Waste: Lawn & Garden Pesticides, Solvents, Cleaners, Oil-based paints, Fuels	Midshore Region – Spring & fall events planned. Label containers. DO NOT MIX.	NO business, industrial or commercial farm wastes.
	Leaves, Brush, Grass Clippings accepted at most <u>transfer</u> stations	Consider grasscycling & backyard composting	Plastic bags, animal wastes, food wastes, trash.

* Check or call local sites and programs for current policies, materials accepted & pilot projects.

WHERE in Midshore Region (Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's & Talbot Counties)

Midshore Regional Recycling Program: 410-758-6605, www.midshorerecycling.org, email: midshorerecycling@qac.org

Caroline County: 410-479-0520

Denton: Plaza Shopping Cntr (Rose's) Henderson: Melville Rd (Limited*) Ridgely: Bell St
 Federalsburg: IGA Parking Lot Hobbs Recycling/Transfer Station Templeville Igloo Center
 Federalsburg: Old Denton Rd (Limited*) Holly Rd Recycling /Transfer Station
 Greensboro: Carnival Grounds Preston Transfer Station: Back Landing Rd

Caroline **Curbside** Program: 800-475-5949

Kent County: 410-778-7448

Betterton: Beach Parking Lot Duck Puddle Drop-off Center Pomona: Pomona Store, Rte 289
 Chestertown: 500 Washington Ave Nicholson Drop-off Center Sharptown Drop-off Center

Countywide **Curbside** Recycling Program is a free service for residents

Queen Anne's County: 410-758-2697

Centreville: Banjo Lane Kent Island: Park & Ride (Western Auto) Kingstown: Fey Rd
 Centreville Transfer (Harper Rd) Kent Island: Batts Neck Transfer Millington: Glanding Transfer
 Chester: Bakers Liquor (off Rte 18) Kent Island: Bay Bridge Marina Queenstown: Friel Lumber
 Church Hill Transfer (Rte 405) Kent Island: Love Point Park Sudlersville: Southern States
 Grasonville Transfer (Gravel Run Rd) Kent Island: Romancoke (Cove Creek) Wye Mills: Rtes 50/404 Park & Ride

Q.A. **Curbside** Programs: Centreville, Queen Anne and Northern County 410-778-5949; Queenstown 410-827-7646

Talbot County: 410-770-8170 and Midshore Landfill: 410-820-8383

Bozman Store Easton Plaza St Michaels High School
 Cordova: Rte 309 near Fire Hall Town of Oxford: tennis courts Trappe: Shore Stop
 Easton: Next to Auto Zone St Michaels: Graul's Store Trappe: Next to Fire House
 Easton: Midshore Regional Landfill St Michaels Park (Perry Cabin Field)

Talbot **Curbside** Programs: Easton, Oxford, Queen Anne & St Michaels 800-475-5949

WHERE in Dorchester County 410-943-1700 or 410-943-1092

Secretary Transfer, Rte 14 Beulah Landfill, Rtes 16 & 331 Hurlock, Nealson St (under water tank)
 Golden Hill Transfer, Rte 336 Dorchester Square, Rtes 50 & 16 State Hwy Admin, Handley Rd (used oil only)

Denton Main Street . . .

2nd Annual Miracle on Market Street Deemed a Success



This year's Miracle on Market Street, sponsored by Downtown Denton Main Street Inc., brought many people downtown to eat, shop, watch the parade, and admire the beautifully decorated windows.

The Holiday Marketplace, held in two of the store fronts that formerly housed Tracy's Country Treasures, was filled with vendors selling a variety of hand-crafted and unique gift items. Items for sale included framed watercolors and note cards by Sewell Mills Ensemble and Rainbow Creations, jar candles and tea lights by G&S Candles, linens and pillows by BSB, NCHS cookbooks, bath and beauty products by Jordan Essentials, jewelry by Gabriel's Hidden Treasures, Creations by Cheri, and Barbara Martin Designs, handbags and holiday items by Thomas & Co., African clothing and jewelry by Doors to Africa, African baskets from Temale, Ltd, Tastefully Simple gourmet delights from Donna Piatt, Tupperware by Mildred Parks, and Jeanne's Pumpkin Rolls and warm apple cider.

The Holiday Market Place was also the setting for the gingerbread house contest entries. The winner of the Adult Category was Amy Clough with a wonderfully articulated

presentation of a Victorian House. The winner of the Young Adult category with a towering creation of gingerbread was C.J. Smith and the winner of the Under Twelve category was Wesleigh Gresh with a thatched roof house. The viewers' choice award for Young Adult was also C.J. Smith and the people's choice for Under Twelve was Emily Smith.

Entertainment was provided by the Denton Elementary School chorus, the Union Bethel Church, and the Preston Men's Choir, who each performed on one of the weekends. Shoppers also enjoyed free carriage rides each Saturday and visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus as well.

Twenty-seven of the downtown windows were decorated with the theme, "Season's Greetings from Around the World." The windows were judged by an official panel of judges and by the community as well. The official winners were as follows: First Place – Canada by Defining Moments Salon, Second Place – Italy by Firehouse Coffee and Third Place – Australia by Denise Quinn. The winner of the People's Choice award was Moravia by The What's New Shop and Cindy Draper and the winner of the Holiday Passport was Cay Cutright.

Holiday Parade Trophy Winners

Thursday, December 4th in downtown Denton was a magical place to be. The annual Denton Holiday parade was littered with creative floats, bands, and equestrian units. There were even special guests from Washington, D.C., the U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps.

Special congratulations to the following parade participants on their winning parade entries.

Youth Group

- 1st Daisy Troop 1114
- 2nd Cub Scout Troop 390

Antique Auto

- 1st Bill Towers
- 2nd Frank Bradley

Dance Troop

- 1st Men in Kilts
- 2nd CRHS Cheerleaders

Custom Auto

- 1st Chesapeake Classic Car Club
- 2nd Jim Hubbard

Fire Equipment

- 1st Denton VFC
- 2nd Ridgely VFC

Royalty

- 1st Caroline Dorchester County Queen, Nicole Kinnamon
- 2nd Easton VFC Queen, Marie Wilson

Marching Band

- 1st NCHS Band
- 2nd Lockerman Middle School

Best Use of Lights

- Silver Steppers Equestrian Group

Float

- 1st Homestead Manor
- 2nd TBA

Equestrian Unit

- 1st Maryland Rough Riders
- 2nd Silver Steppers Equestrian-Group

If trophies were not picked up during the parade, they can be picked up at the Denton Town Office 13 N. Third Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Classic Auto

- 1st Ray Melvin
- 2nd Alan Slaughter

Thank you to all of our parade participants and congratulations to the trophy winners.

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the 11 MML Districts (regions) throughout the state. A collectible, highly coveted geo coin will be given to the first 500 geocachers who locate a minimum of 22 city/town caches throughout the state. To be eligible for the coin, geocachers must pick up a passport at any participating visitor center, use the stamp in each cache on their passports and write in the cache code word. After at least 2 municipal caches in each district are discovered, geocachers may return to one of the county visitor centers and have their passports validated to receive a collectible coin.

things you will find in the Denton geocache are notepads and magnets from the Caroline County Office of Tourism.

Geocaching is fun and a great way to explore all that Maryland cities and towns have to offer. Discover municipal Maryland by blazing the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail!

You may download a list of participating cities/towns and the participating county visitor centers with addresses and hours of operation from MML's website www.mdmunicipal.org.

Among the many interesting

Denton Main Street Office
410-479-4315

Caroline County Council of Arts Adkins Arboretum to Sponsor 2009 Scholarship Available Art Competition

The Mark Grande Arts Scholarship fund has been established by the Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA) in honor of Mark Grande, who was the CCCA Executive Director before his death in 2005.

Mark was an extremely talented man who gave freely of his time in a number of areas. In addition to his duties with the CCCA, he was a musician and photographer. The fund will help graduating Caroline County students who are pursuing studies in the performing & visual arts.

This year the CCCA will award two (2) \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2009.

To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a graduating Caroline County High School Senior, have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and plan to study performing or visual arts at

a college or university by the fall of 2009.

Applications and detailed information can be obtained online at www.carolinearts.org, click on grants and awards and then scholarships, or call the CCCA at 410-479-1009.

Application submissions are due Tuesday March 31, 2009 to:

CCCA –

Mark Grande Arts Scholarship Fund, PO Box 292, Denton, MD 21629 or call 410-479-1009 by Monday, March 30, 2009 to

arrange a drop off time.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of May 2009

Award certificates will be presented at your high school's Awards Ceremony.

Award payments will be made in the scholarship recipient's name and paid directly to the college/university to which they are enrolled upon receipt of a copy of the acceptance letter from that school.



The Caroline County Council of Art's Community Art Gallery located at 401 Market St. is now open on a limited basis. The public is invited to view works of local artists and artisans. Call for opening hours 410-479-1009. A grand opening celebration will be scheduled soon, once final renovations are complete. Other art center services will be developed in the second phase of this project. Visit www.carolinearts.org for more info.

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, MD will sponsor its tenth annual Art Competition, to exhibit in February and March 2009. The theme of the competition—Discovering the Native Landscapes of the Coastal Plain—celebrates the Arboretum's mission of conservation. The Leon Andrus Award, in honor of the Arboretum's first benefactor, will be given to the competition's winner.

The competition is open to all original two- and three-dimensional fine arts. The show will be juried by digital images. The deadline for submissions is January 16, 2009. Digital images may be sent to art@adkinsarboretum.org. Submissions should include title, medium, and dimensions (maximum of 6 feet in any direction, excluding outdoor sculpture). Artists may submit up to three images. Submissions should reflect or interpret broadly the show's theme of wild nature and landscapes of the Mid-Atlantic coastal plain region.

The artists of work selected will be contacted by January 28 to submit the original art ready to hang by February 13. The exhibit will open Feb. 16 and will run through March, with a reception on Sat., Feb. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. There is

no fee for the competition, but artists are responsible for all shipping expenses. Selected artists may be considered for future exhibits at the Arboretum.

For additional information, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org/art.html, call 410-634-2847, extension 0, or send e-mail to info@adkinsarboretum.org.

The competition is part of Adkins Arboretum's ongoing exhibition series of work on natural themes by regional artists, supported in part by the Caroline County Council of Arts.

Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its Campaign to Build a Green Legacy, the Arboretum will build a new LEED-certified Arboretum Center and entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

Caroline Hospice Foundation Events

Thursday, January 22 Open House, "An Appreciation for Businesses at the Hospice Home, 2 p.m.- 7 p.m. Everyone welcome; Refreshments provided.

February 1st –12th. Send a Beautiful Valentine to Someone You Love. Hospice will send by email with a Victorian Photograph and your personalized message. 10 words only \$5.00; poem or 50 words only \$20. Email your message to carolinehospice@verizon.net and come to the Hospice Home to make payment; save on postage and delight your loved one and help Caroline



Hospice this year.

Friday, February 13 Valentine's Open House at the Hospice Home 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lite Refreshments provided. More details to come from the Hospice Angels.

Is your name Caroline? There will also be an invitation for any person whose first or second name is Caroline to join us at 6 p.m. for a photograph, a copy of the photo to be sent to each person named "Caroline." This is all in fun for Caroline County residents, bring your certificate of birth to add to the mirth. A prize for the youngest and the eldest.

For more information please call the Caroline County Hospice Foundation at 410-479-3500.

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ing lot on S. Fifth Ave. The tires are valued at \$720.00.

Date : 10/15/2008

Classification Theft: \$500 Plus value

Location : 1100 block INDUSTRIAL PARK WY

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Employees of Hertrich Chevrolet reported that person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converters from 17 vehicles that were on their lot. The loss amount is estimated at approximately \$15,000.00.

Date : 10/16/2008

Classification Armed Robbery

Location : 500 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police arrested Derrick Dolly, 21, and Kasey Dolly, 20, both of Federalsburg for armed robbery. Police responded to the Denton Pharmacy where employees reported that a white male, later identified as Derrick Dolly, had entered the pharmacy, brandished a handgun and demanded prescription medication. Once the medications were obtained the suspect fled the store and got into a white van. Witnesses were able to provide a tag number for the van. That van was observed by a Caroline County Sheriff's Deputy Detective turning onto Harmony Road from Shore Highway soon after the incident was reported. The detective followed the vehicle until other officers could assist in making a traffic stop. The vehicle traveled on back roads and eventually pulled into a driveway on Bullock Road where officers took the two suspects into custody. The medication and a handgun were recovered in the van. Both suspects were charged with two (2) counts each of armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, first degree assault and conspiracy to commit first degree assault. They were also charge with one (1) count each of theft less than \$500 and conspiracy to commit theft less than \$500.00. Both suspects were held at the Caroline County Detention Center on \$20,000.00 bail. Denton Police were assisted by the Caroline County Sheriff's

Office CID and Uniformed Patrol sections and the Maryland State Police Uniformed Patrol section.

Date : 10/17/2008

Classification Robbery

Location : 500 block MARKET ST
Denton Police are investigating a robbery. Ray Coleman, 36 of Grasonville, reported that three unknown black males assaulted Coleman and removed undisclosed property from Coleman's pockets. Coleman was transported to Memorial Hospital at Easton for treatment of minor injuries.

Date : 10/24/2008

Classification Under age possession of alcoholic bevq

Location : 500 block MARKET ST

Denton Police charged a 15 year old male of Denton with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage. Police were patrolling in the area of the alley behind the 500 block of Market Street when they observed two males whom police observed together, separate and walk in opposite directions. Police ordered the pair to stop for investigative purposes. Pat downs were conducted and a partially consumed bottle of an alcoholic beverage was located on the person of the 15 year old. The 15 year old was charged via juvenile citation with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage and released to a guardian.

Date : 10/24/2008

Classification Under age possession of alcoholic bevq

Location : 600 block N SIXTH ST

Denton Police charged a 16 year old male of Ridgely and a 17 year old male of Goldsboro with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage. Police were conducting a foot patrol in the McDonalds parking lot when they observed a cooler in the back of the truck. A conversation ensued between the owner of the truck, the 16 year old, and police. The 16 year old admitted that the cooler contained alcoholic beverages and that those beverages belonged to the 17 year old. Both were issued citations and released to guardians.

Date : 10/26/2008

Classification DWI / DUI

Location : 500 block MARKET ST
Denton Police charged Paul Iwatsu, 41, of Seaford, DE, with DUI and driving suspended. Police observed a 1997 Ford Van traveling the wrong way on N. Fifth Street (a one way street). Police stopped the vehicle and found the operator to be Iwatsu. Police noticed an odor of an alcoholic beverage about Iwatsu's breath and person and requested that he submit to field sobriety tests. Iwatsu agreed and based on the results of those tests Iwatsu was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. A check of MVA records also revealed that Iwatsu's privilege to drive was suspended. Iwatsu was issued citations for DUI/DWI, driving suspended and driving the wrong way on a one way street. Iwatsu was released on his signature to a responsible person.

Date : 10/26/2008

Classification DWI / DUI

Location : FRANKLIN ST

Denton Police arrested Steven Allen, 18, of Denton, for DUI. Police stopped a 2003 Chevrolet pickup for speeding (35 mph in a 25 mph zone) and found the operator to be Allen. Police observed an odor of alcoholic beverages while speaking with Allen and requested that he perform field sobriety tests. Based on the results of those tests Allen was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. Allen was charged on citation with DUI and violating a license restriction. Allen was released to a responsible party after signing all citations.

Date : 10/27/2008

Classification Theft less than \$100

Location : 100 block MARKET ST
Denton Police are investigating a theft. Employees of the Caroline County Library advised that a cheesecake was donated for a charity event being hosted at the Library. A volunteer reported to staff that he observed a young black male with a cheesecake but thought that he was delivering the cake.

Date : 10/27/2008

Classification Assault 2nd Degree

Location : 200 block MARKET ST
Denton Police arrested John Shulties, 25, of Denton for assault. Police responded to the 200 block of Market Street for the report of a domestic disturbance. Jessica Cartrette, 19, reported that Shulties had struck Cartrette during an argument. Further investigation led to Shulties arrest. Shulties was taken into custody without incident and charged with one count of second degree assault. Shulties was released on his own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date : 10/28/2008

Classification Burglary 2nd Degree / General

Location : 600 block GAY ST

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Mary Orr reported that person(s) unknown entered her residence and removed a TV, VCR, DVD combo unit. The set is valued at \$100.00.

Date : 10/29/2008

Classification MDOP Under \$500

Location : 200 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Scott Sefton reported that he observed two juvenile white males throwing pieces of brick at Sefton's greenhouse, causing the glass to break. Sefton stated he approached the juveniles but they fled on foot. Police searched the area and were unable to locate the suspects. Total damage is estimated at \$200.00.

Date : 10/30/2008

Classification MDOP over \$500

Location : 200 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police are investigating a vandalism. Kenneth Gornic reported that person(s) unknown damaged several sections of vinyl fencing that borders his property. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.00.

Date : 10/31/2008

Classification MDOP Under \$500

Location : 1100 block COURSEY LN

Denton Police are investigating a vandalism. Robert Pascarella reported that person(s) unknown

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wrote vulgar words on the windows of his car with soap. There was no permanent damage.

Date : 11/01/2008
Classification DWI / DUI
Location : SHORE HIGHWAY
Denton Police charged Oscar Chavez, 31, of Rehoboth, DE, with DUI and driving without a license. Police responded to Shore Highway at Legion Road for a motor vehicle collision. The investigation revealed that a 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt, operated by Chavez, was traveling west on Shore Highway. A 1992 Ford Explorer, operated by Rebecca Squier, 23, of Hurlock, was stationary in the west bound turn lane when the Cobalt struck the Explorer in the rear, forcing it through the intersection. Both drivers were transported to local hospitals by EMS. During the investigation police noted an odor of alcoholic beverages about the breath and person of Chavez. They also observed various empty alcoholic beverage containers inside the Cobalt. A check of MVA records revealed that Chavez did possess a driver's license. Based on the above information Chavez was issued citations for DUI/DWI, driving w/o a license, failing to control speed to avoid a collision and not wearing a seat belt. Chavez was processed and taken before a District Court Commissioner who ordered Chavez held on \$3,000.00 bail.

Date : 11/02/2008
Classification Arson 1st Degree
Location : GAY ST
Denton Police are investigating a suspicious fire. Police were contacted by Public Works employees who discovered that a trash can on the corner of Gay and Fifth had been burned. Total damage is estimated at \$84.00.

Date : 11/06/2008
Classification Theft less than \$100
Location : 600 block GAY ST
Denton Police are investigating a theft. Tony Harvey reported that sometime between 11:30 p.m. on November 5 and 8:00 a.m. on November 6, 2008 person(s) unknown

removed approximately \$60.00 worth of gasoline from his vehicle. Harvey did notice that the fuel door was open on the vehicle.

Date : 11/07/2008
Classification Possession W/ Intent to Dist
Location : LEGION RD
Denton Police arrested John Mack, 18, of Preston, and Nicholas Richards, 19, of Harrington, DE, for drug violations. Police stopped a 1993 Ford Tempo for speeding (35 mph in a 25 mph zone) on Legion Road. The operator was identified as Richards and the passenger as Mack. A K-9 scan was conducted on the vehicle and the K-9 indicated a presence of CDS. A search was conducted and police recovered four (4) baggies of suspected marijuana from inside the vehicle. The amount of suspect marijuana recovered was of such a quantity that indicated intent to distribute. Both Mack and Richards were charged with possession of CDS and possession of CDS w/ intent to distribute. Both were released on \$5,000.00 unsecured bond after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Date : 11/08/2008
Classification Driving on a Suspend License
Location : GAY ST
Denton Police charged Eleazar Martinez, 30, of Hagerstown, with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 1998 Dodge Neon traveling east on Gay Street and Gay Street is a one way street going west. Police stopped the vehicle and identified the operator as Martinez. Martinez was issued citations for driving the wrong way on a one way road and driving suspended and released on his signature.

Date : 11/08/2008
Classification Theft less than \$100
Location : 200 block CAROLINE APARTMENTS
Denton Police are investigating the theft of a bicycle. Dan Dyott reported that person(s) unknown removed an unknown brand green bike from in front of Dyott's residence. The

bike is valued at \$99.00.

Date : 11/09/2008
Classification MDOP Under \$500
Location : 500 block RANDOLPH ST
Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Douglas Mullins reported that person(s) unknown by unknown means damaged a window at his residence. Damage is estimated at \$200.00.

Date : 11/10/2008
Classification Theft less than \$100
Location : 100 block N THIRD ST
Denton Police are investigating a theft. Larry Davis reported that person(s) unknown removed the license tag, MD 13632M6, from his 1998 Ford while it was parked in the municipal lot at Fourth and Gay Streets.

Date : 11/12/2008
Classification MDOP Under \$500
Location : N FIFTH ST
Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Employees of the Denton Public Works Department reported that person(s) unknown, by unknown means, damaged the windshield of a 1996 GMC pickup that was parked on Town property in the area of N. Fifth and Gay Streets. Damage is estimated at \$350.00.

Date : 11/15/2008
Classification MDOP Under \$500
Location : 200 block MARYLAND AV
Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Deborah Spuduck reported that person(s) unknown, by unknown means, caused damaged to the siding and a decorative sign on her house. Police observed a hole in the siding and that a "Welcome" sign had been destroyed and put into a planter. Damage is estimated at \$165.00.

Date : 11/16/2008
Classification Burglary 2nd Degree / General
Location : 600 block SUNNYSIDE AV
Denton Police are investigating an attempted burglary. Police responded to the Caroline Counseling Cen-

ter where cleaning personnel reported that person(s) unknown had broken a window in an attempt to enter the building. Police observed evidence that the suspect(s) did try and open the window but were unable to do so due to precautions taken by Center staff. Nothing was reported stolen and damaged is estimated at \$100.00.

Date : 11/16/2008
Classification Driving on revoked license
Location : SHORE HIGHWAY
Denton Police charged William Wilson, 31, of Rehoboth, DE, for driving on a suspended license. Police stopped a 2000 Chevrolet pickup for an equipment violation (headlight out). Police requested a license from the operator but the operator could not provide one but gave the name of Robert L. Wilson. A check of MVA records revealed that Robert Wilson was deceased. William Wilson then admitted that Robert was William's brother and that Robert was indeed deceased. A further check of MVA records revealed that Williams's privilege to drive was suspended and revoked through DE. William advised this is why he gave his brother's name. William was issued citations for driving suspend and revoked and providing the license of another and released on his signature.

Date : 11/17/2008
Classification Burglary 3rd Degree
Location : 400 block GAY ST
Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Page Adams reported that she was awakened at about 3:30 a.m. by a male voice yelling at her door. When Adams went to investigate by opening the door, a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, wearing a dark colored coat pushed Adams into a table and entered the residence. Adams and the suspect got into a struggle and Adams was able to get the suspect to leave. Nothing was reported stolen during this incident.

Date : 11/17/2008
Classification Fail to Obey Lawful Order of Police Officer

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Location : RIVERVIEW GARDENS

Denton Police charged Larry Friend, 40, of Denton, and De Andre Ryans, 20, of Denton, for failing to obey the lawful order of a police officer. Police were investigating an assault that involved Friend and a juvenile (who is the cousin of Ryans) when Ryans came to the scene. Friend taunted Ryans and Ryans attempted to fight with Friend. Police ordered both suspects to cease their behavior and neither complied. Both were taken into custody and charged with failing to obey a lawful order of a police officer. Both were issued citations and released on their signature.

Date : 11/23/2008

Classification Driving on a Suspend License

Location : N SIXTH ST

Denton Police charged Antwine Thomas, 20, of Denton, with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 1998 Dodge traveling south on N. Sixth Street in the area of Fleetwood Road with an equipment violation (tag light out). The vehicle was stopped and the operator identified as Thomas. A check of MVA records revealed that Thomas' license was suspended for failing to appear in District Court. Thomas was issued a citation for driving suspended and released on his signature.

Date : 11/27/2008

Classification Driving on a Suspend License

Location : MARKET ST

Denton Police charged Matthew Dixon, 24, of Greensboro, with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 2008 Ford Van fail to stop at the stop sign at Pearson Road and Market Street. Police stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Dixon. A check of MVA records revealed that Dixon's privilege to drive had been suspended. Dixon was issued citations and released.

Date : 11/29/2008

Classification MDOP over \$500

Location : 500 block FLEETWOOD

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Denton Police arrested Kasel Seth, 21, of St. Michaels, for MDOP. Police responded to the Best Western where employees reported that Seth had destroyed several items within the hotel and the room that Seth was renting. Police made contact with Seth and observed that Seth appeared to be extremely intoxicated and refused to comply with Officers orders. Seth was taken into custody and during that process Seth banged his head into a wall causing a hole. Police also noted other damage to the hall walls and damage in the room. Damage is estimated at \$750.00. Seth was processed and charged with MDOP over \$500, disorderly intoxication and fail to obey a lawful order of a police officer. Seth was ordered held at the Caroline County Detention Center after an initial appearance hearing.

Date : 11/30/2008

Classification Disturb the Peace

Location : 400 block S FIFTH AV

Denton Police charged Shakilah Ricks, 18, of Hurlock and Tiona Taylor, 26, of Denton, with disturbing the peace. Police responded to the Denton Volunteer Fire Company for the report of a large fight in progress. On arrival police observed a crowd of people (approximately 80 to 100) in the street and in the rear parking lot. Police also observed Ricks and Taylor engaged in a physical altercation. Police were able to separate the two and take them into custody. The remainder of the crowd was dispersed. Ricks and Taylor were both charged with disturbing the peace and released. They were both also referred to the District Court Commissioners Office to pursue charges for the mutual assault. There was also damage to the DVFC building (inside) during this incident.

Date : 12/01/2008

Classification Burglary 2nd Degree / General

Location : 0 block ENGERMAN AV

Denton Police are investigating a burglary. Oliver McKinney reported

that person(s) unknown cut the lock to a self storage bin that McKinney rented at the Denton Self Storage and removed an unknown make large professional speaker valued at \$700.00.

Date : 12/02/2008

Classification Theft less than \$100
Location : 100 block FRANKLIN ST

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Employees of Bargain Beverage reported that an unknown black female, approximately 15-16 years of age, attempted to steal a bottle of liquor. Employees observed the female remove a bottle from a shelf and conceal it in a handbag. When confronted the female removed the bottle from the bag and ran out of the store.

Date : 12/16/2008

Classification Assault 2nd Degree
Location : 300 block S FOURTH ST

Denton Police arrested Amy Wittig, 34 year old female of Denton, for assault. Police were contacted by William Eward who advised that he and Wittig had gotten into a physical altercation and that Wittig had struck him several times in the face. Wittig had left the area prior to police arriving so the victim was taken to the District Court Commissioner's Office where a warrant was issued. At approximately 10:00 pm police were called back to the residence because Wittig had returned. Wittig was taken into custody, processed and taken before a District

Court Commissioner who ordered Wittig released on \$3,000.00 unsecured bond.

Date : 12/08/2008

Classification Reckless Endangerment

Location : 0 block DENTON PZ

Denton Police arrested a 16 year old male of Denton for reckless endangerment. Police responded to the Denton Plaza parking lot for a report of a male shooting a gun at vehicles. While police were responding the suspect was reported to have entered Roses Department Store. Denton officers, along with a Caroline County Deputy Sheriff and a Maryland State Trooper entered the store and located a male matching the description given. The suspect was patted down and an Airsoft gun, loaded with three plastic pellets, was located concealed in the rear waistband of the suspects pants. A bottle of plastic pellets for the weapon was also located on the suspect along with a pack of cigarettes. The suspect was taken into custody and referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice charged with reckless endangerment, concealing a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct and a tobacco violation. The suspect was released to a guardian.

Anyone with information regarding any of the above incidents is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414 or via e-mail at tips@todpolice.com.



Denton Town Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2008

Executive Session

The Denton Town Council held an executive session at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel and private business matters and receive legal advice from the Town Attorney.

All Council members were present during this meeting along with Town Administrator, Town Attorney and William Kastning, Denton Planning and Codes. No action was taken and meeting concluded at 6:59 PM.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Foster called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008, meeting reflecting the Council's questions and concerns of Ordinance 566 "Administrative Search Warrants, Rights of Entry," seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Public Hearing

Ordinance #565

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to receive public comments on Ordinance # 565- an ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting the 2006 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, as amended by this ordinance, as the Town of Denton Property Maintenance Code, and repealing and reenacting Chapter 94 of the Denton Town Code.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public – there were none

With no further comments Mayor

Foster closed this public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Ordinance #566

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:05 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #566 an Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Chapter 20 of the Denton Town Code to add Section 20-13 titled "Administrative Search Warrants; Rights of Entry" to establish the standards and requirement for obtaining an administrative search warrant to enter a premise located within the Town of Denton.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State- there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council- there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public- there were none

Mr. Michael Daniels from 14 N Fourth Street expressed concerns that he thought this action would be dangerous to the liberties of the citizens and be an invasion of privacy. He felt that this would open a "flood gate" and asked the Council to vote no.

The Town Attorney remarked that this would be used when a public nuisance in house would affect the public safety. The warrant would be for a specific nature, scope, and location that could not be deviated from.

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

Ordinance #567

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:12 PM to receive comments on Ordinance #567-an Ordinance of the Town of Denton re-approving the establishment of a Redevelopment District Floating Zone and amending the official zoning map to re-establish a redevelopment district for certain parcels of land located in the Town of Denton and identified in the tax records of Caroline County as Parcels 780,781,

782,783,784,785,786,787,788, and 792 of tax map 103.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State - there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council. Councilman Clendaniel asked Representative Ernesto Zamparino if they were ready to go on with the project. (Discussion continued under Adoption of Ordinances at later time.)

Mayor Foster asked for comment, from the Public – there were none.

With no further comment Mayor Foster closed the public hearing at 7:14 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication

Kathleen Freeman, Caroline County Director of Planning and Codes-

This item was previously on the September 8th agenda and was deferred to October meeting. The County is seeking a municipalities' agreement to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to account for historic and natural resources when planning within the Upper Choptank River and Tuckahoe Creek watersheds. Caroline County, Templeville, Henderson, Marydel and Goldsboro have signed thus far. Ms. Freeman presented to the Denton Planning Commission at its August 26 meeting and the Commission recommends the Town Council sign the MOU.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion seconded by Councilman Porter to authorize the Mayor to sign for the Town, Resolution 708, passing unanimously.

Proclamations

A proclamation was presented to Charles Andrew of the Caroline County Corrections Department in honor of his retirement and 33 years of service by Councilman Robert Clendaniel on September 28, 2008. Staff will amend proclamation to correct spelling of name.

A proclamation was presented to Walter G. Kerslake Jr. in celebration of his 100th birthday on September 26th by Councilman Lester Branson.

Caroline County Commissioners

Correspondence was received from the Caroline County Commissioners requesting support for an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that would require that each county in the state have at least one resident delegate.

Councilman Porter made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the Town, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Resolution 707

A resolution of the Town of Denton approving the application for funding and receipt of financing for a Community Legacy Project in Denton Maryland. Funding is being requested for the Arts and Entertainment District.

Councilman Branson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Porter to approve the request, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #561 Authorization of Settlement of the Purchase and Acquisition- Lots 11 & 12

An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the settlement of the purchase and acquisition of Lots 11 and 12 in the Denton Industrial Park.

This item was previously on the September 8th agenda and deferred to the October meeting until confirmation that farm lease issues had been resolved.

After discussion Councilman Branson made a motion for staff to go back to the owner and advise that the Town would be agreeable to purchasing the property at the original price of \$35,000 but not at the revised price of 37,000. Motion was seconded by Robert Clendaniel, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #565 Adoption of 2006 Edition of Property Maintenance Code

An ordinance authorizing

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adoption of the 2006 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and repealing and reenacting Chapter 94.

Councilman Porter made a motion to adopt this Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #566 Amendment to Chapter 20 of the Denton Town Code to add Section 20-13 Entitled "Administrative Search Warrants, Rights of Entry"

This ordinance will establish the standards and requirements for obtaining an administrative search warrant to enter a premise located within the Town of Denton. Councilman Clendaniel emphasized with the concerns of Mr. Daniels.

Councilman Branson questioned the need for this ordinance from Town Attorney.

Mayor Foster remarked that from experience search warrants are not easy to obtain and the Judge will critique each request. But for the public safety, it is necessary that this be available. Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to adopt this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Branson, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #567 Re-approving the Establishment of Redevelopment District Floating Zone

An ordinance of the Town of Denton re-approving the establishment of a Redevelopment District Floating Zone and amending the official zoning map to re-establish a redevelopment district for certain parcels of land located in the Town of Denton and identified in the tax records of Caroline County as parcels 780,781,782,783,784,786,787,788 and 792 of tax map 103.

Ernesto Zamparini was there to represent the project.

Councilman Moore asked if they were ready to proceed and if they could adhere to the time line. Mr. Zamparini said there was a delay with 2 of the property owners which will soon be resolved.

Mr. William Kastings advised Mr. Zamparini that he needed to be

on the agenda for the next planning commission meeting so that he could apply to get preliminary and final approval as soon as possible.

Councilman Porter remarked that he had many citizens complain about the condition of the vacant lot and weeds. He cautioned Mr. Zamparini about the appearance of the lots.

Councilman Branson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore to adopt Ordinance 567 subject to the lots being continued to be maintained, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #568 Planning Commission Composition

Ordinance #568 an ordinance to add one alternate member for a five year term and to make an appointment of an ex officio Town Council member optional.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #568, seconded by Councilman Porter, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 569- 323 Market Street

Ordinance #569 an ordinance authorizing the purchase and acquisition of certain property located at 323 Market Street, Denton, Maryland.

Councilman Branson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel to introduce Ordinance #569, motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Wal-Mart Traffic Study

Information that was missing from September meeting was presented to Council. William Kastning, from Planning and Codes, elaborated on the impact of Wal-Mart traffic on Legion Road and other surrounding roads. Councilman Branson questioned what an engineer would say versus traffic study?

Market Street Parking

Mr. Aaron Edwards of 602 Market Street expressed his opinions regarding the parking changes on Market Street. He has concerns of speed on the street now. He does not have adequate parking in back

of his house. He acknowledges the problems the fire company has on the street. He suggested Market Street be one way and there be a four way stop, reduce parking on the street and paint lines and have designated parking.

Councilman Moore apologized to the residents that they were not notified beforehand. He has talked to residents who have problems backing out of driveway into the street from between parked cars. After some thought he thinks the one way street with 4 way stops may be an option. Possibly this needs to be looked at for more options.

Scott Getchell, from Public Works, still feels that no parking is the best solution. William Kastings had 4 phone calls and said that support was found for some of the problems.

Town resident John Webster spoke on his opinion of one-way traffic on the street

and suggested that the town look at other visibility issues, such as trees and bushes.

Mayor Foster thanked the staff for their hard work and thanked Mr. Edwards for his concern, and said that the Council needs to be sensitive to the needs and safety of the citizens, but he still feels the need to go with the original suggestion of no parking on Market Street.

Councilman Porter also addressed his concerns with the speed on the street. Councilman Moore made a motion to delay any action on this and table it till the

November meeting.

The Council would like to walk through the area with Mr. Webster and others to see first hand. Motion seconded by Councilman Branson, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Acquisition to Purchase Police K-9

Chief Cox came before the Council seeking authorization from the Town Council to purchase a second Police K-9. The Department would use funds from a previous donation drive and funds from current budget to obtain this K-9. The department would use drug

seizure funds along with the new donations to repay the FY09 budget. The new K-9 would be assigned to Cpl. Komenda's patrol group so that there would be a K-9 on duty each day. The new K-9 would be the same breed Malinois they currently use and would have the same capabilities as Bart. Bart was used in 115 K-9 deployments with 19 of them for out-of-area calls from September '06 to September 08.

Councilman Clendaniel asked about liability insurance. He was advised that it would be between five and six hundred dollars per year thru LGIT.

Councilman Moore made a motion to authorize Chief Cox to acquire the new K-9, seconded by Councilman Branson. Staff advised that this acquisition was a goal in the budget and money will be offset by seized money and donations, motion passed unanimously.

Acquisition of Vehicle

Chief Cox came before the Council to seek authorization to purchase a 2009 Dodge Avenger for \$16,343 under State of Maryland contract from Hertrich Fleet Services Inc. The vehicle will be obtained through a loan from Provident State Bank at an interest rate of 3.98% which came in at the lowest rate from all of the banks. The car, a mid-size four door vehicle with a 2.7 liter V-6 engine capable of 30 MPG, would be used by Detective Secrist since she travels outside the Denton area on department business and does not need a full-size police vehicle. The FY-09 budget had \$18,000 earmarked for the purchase of a police vehicle this year.

Councilman Porter asked if the money was in the budget. The staff replied that it was in the budget offset by loan.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve Resolution 709 to authorize Chief Cox to purchase vehicle with loan through Provident State Bank at 3.98 % seconded by Councilman Porter, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Porter also requested that Chief Cox do whatever

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he could do to end some of the crime in the area.

Donohue Application for Zoning Amendment

Attorney George Nier represented Mr. and Mrs. Donohue in regards to their property at 808 S. Fifth Avenue. They would like to have their property zoning classification changed from SR (Suburban Residential) to HC (Highway Commercial). Mr. Donohue owns the house that was built in 1910 and asked with the change that the house not be demolished, but be used either as a residence or retail business.

Councilman Moore made a motion, seconded by Councilman Branson to refer to Planning Commission for action, motion passed unanimously.

Rede, LLC – Raymond Briscuso Application for Zoning Amendment.

A request from Rede, LLC for their property at the corner of Route 313 and Caroline Street, to have zoning classification changed from TR (Town Residential) to GC (General Commercial) was reviewed.

Councilman Branson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore to forward this to Planning Commission for action, motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Porter abstaining due to being an adjoining property owner.

MOU Caroline Human Service Council for Chesapeake Culinary Center

This is a request for the Town of Denton, as Property owner of the Old Caroline School House, to enter into an agreement with The Caroline Human Service Council and Friends of the Grape for purposes of evidencing its consent and to express its commitment to enter into a long term lease of the property.

Councilman Moore made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU on behalf of the Town Council, seconded by Councilman Branson, motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Clendaniel abstaining.

Small Business Loan Release

The Town of Denton has been

notified of a proposed change in the 104 Woman's Denton, LLC ownership (Lily Pad Café). Per Brynja Booth the LLC will remain intact; the only amendment required would be partial release from the Guaranty executed as part of the loan closing for 104 Woman's Denton, LLC.

Councilman Porter made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and approve the release agreements, seconded by Councilman Branson, motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Clendaniel abstaining due to parties being a client of his.

Mayor Foster asked the Town Attorney to prepare information for an ordinance that would require advance notice for any special events in town. The Council should be familiar with activities going on in town, such as road closed, excessive noise etc. Staff and attorney will prepare something for the Working Session in October.

With no further discussion, Councilman Branson made a motion to close the meeting at 8:55 PM, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

October 20, 2008

At 8:02 PM following the Council working session and special executive session the Denton Town Council held a special meeting.

Special Meeting

At 8:02 PM Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to convene a special meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Branson, and unanimously approved.

Upon convening the special session, Councilman Branson made a motion to obtain legal counsel to assist in a personnel matter, which was seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, and unanimously approved. The Council directed Attorney Booth to obtain appropriate legal counsel to assist the town with the personnel matter.

There being no further business, the special meeting was concluded at 8:05 p.m.

November 3, 2008Regular Meeting

Mayor Foster called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date

leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008 working session, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing with Councilman Porter abstaining due to being absent during that meeting.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008 special meeting, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing with Councilman Porter abstaining due to being absent during that meeting.

Public HearingOrdinance #568

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:04 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #568 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Section 128.162A of the Town Code to provide for an alternate member to the Denton Planning Commission, and to ensure that the composition and appointment of the Planning Commission Members is consistent with Article 66B, Section 3.02 of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public – there were none

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Ordinance #569

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:05 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance # 569 – An ordinance of the Town

of Denton authorizing to purchase an acquisition of certain property located at 323 Market Street, Denton, MD.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the State – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the County – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Public – there were none

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrances, and CommunicationSilver Star Banner Day 2009

A request received from Sunshine Roth, Silver Star Families of America (SSFOA) State Representative for Illinois, for a proclamation in recognition of Silver Star Banner Day was reviewed by the Council. The Town Administrator provided an overview that this was to show support for the wounded of our Armed Forces. Councilman Clendaniel mentioned that there is also a Gold Star group for those that are currently serving.

Councilman Branson made a motion to have the Mayor sign a proclamation, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to recognize by giving thanks and support to all of those serving in the Military, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously. Staff was asked to prepare a proclamation for Veterans Day to be signed by all of the Council members.

Ordinances and ResolutionsOrdinance # 568

An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Section 128.162A of the Town Code to provide for an alternate member to the Denton Planning Commission, and to ensure that the composition and appointment of the Planning Commission is

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consistent with Article 66B, Section 3.02 of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #568, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #569

An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the purchase and acquisition of 323 Market Street Denton, MD. Staff advised that an application for grant funds to acquire this property will be submitted.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #569 as long as the contract states that purchase is based on receiving the grant funds. No grant, no do, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Main Street Manager

The Town Administrator introduced Mrs. Ann Jacobs as the new Denton Downtown Main Street Manager. Mrs. Jacob invited the Council to attend the Main Street planning session on Nov. 5, 2008 at 5:00 to be held in the Museum of Rural Life. The meeting will be to discuss what everyone envisions in downtown Denton.

Mayor Foster welcomed Mrs. Jacobs aboard.

Reports of Officers, Board and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Market Street Parking

At the October 20, 2008, working session, members of the Denton Town Council walked Market Street to review proposed parking restrictions adopted by the Denton Town Council at their September 8, 2008 meeting. This item was placed on the agenda for follow up discussion from the last meeting. Mr. Aaron Edwards had also submitted a letter in writing to the Town Council seeking the opportunity to discuss this issue. The Council was also provided an email letter from Ms. Amy Kreiner with comments about the parking.

Councilman Moore started the discussion by saying that he had considered parking one-way, two-

way stops and the effects on the traffic flow. The biggest concern was for the fire trucks being able to make the turn onto Market. Councilman Moore expressed that he had spent a lot of time visiting the street observing and that he felt it would be best to leave the decision as was decided before, to have no parking on Market St. from 6th St. to Gay St.

Councilman Clendaniel agreed with Councilman Moore saying that he was sympathetic to the residents in this area, but that the decision to make no parking was the best solution. He would also like to do something to control the speed.

Councilman Moore asked to have Scott, Chief and Bill look into ways to slow the traffic down.

Councilman Moore made a motion to leave the last motion as it stands, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Mayor Foster mentioned that they need to address when to uncover the signage and make the no parking effective so it can appear in the newspaper.

Councilman Moore made a motion to make this effective December 1, 2008, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Mr. Edwards wanted to make sure that it would be plowed for snow.

New Business

Agenda #1 – AT&T Lease Amendment

Black Dot Wireless, who represents AT&T, requested an amendment to the lease agreement between the Town of Denton and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (Owned by AT&T). The lease pertains to equipment installed on the Camp Road water tower. A copy of the letter explaining the reasons for the request from Black Dot Wireless was provided. The new amendment will result in reduced lease payments for an extended term. In addition, if the Town Council approves the amendment, AT&T has agreed to wait until the beginning of the next fiscal year to implement the new agreement. The Public Works Director requests the

Council authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Council asked for staff to pull together the current fees collected and terms and bring back.

Councilman Porter made a motion to table a decision on this item until the Council is provided additional information, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 - Land Use Agreement

Ms. Beaven, who owns property adjacent to property owned by the Town of Denton in the Industrial Park, requested permission to allow a farmer to use the Town property in conjunction with her property. This would alleviate the Town from having to keep the grass cut throughout the growing season. A lease agreement was drafted and sent to Mr. Michael Brown, who is the interested farmer. The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. Staff is still waiting on Mr. Brown's signature if accepted as written. The Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Councilman Branson made a motion to sign the lease agreement, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3- End of the Year Bonus

The End of the Year Bonus was included in the FY2009 Budget at the same level that was funded in prior years of 1% of regular pay.

Councilman Branson made a motion to continue with giving the Bonus, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #4 - Holiday Schedule

This year Christmas and New Years will be observed on Thursday and the offices will be closed on these holidays. Discussion was held about whether the office hours should be adjusted for Christmas Eve and New Year Eve. A listing of what some of the surrounding Municipalities and other Government Agencies are planning was provided.

Councilman Porter made a motion to table a decision and have staff bring back with what the cost

would be to provide an extra holiday and to poll the employees, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #5 - Homestead Tax Credit

The Denton Town Council previously set the Homestead Tax Credit percentage at 5%, which took effect July 1, 2008. If the Council wishes to make any changes (reduce or increase) to the tax credit percentage for July 1, 2009 it would need to be adopted by resolution and submitted to the State of Maryland by Nov. 25, 2008.

Councilman Moore made a motion to leave the tax credit percentage rate alone, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously. The Council directed Staff to bring this back for review annually.

Agenda #6 - Police Dept. Classification

The Factoring Committee completed the review of the class specifications for the Police Dept. creating a lieutenant position. This change was included in the FY09 budget, and was initially discussed during the FY-08 budget process which carried over into FY09. This is a new position and per the Factoring Committee guidelines, a recommendation was forwarded to the Town Council for consideration of adoption. The lieutenant position, if approved, will be in Grade II.

Chief Cox provided additional information and answered questions.

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the lieutenant job classification, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel. Further discussion was held on when to make effective. Councilman Moore amended the motion to make effective with the closest pay period to January 1, 2009, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #7 - Governor Hughes and Tribbett Memorial Contribution

A follow up request was made from the initial presentation on support for the memorial, for

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consideration of a contribution.

Councilman Porter made a motion to donate \$250 to the project, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing with Councilman Moore abstaining due to prior involvement in supplying the plaque.

Agenda #8 - Denton Development Corporation Artsway at Denton Request

Abby McNinch, Project Manager for the Denton Development Corporation requested an opportunity to provide the Council an update on the Artsway at Denton as well as a proposed Community Mosaic Project.

Abby McNinch and Lucille Coen came before the Council to discuss the proposed Community Mosaic Project and to ask for approval to locate the mosaic panels on the Town property located on North Fourth St.

Councilman Branson made a motion to let the Mosaic Panels Project to move forward stating that it adds to the community, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Mrs. McNinch provided an update to the Council about the status of 7 N. 4th St. and 9 N 4th St. project.

Mrs. McNinch talked with the Council about the Community Legacy Grant application for \$400,000 that has been submitted to continue the rehab work on 4th St. and advised that the application included the Denton Improvement Program for \$10,000 for the lease holders. This was informational only.

Agenda #9 - Chesapeake Culinary Center USDA Grant Application Request

Beth Brewster, with the Chesapeake Culinary Center, requested authorization from the Town Council for the submission of an application to USDA through the Town for additional grant funding to help get the funds necessary to complete the building.

Councilman Branson asked if the grant was being administered through the Town, would the Town receive funds to cover the admin. Staff advised that the grant could be

structured that way.

Councilman Clendaniel asked how the building will be utilized at one time as far as parking. Mrs. Brewster replied that the culinary students would be bussed over from the school and that there would be different schedules for other classes.

Councilman Moore made a motion for the Town to help facilitate the grant as requested, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing with Councilman Clendaniel abstaining.

Agenda #11 - Maryland Neighborhood Conservation Initiative

The State of Maryland announced a federal allocation of funds in the Neighborhood Stabilization funding authorized by Congress through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The Town was contacted by the State of Maryland asking the Town to consider working with the County to make an application for federal allocation of funds that may be available to the Town. The Phase I preliminary proposal is due by Nov. 5, 2008. Staff pulled together information for the Council to review seeking approval to submit a preliminary proposal. The final application is due in January 2009.

Councilman Porter made a motion to have staff prepare and submit the preliminary proposal, seconded by Councilman Moore, the motion passed 4 Yes with Councilman Clendaniel voting No. 4-1.

Traffic Study

Mark Keeley of Traffic Concepts, Inc. came before the Council to provide a brief overview of the simulated traffic study of Route 404 and Legion Road that has been completed. This item will be presented to the Council in more detail during the November 17, 2008 working session.

Special Events

The Town Attorney talked with the Council about permits for special events and suggested that if more discussion is needed, to place this item on the agenda for the working session.

The Mayor stated that he had thought about this and inquired with Odie Wheeler of Cambridge and

after looking at it, he thought this could be handled in house through the Town Administrator who could, as a courtesy, give the Council notice when an event is approved.

Moratorium

The Town Attorney mentioned that she had read in the newspaper where the Council had directed her to draft a moratorium ordinance, however did not remember the Council taking any action nor did the minutes reflect this instruction. She asked for looking for direction from the Council.

The Mayor asked for the Town Attorney to provide a template for the Council to review at the working session on November 17, 2008.

Gay St. Redevelopment

Ernesto Zamparini, a representative for the Gay St. redevelopment project, advised the Council that the agreements with the Dembys and the Fishers have been signed and the project is moving forward. Staff advised that this project has been placed on the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting of Nov. 25, 2008 for preliminary and working towards final approval. The stormwater management will also be discussed by the Planning Commission.

Crouse Farms

Mr. Bob Rauch took the opportunity to dispel a rumor about changes in the West Denton project.

Mr. Rowe advised the Council that the plans have not changed. They are proceeding with the project as directed by the Council, for an age restricted community.

Councilman Clendaniel asked if they still anticipate a build out of 3,000 units.

Mr. Rauch stated that the annexation agreement has the project to include about 3,000 units, however, it still needs to go through the planning process with the Planning Commission and they will be willing to work with the Town on this.

Executive Session

At 8:59 PM Councilman Porter made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss a real estate matter, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

At 9:10 PM Councilman Moore made a motion to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Regular Meeting Reconvened

At 9:10 PM with no further business to discuss Councilman Branson made a motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer

Don't Get Stuck!



Snow plowing starts shortly after snowfall begins

Please park your vehicle off the street.

Thank you, Denton Public Works

Season's Greetings from Around The World Holiday Window Highlights



Canada - Decorated by Shalah Hogan.



Italy - Decorated by Greg and Linda Redfern-Socks of Firehouse Coffee.



Australia - Decorated by Denise Quinn.



China - Decorated by Barbara Martin and Cindy Draper.



Moravia, Nativity Scene - Decorated by Cindy Draper and Family.



Ireland - Decorated by Mary and Ray Claytor from Bryant-Todd House



India - Decorated by Holiday Window Committee.



Belgium - Decorated by Michael Ruggles of Quick Bytes Internet Cafe.



St. Croix - Decorated by Heather Meredith of Studio 210.



Antartica - Decorated by Sue Cruikshank and Family.



Scandinavia - Decorated by the Caroline County Tourism Office.



France - Decorated by Barbara Martin.



Africa - Decorated by Camp Mardela.



England - Decorated by Lil' Taste of Dresden.



Bangladesh - Decorated By Holiday Window Committee.



Mexico - Decorated by Caroline County Council of Arts.



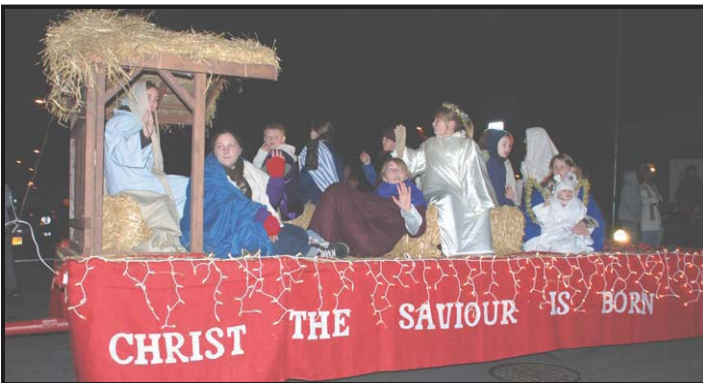
Christmas Around The World Medley
Decorated by Denton Town Office Staff.



Austria - Decorated by Holiday Window Committee.

Denton Holiday Parade Photos

parade photos by Patti Wood



St. Luke's United Methodist Church Float



Lockerman Middle School Marching Band



U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps



Girl Scout Troop 616
Camp Mardela



Keep our city TRASH FREE

If I were Mayor, I would...

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA) invite 4th grade students throughout Maryland to participate in a statewide essay contest: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

The contest gives students a chance to creatively use cognitive and grade-specific language arts skills and civics/social studies knowledge.

About Maryland's Cities & Towns:

City and town governments can choose to provide many services to their citizens such as trash collection, leaf collection, recycling, snow removal, police protection, water, waste water treatment, planning for how land can be used, inspecting the safety of buildings, and parks and playgrounds. Many cities and towns do not provide all of these services. The mayor and council decide what services can be provided based on what citizens want and the amount of money in the budget to pay for services.

Cities and towns in Maryland are not responsible for schools. Decisions about schools are made by State and County government and each county's school board.

Sidewalk Snow Removal Reminder

The winter snow season is officially here. The Denton Housing Office would like to take this opportunity to remind you about sidewalk snow removal.



Snow must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of the end of a snowstorm.

Please clear the sidewalk fully and take appropriate precautions to

prevent slips or falls. Commercial and residential landlords please take note. The town ordinance holds property owners responsible for the clearing of sidewalks. Please plan accordingly. Thank you in advance

for your cooperation.

Gingerbread House Contest Results

The Holiday Market Place was the setting for the gingerbread house contest entries. The winner of the Adult Category was Amy Clough with a wonderfully articulated presentation of a Victorian House. The winner of the Young Adult category with



a towering creation of gingerbread was C.J. Smith and the winner of the Under Twelve category was Wesleigh Gresh with a thatched roof house. The viewers' choice award for Young Adult was also C.J. Smith and the people's choice for Under Twelve was Emily Smith. Congratulations to all of the participants.

Essay Contest Theme

Every little bit we can do to encourage everyone in our cities and towns to think "green" and protect our environment takes us one step closer to saving our planet. Everything from creating a recycling program, to cleaning up a stream or park or saving energy can make a difference in the quality of life we will enjoy in the future.

If you were Mayor, how would you encourage your citizens to get on board and "GO Green?" What programs could you put in place to encourage your citizens to preserve our natural resources?

Be creative with your ideas!

Contest Rules

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2008-2009 school year.

Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

Essays may not exceed 275 words.

Only one essay may be submitted per student.

Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.

Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays.

Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2009. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2009.

Sometime during the month of May, the 11 winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis.



FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE LIBRARY

Free entertainment for family & friends, 7:00 p.m.

January

16th - Stef Scaggiari Trio

This piano, bass, and drum jazz trio has played international festivals around the world to much critical acclaim.

30th - Performing Arts Showcase

Local artists perform on the 2nd Story Stage.

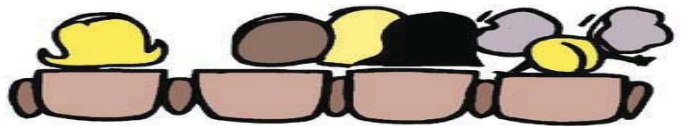
February

13th - UMES Jazz Ensemble

From Princess Anne. John R. Lamkin, Ph.D., Come early for a good seat.

20th - Judy Cook

returns with "Songs of Abraham Lincoln's America"



Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot County Arts Councils
present the

14TH ANNUAL EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL POETRY CONTEST



Eligibility (School wide submissions are encouraged - follow stated guidelines):

✓Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, or Talbot County resident, student or employee ✓Unpublished work; awarded no prizes or public acknowledgement ✓No minimum poem length ✓Maximum length = 20 stanzas or 3 pages per entry ✓**Must be typed** ✓Rhyming poems not required ✓Limit of two entries per person

To Submit:

✓Submit each entry in **duplicate** without any personal information ✓Complete the entry form below and attach a copy to your entry(ies). **Do not include your name or any other information on your poem or its copies** ✓Student entry forms must include the name of the school and grade ✓Entries will not be returned ✓Provide page numbers for each entry (e.g. 1 of 1, 1 of 2, etc.)

Categories:

✓Seniors - 60+
✓Adults - 18 - 59
✓Students - grades 9-12
✓Children and youth - grades 1-8

Prizes:

✓First place - \$100 per division ✓Second place - \$50 per division ✓Third place - \$25 per division

Notification:

✓All entrants are invited to join us for a Literary Reception where an announcement and public reading of award winning entries will take place. Winners will be notified in early April and asked to give a reading of their winning entry at the awards event.

Agreement:

✓Contest entrants agree to allow publication of their works by the participating arts councils ✓Arts Council employees may not submit entries for this contest
✓**Incomplete or incorrectly completed entries forms shall not be considered**

Deadline for entry submission: March 1, 2009

Mail entries to:
Queen Anne's County Arts Council
Poetry Contest
P.O. Box 218
Centreville, MD 21617

or deliver before 12 noon (February 28) to:
206 S. Commerce St., Centreville 21617

Fill out the entry form below completely. Happy writing!

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ County: _____

Category (Check one)
 Children/Youth grades 1-8 Students grades 9-12
 Adult ages 18-59 Senior ages 60+

School Name: _____ School Grade: _____

Phone # _____ day _____ eve

No. of Entries: _____
 Title(s): _____

For additional information contact your local Arts Council:
Caroline 410.479.1009, Cecil 410.392.5740, Kent 410.778.3831, Queen Anne's 410.758.2520, Talbot 410.745.0222

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.

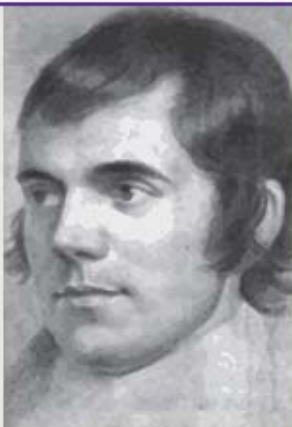
Please note: Any property that transfers ownership and the utility fees are not collected at settlement and forwarded to the town that result in the water being turned off for non-payment, the water turn on fee will still be charged. This charged may be passed on to the settlement attorney. Currently 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.

8th Annual Robert Burns Supper

Saturday, January 24
6:00 p.m.
Caroline Country Club
Denton

\$36 per person. Seating is limited. For information and reservations, contact CCCA office 410-479-1009.

An authentic and historically accurate Scottish tradition, now more than 200 years old that celebrates the life and works of the great Scottish hero and poet, Robert Burns, includes a traditional Scottish meal, toasts, poetry, wit, songs, and more!



Utility Calls for Service Fees

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 #568 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Section 128.162A of the Town Code to provide for an alternate member to the Denton Planning Commission, and to ensure that the composition and appointment of the Planning Commission members is consistent with Article 66B, Section 3.02 of the Maryland Annotated Code. Introduced 10/6/08, Adopted 11/3/08, Effective 11/10/08.

Ordinance #569 - An ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the purchase and acquisition of certain property located at 323 Market Street Denton, MD. Introduced 10/6/08, Adopted 11/3/08, Effective 11/10/08.

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.

TAX ASSISTANCE AT THE LIBRARY



Do you need a hand preparing your taxes? If so the Central Library in Denton will have Tax Assistance available to you. Tax Assistance will be held in the Large Meeting Room. For more information and to make an appointment, please call AARP Tax Assistance, 410-479-1343 ext. 2 for an appointment.

FEBRUARY
12pm
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th


5pm
2nd, 9th, 23rd

MARCH
12pm
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
31st

5pm
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,
30th

APRIL
12pm
7th, 14th

5pm
6th, 13th



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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