

# Denton Town News

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## Caroline Summerfest Goes Tropical with "Island Escapes" August 17th and 18th

If long lines of traffic to the ocean aren't your thing, forget about it. Gather the family for a special "Island Escape" right in downtown Denton and along the Choptank River as Summerfest celebrates the sun, sand and fun of the tropics at Caroline Summerfest on Friday, August 17 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 18, from 2 to 10 p.m. The event marks its 19th year in Denton, Maryland.

This free two-day family festival has become a summer tradition for families in and around Caroline County. "For Dentonians Summerfest is probably the most important event of the year," says Terry Fearins, Denton Town Administrator. "For many families Summerfest signals the official end of the summer season. The tropical theme will make it even more of a last hoorah this year," she adds. The event theme ensures a schedule of unique entertainment each year and themed decorations, in addition to several festival entertainment and program favorites.

Festivities begin Friday August 17 with a street parade down Market

Street beginning at 7 p.m. featuring a variety of entertainers, and costumed participants. The parade route will again be extended to reach Crouse Park and includes cash prizes for individual and group floats and costume entries that reflect the Island Escape theme. The parade is sponsored by 106.3 FM "The Heat" and Ottey Automotive.

Caroline Summerfest event programming includes three stages of entertainment, interactive arts activities for kids and adults, a Saturday night fireworks display, Choptank River cruises, a motorcycle ride-in, antique and customized car displays, and plenty of festival foods and crafts. A special feature this year includes river cruises aboard the 149-passenger authentic paddleboat the Choptank River Queen on Saturday.

Caroline Summerfest began in 1989 as a one-night, one-block party celebration for 1,000 cyclists participating in the inaugural Cycle Across Maryland event. Since then

the festival has steadily expanded to four city blocks and Crouse Memorial Park along the Choptank River. The event has been growing in popularity over the years draws 10,500 to 12,000 festivalgoers. Despite the size, Summerfest retains its small town appeal.

In addition to the themed entertainment, stage performances appeal to all musical interest and features bluegrass, rock and roll, jazz, blues, country music and everything in between. On Friday catch Mike Hines and the Look, Whirlwind, Mama Jama, D'Vibe & D'Conga and a bluegrass Pickin' Party hosted by local fiddler Jon Simmons. On Saturday the music continues with the Florida-based Jim Morris Band, the Niki Barr Band, Chris English, Bittercreek and The Jones Boys and Denton's own Over the Edge. For the most current stage line up and performers, check out the event website at [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com).

Unique to Summerfest is the extensive selection of kid friendly activities. Paul Belanger, variety entertainer from Baltimore and 16 year festival veteran can be found standing tall on stilts or captivating families with his juggling skill and balloon creations throughout the event on Friday and Saturday. Dan Chan, a renowned comedic magician and acrobat from San Francisco will be performing Friday and Saturday at a variety of stage and street locations. Kids of all ages can let their creative juices flow at KidZart, a free arts and crafts construction zone located at the entrance green of Crouse Park.

Caroline Summerfest is supported in part by a grant from the Caroline County Council of Arts, the Maryland state Arts Council and the Maryland Tourism Development Board. The Town of Denton and Caroline County Recreation and Parks produce the event with the volunteer support of hundreds of citizens, local non-profits and corporate sponsors.

For more information, call (410) 479-8120 or visit [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com).

## Water Meter Fee Increased

The Denton Town Council adopted Ordinance # 538, amending the Water Meter Fee from 2.50 to 3.50 per quarter. The Water Meter Fee was initially established in 2005. Each meter cost approximately \$200 to replace and the life of a meter is between 10 and 15 years. In order to minimize the financial impact on water users, a progressive fee schedule was proposed. This provided for an initial fee of \$2.50, assessed each quarter. Each year the fee is then proposed to increase by

The Water Fee Ordinance Amendment reflects the fee to increase \$3.50. No fee adjustment was made for FY-2007.

The Water Meter Fee enables the Denton Municipal Water Fund to have a dedicated source of revenue to replace the meters. The Town of Denton converted to a metered system in the late 70's early 80's. Individual meters, readout and cable were provided to each of the properties owners. The homeowners, and small commercial property

with their plumber to install the meters. The read out was required to be placed outside of their property and was used to manually read the meters. The challenge became with there being little consistency between houses as to where the meters were located. Additionally, water leaks between the house and property lines could potentially go without detection because this water use was not registered on the individual property meter.

The Town then began to relocate

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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

7 p.m.

Monday July 9th  
Monday August 6th

### Planning Commission Meeting

at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31st  
Tuesday, August 28th

### Historic Review Meeting at

6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18th  
Wednesday, August 15th

### Utility Commission Meeting

12 p.m. Wastewater Treatment Plant on Legion Road  
(2nd Thursday of each month)

Thursday, July 12th  
Thursday, August 9th

### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

Independence Day, July 4th  
Monday, August 20th

### 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  
(410)-479-2050

## Town of Denton FY-2008 Budget

The Denton Town Council adopted the Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2008. Denton's fiscal year runs July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The FY-2008 reflects a balanced budget. There is no change in the existing tax rate. It will remain at sixty-six cents (.66) for this fiscal year. Based on the existing assessments, each cent generates approximately \$27,731 in Real Estate Taxes. Real Estate Taxes are primarily the only revenue source which is projected. Other assessment income is based on revenue received in the preceding year. A copy of the Appropriation Ordinance can be viewed on page 20.

The budget maintains an appropriation of three cents to the Denton Volunteer Fire Company. This is based on the assessable base for the preceding year. This level of appropriation was initially put in place in FY-2006.

### Appropriation to Denton Volunteer Fire Company

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
Contribution	15,000	15,000	40,000	50,000	70,000
Water/Sewer	1,677	1,217	1,316	1,800	1,800
Capital	0	0	0	10,800	10,800
Total	16,677	16,217	41,316	62,600	82,600

Denton presently provides for residential trash collection as part of the existing tax rate. The FY-2008 trash collection budget reflects an increase in the tipping fees. Maryland Environmental Services is scheduled to increase their tipping fee charges by \$2 to \$52.50 a ton. This is represented in the 12.40% increase between FY-07 and FY-08. This also takes into consideration additional tonnage, which is estimated to be a 9% increase. Trash collection is contracted privately. This service is proposed to continue under the existing contract. There remains two years on the contract extension.

In May 2007, Mr. Ernst Selig completed a Minimum Livability Pay assessment for the Town of Denton and Caroline County. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the minimum amount of money on which a single recent high school graduate, without any specialized training, can live independently without debt. The initial submission indicated a minimum Livability Pay at a rate of \$13.59 per hour. The Denton Factoring Committee reviewed the schedule and modified it, adjusting the amount appropriated for insurance. This modification resulted in the Minimum Livability Pay being reduced to \$12.00 per hour.

In reviewing the existing pay scale, the class specifications for positions in Grade 1 and Grade 2 do not require a high school diploma and/or GED. The Minimum Livability Pay rate was applied to Grade 3.

The Denton Police Department is the only department requesting additional personnel. The remaining Departments and General Administration propose to maintain their existing staffing level. The Denton Police Department made a presentation to the Denton Town Council providing background on a study completed by Chief Rodney Cox. This study was completed in February 2007. From this study, the Police Department Requested Budget reflects two additional Patrol Officers. The study proposes an additional two Patrol Officers be hired in FY 2009 for a total of four additional officers. In addition to the request for two Patrol Officers, the Police Department has requested a salary increase to reflect comparable salaries presently in place in other agencies. The Caroline County Sheriff's Department's salary schedule was used as a reference. Also, the request was made to modify the present structure of the Department to reflect the change in the divisions and provide for growth opportunities for existing Department members. The proposed increases reflected up to a 20% increase in the existing salaries. The Proposed FY-2008 budget reflects the addition of one position beginning January 2008. The second position would be considered for the FY-2009 budget, and, the two remaining positions considered in FY-2010. All would be subject to funding and Denton Town Council approval.

The Proposed FY-2008 budget reflects the Livability Wage, and sets aside an appropriation for potential change in the Denton Police Department Structure. This will enable funding availability to cover proposed changes in the refactoring of existing positions in the Denton Police Department. A class specification is written for each type of position with the Town Denton. This is then factored, by the Denton Factoring Committee, using a set of specific standards. Once factored, the position is then placed on the Pay Grade Allocation chart. The salary for an individual employee is based on their Pay Grade, and since FY-2007, their longevity. In FY-2007 the Denton Town Council approved a salary structure which recognized years of service.

The Maryland Municipal League has provided their annual budget memo and included the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) noting its increase to 2.8% for the twelve-month period ending March 2007. This is the index used by the Factoring Committee when recommending a Cost of Living Increase. The Denton Town Council approved, in their adopted budget, for a 5% Livability Wage Increase. They have deferred the remaining 5% proposed, until FY-2009. This is provided there is funding available. With the use of the Minimum Livability Pay rate no CPI-U is necessary.

# Calendar of Events

## JULY

### 1st - Online Book Club/Discussion

All Day

Join our OnLine Book Clubs and start reading books in your email. Each day we'll send you a 5-minute portion of a book. By the end of the week, you'll have read 2-3 chapters. If you'd like to finish a book, stop by the library and pick up a copy. Every week we feature new books. Sign up today and start reading tomorrow. Program is on-going. Join online through our website. Contact Number: 410.479.1343

### 1st - Tumble Books

All Day

Parents & children will love this online collection of animated, talking picture books, puzzles & games which teach young children the joys of reading in a kid-friendly format. A link to Tumblebooks is located on the Kid's Page on our website.

### 3rd - Internet for Beginners

10:00 AM-12:00pm

The classes will cover such basics as using the mouse, using the library's online catalog, and searching for information on the Internet. Call 410-479-1343 to register.

Location: Computer Lab -- Central Library

### 4th

*LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY*

*(In Honor of Independence Day).*

### 4th - Wednesday Walk 1pm

Atkins Arboretum.

### 7th, 14, 21, 28. - Guided Walks 11am

Atkins Arboretum

### 9th - Camp Pollywog begins

Atkins Arboretum

### 9th - Cooking Classes for Kids

8am-12:30pm Monday- Friday. \$125 grades 6-8. "The Kitchen Connection" After this course your young chef will be making meals or even treats for parties and will enjoy doing it! Safety and sanitation as well as proper table etiquette and nutrition will be addressed. Instructor: Crystal Passwaters If your child attended one of the sessions last summer, have them bring their recipe book so they can add their recipes from this session.

### 9th-Cartooning and Animation

12:30pm-3:30pm. Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs.

Denton Elementary School \$42.00 ages 6-12.

This class will teach the students about the history and the making of cartoons. Learn how cartoons and animation are developed with a step-by-step look at the various concepts of these two types of art form. Learn to draw and create

their own cartoon characters and create various animation devices that will make their drawings come to life, such as thaumotropes, flip books, flip-its, zoetropes, etc. All supplies provided. Instructor: Jon Benson

### Storytime 11am

10th, 11th, 18th, 25th,

11am-11:45 AM Central Library, Denton

Storytime fun including books, songs, and fingerplays.

### Storytime 10:15am

11th, 18th, 25th

10:15am Central Library, Denton

Storytime fun including books, songs, and fingerplays.

### 6th - Camp Egret begins

Atkins Arboretum

### 18th - Book Club Meets 6:30pm

Atkins Arboretum

### 27th-Free Movie "Cars"

8pm, Caroline County Courthouse Green, Denton.

Popcorn and refreshments available for purchase *Blankets and bug spray recommended*

**Sponsored by C.C. Recreation and Parks**

## AUGUST

### 1st-Giant Steps Storytime

10:15 AM-10:45 AM & 11am-11:30am.

Children ages 2 1/2 yrs - 4 yrs enjoy stories, songs & activities.

Small Meeting Room -Central Library

Presenter: Marilou Russ

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### 1st - 5th Caroline County Fair

4-H Park, Detour Rd. off Rt. 16 West, Denton

Price: Adults \$1, Children 12 and under FREE.

Wed. 4-10PM Thurs. 9AM-10PM, Fri & Sat. 8AM-10PM, Sun. 9AM-7PM.

Open Exhibits, Commercial Displays, Livestock shows, horse shows, live entertainment, livestock auction, amusement rides, jousting tournament. 410-479-8120 for more info.

### 3rd, & 10th.Friday Camp

10:30 AM-12:15 PM

Children in grades K-3rd enjoy a morning of creative & imaginative programs. Please bring a bag lunch. Drink will be provided. Limited Registration. Call 410.479.1343

Large Meeting Room - Central Library

Contact: Marilou

### 7th & 8th-Duck Blind Licensing

8:00 AM-5:15 PM

Small Meeting Room -Central Library, Denton

### 15th-Free Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean"

8pm, Caroline County Courthouse Green, Denton.

Dress as a Pirate, pet a parrot, make your own sword, free temp tattoo, face painting. Popcorn and refreshments available for purchase.

*Blankets and bug spray recommended*

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### 17th-SUMMERFEST

5pm-10pm Caroline County Courthouse,

Denton.

FREE family festival! 4 live entertainment stages, River Cruises (\$), KidzArt activities, Fine Arts, food sales, and much more!

### 18th Choptank Rivah Run

\$9 pre-registered, \$15 the day of the event Martinak State Park Boat Ramp, Denton.

9:30 Check-in/10:00 a.m. start

2 mile paddling event for all ages from Martinak State Park to the Maritime Center Wharf, all paddle craft eligible for this "Poker Run". Check points will be stationed throughout the course with the top six hands winning prizes. Free t-shirt for the first 100 registrants. Contact Linda at 410-479-8120 or lrees@rec.caroline.md.us

### 18th-SUMMERFEST

2pm-10pm Caroline County Courthouse, Denton.

FREE family festival! 4 live entertainment stages, River Cruises (\$), KidzArt activities, Fine Arts, food sales, fireworks, and much more!

- **Caroline Co. Public Library** # 410-479-1343

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

- **Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks** #410-479- 8120

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

- **Atkins Arboretum** #410-634-2847

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



## Denton Police Department...

### National Night Out August 7th

The Denton Police Department will be hosting National Night Out, on August 7, 2007 at the Denton Police Department, 100 N. Third Street. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends approximately 9:00 p.m.

The Denton Police Department along with approximately 9,000 communities from all 50 states participate in this program to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send messages to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and

fighting back.

National Night Out encourages citizens to get out of their homes and talk with their neighbors and become aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods. Crime prevention is a strong message that we are sending out to our community.

Along with the many organizations that will be on hand to answer any questions you may have, the Denton Police Department will be having games, music, raffle items and free sodas while they last.

Please take this opportunity to come out and support this year's National Night Out.

### Keep Your Neighborhood Safe

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help your family and your neighborhood stay safe.

**Know where your children are** - Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.

• **Help children learn important numbers** - Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.

• **Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood** - Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want

your children to go to?

• **Get to know your children's friends** - Meet their parents before letting your children go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they'll be supervised.

• **Choose a safe house in your neighborhood** - Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries and police stations.

• **Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists** - Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.

**Work together with your neighbors** - Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

### Are Your Children Home Alone?

Many parents must choose between leaving their children home alone during the day while they are at work or busy with other commitments, or finding alternative care. Parents often worry when their children are home alone, but there are precautions they can take to ease their worries and protect their children when they're not around.

What can parents do

• **Stay in touch** - Call children throughout the day to ask how they are and what they are doing. Ask children to check in before they leave the house and to call again when they return.

• **Keep kids connected** - Post important numbers by the telephone, including parent's work and cell phone, the doctor's office, and a neighbor or a nearby relative who can help children quickly if they need it.

• **Practice what to do in an emergency** - Teach children how to dial 911 or "0" and when to do it. Ask questions like "If someone is trying to get in the house, what should you do?", "If you get hurt, what should you do?" and "If you want to play at a friend's house, what should you do?"

• **Set firm rules** - Make clear what children are allowed to do and what they aren't allowed to do. Can they use the Internet when home alone? Can they invite a friend over? Can they invite several

friends over?

**Make Sure Your Children Are Ready**

All children mature differently, so there is no precise age when they are ready to stay home alone. This makes the decision to leave children alone even harder for parents. Many states have laws concerning the legal age when children can be left unsupervised, but there is no guarantee that when children reach this age they will be ready. However, there are questions parents can ask themselves to help determine if their children are ready.

Can your children

• Be trusted to go straight home after school or after playing at a neighbor's house?

• Easily use the telephone, locks, and kitchen appliances?

• Follow rules and instructions well?

• Handle unexpected situations without panicking?

• Stay home alone without being afraid?

• Say their full name, address and telephone number?

If you feel comfortable leaving your children home alone and feel that they are ready, discuss it with them and start practicing what they should and shouldn't do. Role play different scenarios to prepare them for anything that might happen when they are home alone.

### Animal Control Article IV

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Article IV

**Removal of Dog Feces**  
**32-10. Prohibited acts; removal of feces.**

No person, agency or institution owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to soil, defile or defecate upon any public or private property whatsoever, except with the express authority or permission of the owner of said property, except

if:

A. The person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of such dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the provisions of this article.

B. The feces so removed from said public or private property shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of said dog in a sanitary manner by the

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Denton Police Department

410-479-1414

## Police Department Press Releases

Date: 04/06/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 200 block Market St

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Gina Martin reported that person(s) unknown broke a window out of her place of business. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 04/12/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 0 block N Fourth St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. It was reported that person(s) unknown broke the radio antenna off of a 2004 Dodge Pickup that belongs to the Town of Denton. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 04/16/2007

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 1100 block Park Ln

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a wallet at Unisite. An employee reported that his wallet was taken from his jacket pocket while he was working. Total loss was \$2155.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 04/17/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 0 block Denton PZ

The Denton Police are investigating the theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle. Michael Steel, of Seaford, DE, reported that person(s) unknown removed the converter from his 1999 Toyota Pickup while it was parked in Denton Plaza between the hours of 8 am and 10 am. The converter has a value estimated at \$250.00. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 04/20/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 500 block Market St.

The Denton Police Department referred two Juveniles to the Department of Juvenile Services for theft after an incident at the Denton Royal Farms store.

Date: 04/21/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$500

Location: 0 block Engerman Ave.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of eight catalytic converters from work vans. The vans were parked at a business in the Denton Industrial Park.

Date: 04/24/2007

Classification: Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Location: 200 block S. Fourth St.

The Denton Police Dept. investigated an incident on April 24, 2007 at 222 S. Fourth St. Denton. Belinda Diaz, 29, of Denton, stated that she had been assaulted by her brother Yonys Diaz, 38, also of Denton. Following investigation of the incident, Belinda Diaz was referred to the District Court Commissioner to seek charges if she wished.

Date: 04/26/2007

Classification: Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking

Location: 600 block Randolph St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a motor vehicle from the 600 block of Randolph St. It was reported that some one took a 2000 Dodge Neon bearing Maryland tag #FSE688. The vehicle in question was later recovered in the Hillsboro area. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 04/26/2007

Classification: Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

Location: N Fourth St.

On 4-26-07 at approximately 9:50 PM, officers of the Denton Police Department, Caroline County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police responded to the area of Lincoln St. in reference to a report of gunshots in the area. After further investigation it was reported that an 18 year old male, his name not released at this time, had been shot at and that several unidentified males had chased after him in the area of 107 N. Fourth St. The victim stated that the suspects were on foot and came from Lincoln St. One suspect started shooting at him as he ran from the area. A number of fired shell casings were recovered from the scene and bullets were removed from houses in the area.

After review of security cameras

in the area, it appears the suspects exited a minivan possibly a Dodge Caravan style van. The van appeared to have rust or peeling paint on the roof, no luggage rack and possibly missing the front driver side hubcap. It is unclear on the security camera footage, what color the van is. It is possibly blue or green in color.

Several leads regarding a motive are being investigated at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 04/29/2007

Classification: DUI

Location: Shore Highway

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Shaun T. Schuyler, 23, of Marydel, DE, for DUI on April 30, 2007. The vehicle Schuyler was operating was stopped for traveling 55 in a 40 zone, and it was discovered that he had been drinking. Schuyler's CAC was 0.08 following a breath test. Schuyler was charged with DUI, DUI Per Se, DWI, and speeding, and later released on his signature of the citations.

Date: 04/30/2007

Classification: Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree/General

Location: 600 block Gay St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a burglary and theft that occurred on April 30, 2007 at 612 Gay St., Denton. An unknown person gained access to an apartment at that address by breaking a window, and removed a case of beer from the residence. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at (410)479-1414.

Date: 05/04/2007

Classification: Driving on revoked license

Location: 600 block N Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Dennis Profit of Denton with driving on a revoked license. Profit was stopped during a seatbelt enforcement initiative. A check of MVA records revealed that Profit's privilege to drive had been revoked. Profit was issued citations at the scene and released.

Date: 05/05/2007

Classification: MDOP over \$500

Location: 700 block N Sixth St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP to a vehicle. Brandon Reed reported that he parked his 2000 Chevrolet Pickup at Goose Creek and left with a few friends at approximately 9:45 pm. Reed advised he returned approximately 30 minutes later and discovered several dents and scratches on the left side and hood of the vehicle. Damage is estimated at \$800.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/07/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 200 Market St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Person(s) unknown spray painted the graffiti on the wall of a building. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/07/2007

Classification: CDS Paraphernalia 1<sup>st</sup> Offence

Location: Shore Highway

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Nathan P. McAllister, 25, of Ocean View, DE on May 7, 2007 for possession of CDS paraphernalia. The vehicle McAllister was operating was stopped on Shore Highway near Deep Shore Rd., Denton, for traveling 59 mph in a 40 mph zone. Upon Officer contact with McAllister, a strong odor of marijuana was detected. Officers located a small plastic baggie containing marijuana in it. A second paraphernalia item was discovered by Denton Police K-9 Hero in a piece of luggage in the vehicle. McAllister was released from the scene on citations following the stop.

Date: 05/08/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 400 block Market St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Person(s) unknown spray painted the graffiti on the wall of a building. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-



## Housing and Community Development...

### Does Your Home Improvement Project Need a Permit?



The nice weather has finally come to Denton, and folks are busy planning new projects around the house.

Perhaps you are considering a new deck, or replacement windows, or just maybe a swimming pool for your back yard. Please keep in mind as you plan these projects to check with the town office to see if permits are required. The Town of Denton requires permits for most home improvement projects not all of which require a fee. Please check with our office before making expensive purchases only to discover that what you've purchased doesn't meet town code.



The biggest mistakes are fence height, and the lack of a fence surrounding pools. All in ground pools as well as above ground pools over 24" deep and under 48" deep must be secured with a fence or safety barrier. Where an above ground pool structure is used as a barrier, the top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches above grade measured at various points around the pool. The access gate is required

to be secured with a safety fence/barrier. A quick phone call to our office will prevent disappointment and verify if in fact a permit is needed, or has been issued.

The Town of Denton has adopted the 2003 International Building Code, and will be considering adoption of the 2006 version by fall.

Listed below are some of the items that require a permit:

**-Construction of a new building**

**-Accessory structures**

**-Decks/porches\***

*\*All Decks/porches larger than 100 sq ft must have a continuous footing 10 "by 10" below the frost line.*

**-Fences**

**-Swimming pools**

**-Replacement windows**

**-Roofs, Forest and large tree removal**

This list is not inclusive so please call our office if you have any questions. No work should be started until the permit is issued. Property owners are required to post permits in a place visible from the street. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your next project with a building inspector please call the Denton Town Office, Housing & Community Development Office, at 410-479-3625.



### Information at Your Fingertips



The Caroline County Library is pleased to present "myfamilyneeds.info" a free web based depository of community service organization information. The site is available to anyone with access to the World Wide Web, and does not require the user to have a library card. Those persons without web access can contact the local library

who will be glad to offer assistance in person or via phone. So, if you are trying to locate something for the kids to do this summer, or the contact information for a civic club in your community, or perhaps meeting room space, or other information that may not be readily at your fingertips check out this site.

[www.myfamilyneeds.info](http://www.myfamilyneeds.info)

### Building Permits

*The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between April 6, 2007, and June 1, 2007:*

Kampmeyer, 509 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Roof  
Smith, 903 Crystal Ave., Sign  
Jones, 510 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., SFD/  
Mechanical  
Denton Church of the Brethren, 108 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Demolition  
Sherley, 1140 Osprey Lane, Deck  
Antoszyk, 1301 Fairfield Ct., Pool  
Garland & Hobbs, 1706 Cattail Commons Way, SFD/Mechanical  
Coursey, 1023 Camp Rd., Roof  
Schappell, 509 Kathryn Ct., Shed  
Todd, 319 S. Third St., Roof  
Subway Eat Inc., 601 Legion Rd., Banner  
Gunther, 303 Franklin St., Siding  
Lily Pad Café, 104 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Signs & Fence  
Claytor, 119 Gay St., Sign  
Byrd, 615 Gay St., Fence  
Garland & Hobbs, 1103 Daylily Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
Gosselin, 306 S. Fifth Ave., Demolition/Deck  
Hunters Pride, 910 Market St., Roof/Siding  
Claytor, 119 Gay St., Demolition  
Garland & Hobbs, 1118 Whistling Pine Rd., SFD/Mechanical  
Garland & Hobbs, 1607 Cattail Commons Way, SFD/Mechanical  
Lily Pad Café, 104 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Banner  
Hernandez, 104 Briarwood Circle, Fence  
Rouvet, 1219 Painted Fern Rd., Fence  
Richardson, 1305 Fairfield Ct., Fence  
Gehring, 1107 Coursey Lane, Fence  
Garland & Hobbs, 1512 Cattail Commons Way, SFD/Mechanical  
Garland & Hobbs, 1703 Cattail Commons Way, SFD/Mechanical  
Garland & Hobbs, 1604 Cattail Commons Way, SFD/Mechanical  
VDB II, 115 Briarwood Circle, SFD/  
Mechanical  
Tennant, 1311 Fairfield Ct., Deck  
Mullins, 515 Randolph St., Rehab

SHC Parkview LLC, 309 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
Vonville, 313 S. Third St., Pool  
Sullivan, 209 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Windows/  
Siding  
Kings Apostle Holy Temple, 300 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Sign  
Memmel, 401 Gay St., Windows/  
Siding  
Garland & Hobbs, 1602 Cattail Commons Way, SFD/Mechanical  
VDB II, 249 Briarwood Circle, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 247 Briarwood Circle, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 245 Briarwood Circle, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 243 Briarwood Circle, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 109 Sage Drive, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 107 Sage Drive, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 105 Sage Drive, SFD/  
Mechanical  
VDB II, 103 Sage Drive, SFD/  
Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 322 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 307 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 313 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 315 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 321 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 325 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
SHC Parkview LLC, 319 Sydney Lane, SFD/Mechanical  
Hicks, 1233 Painted Fern Rd., Deck  
McNinch, 100 Eilerslie Ct., Mechanical  
Gehring, 1107 Coursey Lane, Deck  
Trahan, 305 Carter Ave., Deck/  
Door  
Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School, 9 S. Third St., Sign  
Foster, 1205 Tuckahoe Ct., Mechanical  
Marasco, 1204 Cattail Commons Way, Shed

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## Accessible Homes for Seniors

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA), are undertaking a pilot project to promote accessibility related improvements to the homes of seniors. These improvements may include, among others, the installation of grab bars and railings, widening of doorways and installation of ramps. Home improvements such as these represent for many older people the key to remaining in their home and maintaining their independence.



The program provides zero percent interest, deferred loans for a term of 30 years to finance accessibility improvements. The program is funded by DHCD under the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program (MHRP) and is administered by Special Loan Programs. The program is marketed through the local Area Agencies on Aging.

Those eligible for the Program must:

- Be Maryland residents with at least one resident age 55 or

older.

- Generally must own and occupy the home to be renovated as their principal residence. Seniors living with relatives will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Reside in a home that is structurally sound and free of health and safety hazards.
- Not have any outstanding federal or state tax liens, open bankruptcy or foreclosure.
- Meet income requirements.

The goal of the program is to permit seniors to gracefully age in place. You do not have to be disabled in order to use the program. Planning for accessibility before it becomes critical is key, and this program will allow seniors to make improvements to their homes before a fall or other illness make remaining in their own home difficult. Denton's housing & community development office also has information about this program, and is able to assist qualified residents with completing an application form. For an application or more information contact the Denton Town Office at 410/479-3625. Those living outside the Denton Town limits should contact the local office on aging at 410/479-2093.

### Attention Settlement Attorneys

Reminder to all settlement attorney's and agencies to please contact the Denton Town Office for fees due to the Town when handling settlements for properties being sold or transferred with in 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 resident's 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 maybe 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 PM 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.

## Hurricane Tips from Caroline County Emergency Management



*Hurricane Season is June 1 – November 30,  
GET PREPARED NOW!*

- \* Listen to a radio or television for weather updates and stay in touch with your neighbors about evacuation orders. Use NOAA Weather Radios for up to date information.
- \* Plan a place to meet your family in case you are separated during a disaster. Choose a friend or relative out of state for your family members to call to say they are OK.
- \* Assemble your disaster supplies kit. Store extra water now! Check to make sure you have enough food (non-perishable food items are ideal). Be sure to keep an adequate amount of medications. Also have a battery operated radio and flashlight with extra batteries, blankets/sleeping bags, paper products (paper plates, toilet paper, etc.).
- \* Protect your windows from the wind and flying debris. Board up windows with 5/8" plywood. Tape does NOT prevent windows from breaking!
- \* Bring in outside furniture and secure all other outdoor items from wind or flooding.
- \* Shut off your utilities -- water, electricity and gas.
- \* Make sure there is gas in the car and you are ready to evacuate immediately, if you are told to do so.
- \* Avoid using the phone except for an emergency so the phone lines can stay open for others.
- \* Become aware of evacuation routes. Comply with evacuation orders and leave early.
- \* If you do evacuate, do NOT go back home until local officials say it is safe.
- \* If you don't need to evacuate, be sure to STAY INDOORS during a hurricane. You could be hit by flying objects. Don't be fooled if there is a pause in the wind. It could be the eye of the storm, and the winds will come again.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS...

VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

**National Weather Service**  
National Hurricane Center – [www.nhc.noaa.com](http://www.nhc.noaa.com)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency** – [www.fema.com](http://www.fema.com)

OR CONTACT:  
Caroline County Department of Emergency Management  
7 N. First Street  
Denton, Maryland 21629  
410-479-2622  
[www.carolinemd.org/governmt/emgt/index.html](http://www.carolinemd.org/governmt/emgt/index.html)



## Economic Development and Denton Main Street...

### Finishing School Opens in Denton

The Main Street Program proudly presents the opening of the Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School.

On June 2, 2007, the Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School opened for business at 9 S. Third Street, Denton. This school is for finishing and modeling of our young and up and coming stars.

Have you ever met a girl who was well-mannered, well-groomed, poised, intelligent and graceful and wondered how she turned out to be such a fine young lady? The Freddie Bell Jones School can teach girls how to develop into young ladies.

The finishing school is designed to be a community based organization focusing on its motto of "Elegance and Excellence" as well as building self-esteem, confidence, social skills, manners, table etiquette, poise and posture, language skills, fashion modeling, beauty and grace and overall personal refinement. The Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School's premise is not merely based on reflecting and developing one's outer beauty, but it will instead; build on skills that will instill long-lasting confidence and willingness to succeed. The Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School will offer classes for girls ages 3-18 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. It will also host Pageants, Debutante Balls, Fashion Shows and Tea Parties in the surrounding local area.

The Freddie Bell Jones Finishing School was founded by Ummu Bradley Thomas, who is the granddaughter-in-law to the late Freddie Bell Jones. The Finishing School was named in honor of Freddie Bell Jones, who was an entrepreneur that offered personal and professional business advice in the Washington, DC metropolitan area for over 70 years. Freddie Bell Jones was a phenomenal woman who was well known for her wisdom, elegance, appropriateness decorum and luxurious dinner parties.

Ummu Bradley Thomas, Owner and Lead Finishing Instructor is a resident of Denton, Maryland, the proud wife of Antonio Thomas, Sr. and mother of three children - Ummu age 7, Antonio, Jr. age 5 and Methuselah 2 months. She is the former Ms. Maryland Intercontinental 2002 and Mrs. Capital Heights United States 2003. Mrs. Thomas mannequin modeled during her college years and was titled "Miss Devoted" Debutante by Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1995. Ummu is currently the Owner and Director of the Little Miss East Coast America Pageant, which accepts 50 girls a year to participate in training classes on self-esteem and confidence-building for toddler girls to age 18. She has also trained and mentored over 500 girls to date.

We welcome this wonderful new business to our community.

### A Big "Gala" Thank You



Patrons enjoy works of art by local artist during the Denton Spring Gala event held Saturday, May 5th.

The first ever Denton Spring Gala held Saturday, May 5, 2007 was a huge success with over 200 plus people visiting 220 Market Street and the surrounding businesses in a cultural fundraising event. The Denton Development Corporation, the Main Street Program, and Denton Tourism are grateful to all the wonderful sponsors and others who had faith in our newly created event.

In late January 2007, the three groups put their heads together to develop an event that would draw the arts and the community together for a festive Spring event on a Saturday night. Phone calls began to potential sponsors to help with the funding of the Gala. With 99% participation from everyone contacted, the Gala transformed into a wonderful evening for all.

Abigail McNinch, Denton Development Corporation, Kathy Mackel, Denton Tourism, and Linda Redfern Socks, Main Street Program would like to publicly thank all the participating GALA sponsors, artists, restaurants, musicians, volunteers, and businesses that helped to make this event such a success.

**The sponsors were:**  
Mercantile Bank

Choptank Electric  
Mallard Homes  
Provident State Bank  
Denton Bank & Trust  
Centreville National Bank  
Kent Island Dentistry  
Doty Sewer and Drain  
Mr. Carville Leaf (compliments of CBIZ)

In addition, the group is still receiving phone calls from potential sponsors o help incur costs for this Gala, and to help with next years Gala.

#### **Participating Artists:**

Pat Browne, Rob Brownlee-Tomasso, Victoria Christopherson, Julia Coppage, Ruth Ann Crouse, Ellis Davison, Barbara Donnon, Rose Doster, Katherine M. Dickson, Signe Hanson, Frannie Ireland, Lisa Martin, Barbara Burn Martin, Ann Peters Marvin, Nancy Mysak, Christine Newman, Kurt Plinke, Patti C. Shaffer, Nancy R. Thomas, Robin Westre, Heidi Wetzal and M. Joyce Ziegler.

**Restaurants:** The sampling of food was incredible and thanks go out to: Angora Diner, China House, Coliseum Restaurant, Emerson House, Firehouse Coffee Café, La

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ANNUAL  
*Denton Holiday  
Parade*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**  
**The Denton Holiday Parade is**  
**Thursday December 6th**

*If you would like to participate in this years parade  
please contact the Denton Town Office at  
410-479-2050 or lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com*



# Volunteers Needed

The Main Street Program is up and running. We would like to increase the number of volunteers already on the the Design, Promotions, and Economic Restructuring Committees. The requirements for volunteers include energy, motivation, and the interest to create improvements in the Denton downtown area. The committees meet monthly or as needed in Denton.

Here is a brief overview of the committees. We particularly need help with our Organization committee responsible for recruiting, membership and much more.

**The Design Committee** works to improve the downtown's physical appearance, which includes buildings, sidewalks, streetlights, signage, window displays, parking, and more. Examples of ideal volunteers for this committee would be architects, artists, realtors, marketing major students and anyone who would be a strong motivator for planning these types of projects. The committee is currently walking the historic district of Denton at different times of the week, to examine the streets, buildings and landscaping.

**The Promotion Committee** works on image development through business & community events, drawing the community to the downtown area. The volunteers will work to make the community feel good about the downtown area, which will also attract new retailers. More volunteers are needed for this years Summerfest in August. Special events both retail and community based will

encourage shopping and create a meeting place for the community. Community members who are involved in civic organizations, marketing professionals, teachers, tourism professionals, musicians, artists, event and/or party planners, reporters, writers, internet gurus, and people who just want to have fun creating something new, would be ideal candidates for this committee

**The Economic Restructuring Committee** is working to find out what consumers want and like in downtown Denton through market studies and surveys. The committee is currently working on compiling questionnaires along with the Promotions Committee. Volunteers will meet with business and property owners in Denton. Another goal of the ERC will be to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the downtown area and to bring businesses back. The committee will ensure that every building and lot is utilized in the best way possible. Ideal candidates for the ERC will be developers, marketing professionals, realtors, teachers, mathematicians, and writers.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this exciting program by serving on a committee should contact us immediately. We are always looking for fresh and innovative ideas.

Call Linda Red fern Socks, Main Street Manager for any additional information and to become part of the Main Street Program. 410-479-4315 or email: [linda@downtowndenton.com](mailto:linda@downtowndenton.com).

# A New Bed & Breakfast Opens in Denton



The Bryant-Todd House located at 119 Gay Street in historic Denton.

The Bryant-Todd House Inn located in the heart of the historic district at 119 Gay Street in Denton, opened in June 2007.

Ray & Mary Claytor, innkeepers, will be the host of this lovely and quaint Victorian home. There are two guestrooms and a guest lounge where welcome refreshments are served upon arrival. The home built in 1880, is nestled on the shores of the Choctank River. Continental

breakfast will be served daily in the dining room for the guests. Guests will also be able to enjoy the waterfront property which includes a patio, terrace, and fish pond. Of course guests can relax on one of the porches.

For more information on this new business in Denton, please contact 410-479-2299. [www.bryant-todhouseinn.com](http://www.bryant-todhouseinn.com).

# Are You Thinking About Opening a Business?

The Main Street program is on the lookout for new businesses to grace Market Street and surrounding areas of downtown Denton as part of the revitalization program. We are extremely interested in speaking with entrepreneurs interested in opening an eating establishment.

Other businesses such as a unique boutique, antique furniture and/or craft store are some of the possible businesses that would make a good fit for the town. Right now, the Main Street committees are working on a survey to help discover what the community would like to see for businesses in downtown Denton.

Having a variety of businesses that will draw shoppers to the area to spend time and money is one of our goals.

If you need help with the process of finding property, developing a business plan, and finding funding, the Main Street program can assist you in making your plans a reality.

Do you know someone who has been talking about starting a business? Please direct them to the Main Street Office at 410-479-4315 or email: [linda@downtowndenton.com](mailto:linda@downtowndenton.com). Thanks for your support.



## Denton Town News Subscription

If you would like to receive the bi-monthly town paper and are not currently on our mailing list, please complete the information below and drop it off at the town office or mail to: Town Office, 13 N. 3rd St., Denton, MD 21629

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Denton Main Street  
410-479-4315

## Denton Public Works...

### Outdoor Water Conservation

Is your water bill too high in the warmer months? Residential irrigation can account for 40% of domestic water consumption in a municipality. This can become a problem especially during the summer months when the majority of outdoor water use occurs. It can also be the time when there is likely to be a water shortage.

Tips to follow to conserve:

- Don't over-water your lawn. Most lawns need only an inch of water a week.
- Watering lawns in the early morning hours when the temperature and wind speed are the lowest reduces losses from evaporation.



Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not on the street, driveway, or sidewalk.

- Do not leave sprinklers unattended. Regularly check the systems to make sure they are operating properly. Turn them off when storms are approaching.
- Raising your mower blade to at least three inches encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better than closely clipped lawns.
- Mulching helps retain moisture in the soil and helps to control weeds that compete with desirable plants for moisture.
- Repair dripping faucets. Regularly check hoses, connectors, and spigots for leaks.

- Create an awareness of the need for water conservation among children. Avoid purchasing recreational water toys that require a constant stream of water.
- Install a rain barrel to collect rooftop runoff to be used for activities such as lawn and garden watering, car washing, and even window cleaning.



Collecting rainwater from your rooftop during storms by using a rain barrel can not only lower your water bills, but can also decrease water demand during the hot summer months. One inch of rain on a 1,000 square foot roof yields 623 gallons of water. This rooftop runoff provides an ample supply of "soft water" containing no chlorine or other chemicals. It is beneficial to the environment because the stored water would otherwise run off into the storm sewers, bringing pollutants such as oil and grease from the roads and nutrients with it. Once water gets into a storm sewer, it eventually ends up in our streams and rivers. The more rainwater that is reused, the less need there is for chlorinated or chemically treated tap water. Rainwater diversion also decreases the burden on water treatment facilities and municipal drainage systems during storms. The storage of rain water is also recommended for general emergency preparedness or for areas prone to drought.

For information on purchasing or making your own rain barrels, log onto [www.composters.com](http://www.composters.com) or [www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com).

### Fire Hydrant Use Awareness

Fire hydrants are part of the Town water distribution system which is made up of pipes, storage tanks, pumping stations, valves, and meters. The system delivers high quality water to homes, industries, businesses, and fire hydrants while preventing contamination. The water treatment process is very costly and using water from fire hydrants is not allowed. Vandals can cause monetary loss by wasting water when the hydrants are opened and can reduce the municipal water pressure thus impairing fire fighters' efforts to extinguish fires. Unauthorized use also has the potential of contaminating the water



supply by allowing backflow.

Public vigilance is necessary to protect our water supply. Authorized Town employees and members of the fire department are the only persons permitted to operate the fire hydrants. If a citizen sees anyone tampering with or connecting to a fire hydrant or climbing on a water tower, please report the incident to the Department of Public Works at 410-479-5446, the Town Office at 410-479-2050, or the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.


Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping make wise use of our valuable water resources.

#### Water Meter Fee *from page 1*

the meters to the property lines. A meter pit was installed and automated meter was used. This moved the meter reading from completely manual to a "touch-read" system. A wand is tapped onto the meter pit and the water meter usage is retrieved. In 2005, the Town moved away from the "touch read" system and began upgrading the water meters to radio read. Presently (for the meters which are on this system) meter readings are obtained from a mounted laptop in a Public Works vehicle. At the point when all of the meters are radio read, meter reading for the Town will be accomplished by one individual. Previously the entire Public Works Department was engaged to read and record

meters each quarter. Presently this only involves 1/3 of the Department - primarily due to 60% of the system being converted to radio reads. The Public Works Department has pulled together a mapping system and have been upgrading the oldest meters as well as phasing out the "touch-read" system. All new properties have the meter pit and radio read meters installed. In 10 to 15 years the meters will be pulled and a new meter installed. The Water Fee Fund provides a revenue source to cover the cost of the replacement of meters.

The \$1.00 quarterly rate increase will be reflected in the October 1, 2007 bill. This applies to 1" meters or less.



**High Water Bills!  
Check your  
Faucets and Toilets  
For leaks!**

*Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050*

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**19 YEARS  
and counting!**



**Friday, August 17**

**5 - 10 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 18**

**2 - 10 p.m.** Rain date Aug. 19

**Downtown Denton  
and along the beautiful  
Choptank River**



***FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL that won't  
drain your wallet or your gas tank!***

- Live music on 5 stages
- Fireworks
- Fabulous food
- Street parade
- River cruises on the Choptank River Queen, a genuine paddleboat (\$)
- Free interactive activities for kids & adults
- Classic cars
- Juried art and crafts
- Strolling entertainment
- Motorcycle ride-in

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## 10th Annual Choptank Rivah Run

Fitness and fun come together with the traditional pre-Summerfest event, the Choptank "Rivah" run sponsored by **Boater's World** and produced by Caroline County Recreation and Parks on Saturday, August 18. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Martinak State Park located on Sharp Road in Denton. Canoes and kayaks depart from the Martinak Boat ramp at staggered start times from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Explore two miles of one of the longest Eastern Shore rivers at this tenth annual event that is perfect for the water and fitness enthusiasts and families just out for a good

time. The "race" is a poker run. Each paddler stops at a series of checkpoints staffed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary #34 and the Choptank River Yacht Club flotilla. They receive a playing card and at the finish, the best five-card poker hand wins the top prize, a **Pelican Colorado Canoe donated by Boaters World**. Local businesses have also contributed over 20 other prizes for distribution to other winning poker hands.



Registration is recommended in advance, but will also be accepted on Friday, August 17 at the Caroline Summerfest event located

in downtown Denton around the Caroline County Courthouse green. Registration fees the day of the event does increase to \$15 per person. Pre-registration is \$9 per person and includes a t-shirt for the first

100 registrants compliments of **Impressive Printing in Hillsboro**. A limited supply of canoes is available for rent.

"Paddlers of all skill levels can

enjoy this event and even get the chance to win great prizes," says Rick Weber, event organizer with Caroline County Recreation and Parks.

For more information, contact Caroline County Recreation and Parks at (410) 479-8120 or visit the website to download the registration flyer at [www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org) or [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com). This event was created by the Old Harford Town Maritime Center Visit their website at [www.riverheritage.org](http://www.riverheritage.org) for more information on other river based activities and trail and attraction information on the Choptank, Tuckahoe and Marshyhope Rivers.

## 10TH ANNUAL CHOPTANK RIVAH RUN

**A Caroline County Summerfest Event presented by Caroline County Recreation & Parks, Boaters World, Coast Guard Auxiliary #44, Impressive Printing, Benedicline Graphics, and Choptank River Yacht Club.**

**A fun open 2-mile paddling event for children and adults of all ages (under 18 must be with adult). Any type of paddle craft is eligible for this "POKER RUN". Checkpoints will be stationed throughout the course with the top six hands winning prizes. For more information call CCRP at 410-479-8120.**

**T-shirts to the 1st 100 registrants sponsored by Impressive Printing!**

**Saturday, August 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Paddle from Martinak State Park To Choptank River Yacht Club**

Check-In starts at 9:30 a.m.

COST is \$9 per person ~ \$15 the day of the event

*\*includes t-shirt for the first 100 pre-registered.*

**CANOE RENTALS:**

We have a limited supply at \$14 each. Reserve and pay at time of registration.

**Grand Prize and  
First Prize  
(to be announced)  
donated by  
Boaters World**

After River Run, plan to go on an  
*Island Escape* at  
*Caroline Summerfest*  
a Free Family Festival  
Friday, August 17 from 5—10 p.m.  
Saturday, August 18 from 2—10 p.m.

For more information call  
888-SUNFEST (888-786-3378)  
[www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com)



### Dan Chan Returns to Summerfest



Dan Chan returns to dazzle audiences with his amazing juggling, magic and acrobatic movements. He'll be with us for two days. Catch him in the parade at 7pm Friday and on the special Kids Cruise on Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm when he and his assistant Kathryn are not strolling around

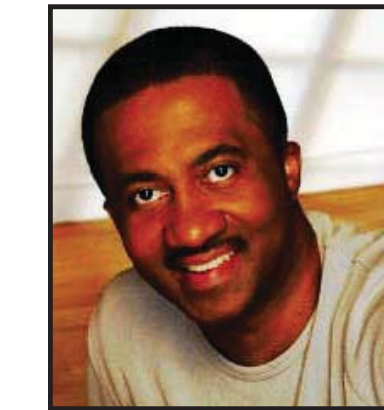


### Rick Settles

Rick Settles plays bass for Sevenlove, a Washington DC based Christian band that has 70's - 80's Hard Funk Rock R&B sound that "doesn't water down the Jesus Lyrics". They are on the Courthouse Main Stage on Friday at 7pm.



### Jamulay



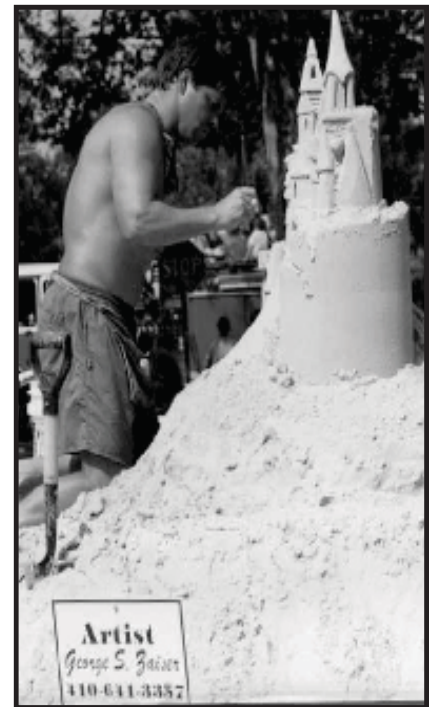
### Mike Hines

Mike Hines and The Look return to Summerfest to heat up the Waterfront at the new Waterfront Main Stage in Crouse Memorial Park. Onstage at 8:30pm on Friday night.

Jamulay with their tropical world beat sound, will perform at 8:45pm Friday on the Courthouse Main Stage.

www.carolinesummerfest.com

1-800-SUNFEST



### How could you win \$100 cash at Caroline Summerfest this year?

By entering the *Island Escape* costume or mini-wagon\* float Parade on Friday, August 17.  
\*by mini wagon we mean the kind you pull your kids in - the old Radio Flyer!

Sponsored By:



Parade step off is 7:00 p.m. in front of the Denton Town Office (13 N. Third Street, Denton); costume and float entry check in by 6:30 p.m. same spot.

Open to all ages with 2 categories: No entry fee

11 & under: Trophies only to Best in Show, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up

12 to adult: \$100 cash prize to Best in Show, trophies to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners Up, and prizes to all entrants compliments of The Heat 106.3

Summerfest parade has featured the NCHS Band of Blue, jugglers, stilt walkers, crowned princesses, local dignitaries, the Shriners Mini Boats, Rough Riders, and hopefully YOU!

No Decorating Restrictions Apply BUT it is a free family festival, so for the sake of the kids and the grandmothers, discretion is advised.

Judging based on creativity, showmanship and theme.

Got questions? In the evenings call Brenda Guida at 410-479-5249 or via the website [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com).

Tell us you are going to be in the parade by completing the form below by **August 16, 2007** and we'll provide you with **FREE** trinkets to toss to your audience along the parade route.

Send form to: **Island Escape Parade**  
 403 S. 7th St., Suite 226  
 Denton, MD 21629  
 Or Fax to 410-479-4194

Name (s)\* \_\_\_\_\_

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Wednesday, August 15, 2007  
 (That's the Wed. before Summerfest)

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 Movie begins at dusk... (8:30ish)

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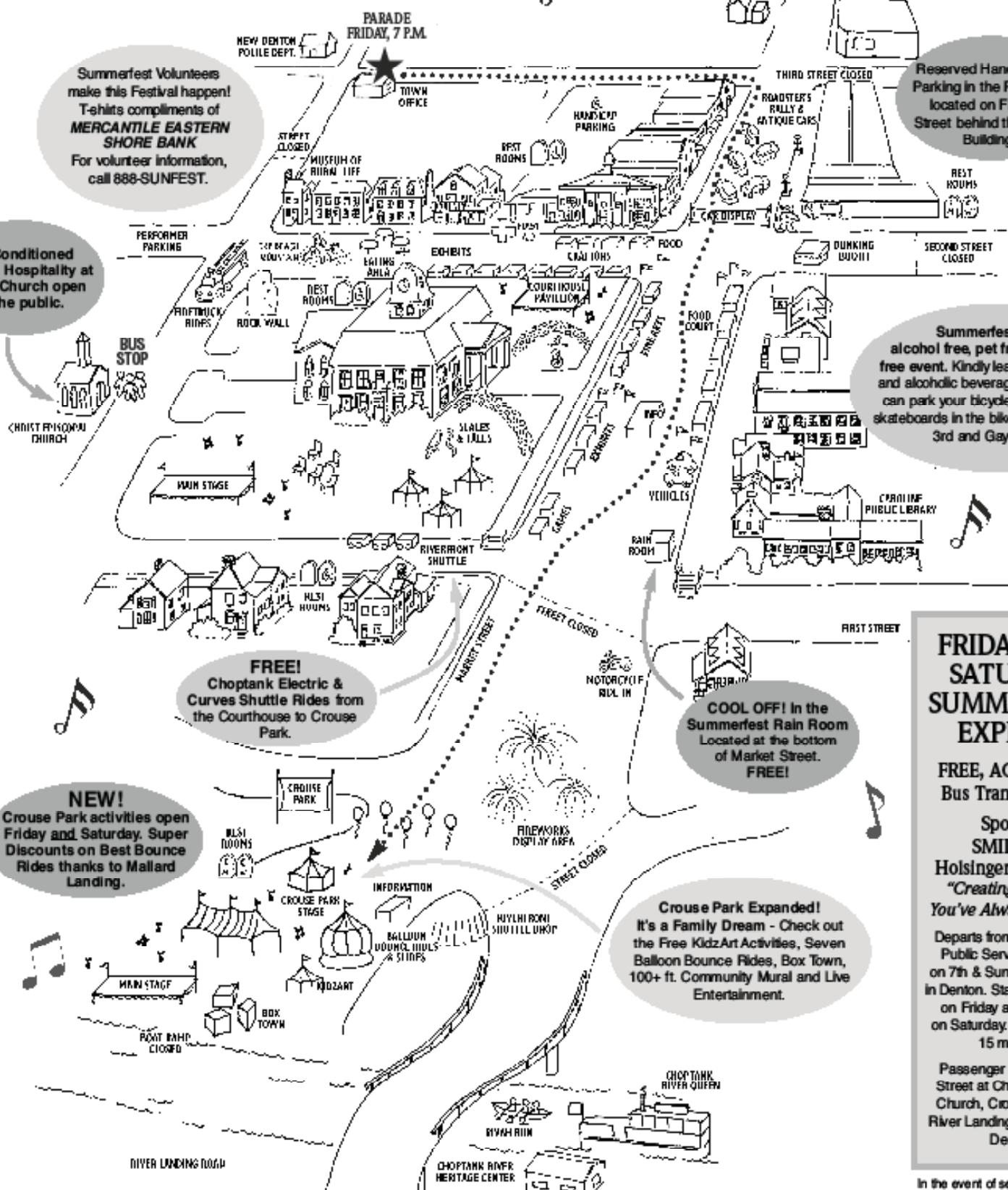


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Summerfest is an alcohol free, pet free and wheel free event. Kindly leave your animals and alcoholic beverages at home. You can park your bicycles, scooters and skateboards in the bike racks located at 3rd and Gay Street.

**FREE!** Choptank Electric & Curves Shuttle Rides from the Courthouse to Crouse Park.

**COOL OFF!** In the Summerfest Rain Room Located at the bottom of Market Street. **FREE!**

**NEW!** Crouse Park activities open Friday and Saturday. Super Discounts on Best Bounce Rides thanks to Mallard Landing.

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**FREE, ACCESSIBLE Bus Transportation**

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**SMILES** by Holsinger & Higgins, "Creating the Smile You've Always Wanted."

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# Denton Town Meeting Minutes

**April 2, 2007**

## Executive Session

Councilman Gregory made a motion at 6:30 PM to open an executive session to discuss litigation with the County, to obtain legal advice with respect to impact fee collection; and to discuss proposal for relocation of business's, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Mayor Foster, Councilman Gregory and Councilman Clendaniel were present during this meeting along with the Terry Fearins - Town Administrator, Karen Monteith -Clerk-Treasurer and the Brynja Booth, Town Attorney.

No action was taken.

At 6:59 PM. Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

## 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 Council members Horsey and Branson were absent, all other members were present.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

## Public Hearing

### **Ordinance #535**

Mayor Foster opened a public hearing at 7:02PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #535 - Zoning Use Table Amendment which was introduced on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Denton Planning Commission has recommended the Council consider the following changes to the zoning use table to permit: accessory apartments in combination with a principal residence in the Suburban Residential and Townscale Residential Districts with Planning Commission approval; to permit home occupations in the Suburban Residential and Townscale

Residential Districts with Planning Commission approval instead of Board of Appeals approval; and to permit Barbers/Beauty salons in the Light Industrial District which currently permits certain other personal service businesses.

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 Public – Ms. Jennifer Walls, 13483 Dean Rd, spoke on behalf of the ordinance changes.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none  
With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:04 PM.

## Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication

Mayor Foster presented a proclamation and certificates of appreciation to: Laight Phelps, Chief Rodney Cox & Police Officer Mike Rodano for their life saving efforts when a driver went off of South Fifth Ave. into the Storm water management pond.

Police Officer Cynthia Komenda was presented with a life safety certificate of appreciation for saving the life of an individual having a heart attack.

Chief Rodney Cox presented the departmental life safety award to Officer Komenda, and certificates of appreciation for outstanding police work to Sgt. George Bacorn, Officer Mike Rodano, Officer Dan Franklin and Detective Jamie Secrist, expressing that the members of the Police Department have been doing an outstanding job.

## Proclamation-National Volunteer Week

Mayor Foster proclaimed April 15-April 21 as National Volunteer Week recognizing the contributions of the many residents who volunteer, and make Denton a great place to live.

**Volunteer Appreciation Social:**  
Annually the Council hosts a social event for the various town appointed board volunteers. This will take

place during Volunteer Appreciation Week on April 17, 2007, and will include distribution of the monetary gift budgeted by the Council last year.

## Proclamation-April Fair Housing Month

Mayor Foster proclaimed April 2007 as Fair Housing Month.

## Chiefs' Challenge

Mayor Foster proclaimed April 3, 2007 through June 2, 2007 as the 2007 Maryland Chiefs' Challenge – A Lifesaving Campaign.

## Ordinances and Resolutions

**Ordinance #535 Zoning Ordinance Use Table Amendment** – On March 5<sup>th</sup> the Council introduced this ordinance on the recommendation of the Planning Commission which proposes the following changes: to permit accessory apartments in combination with principal residences in the Suburban and Townscale residential districts with Planning Commission approval; to permit home occupations with Planning Commission approval in the Suburban and Townscale residential districts instead of Board of Appeal approval; and to permit Barbers/Beauty salons in the Light Industrial District with site plan approval.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt ordinance #535, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

## Ordinance #536 Schedule of Impact Fees for Residential and Commercial Uses

An ordinance was presented to the Denton Town Council to establish a schedule of Impact Fees for Residential and Commercial Uses.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to introduce Ordinance #536, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

## Ordinance #537 Residential Sprinkler System

At the Council's request an ordinance was prepared by the town attorney to establish a requirement for sprinkler systems in all new residential one and two family homes. The ordinance

also applies to substantial rehab in residences where the value of the work exceeds 50% of assessed value.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to introduce ordinance #537, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

## Reports of officers, board and committees

None

## Unfinished Business

### Agenda #1 Industrial Park Land Acquisition

This item is on the agenda for discussion on the potential sale of the last two remaining lots – presently not under option agreement, and the potential to consider re-purchase of one lot in the Industrial Park. This item was deferred until later to discuss in executive session.

### Agenda #2 - Vineyards Planned Neighborhood Planning Commission Recommendation:

As part of the Planned Neighborhood review process the Planning Commission is required to make a recommendation to the Town Council on the application of the PN floating zone. The Planning Commission has prepared a Findings of Fact on The Vineyards PN request, and made a positive recommendation to the Town Council that the request for PN zoning be approved. To accomplish this, the Town Council will be required to make a site visit to the property and hold a public hearing. Mrs. Walls, Chairman of the Planning Commission and Ms Shull presented The Findings of Fact on behalf of the Planning Commission.

A working session was scheduled for April 30, 2007 at 6:00 to be held at the Denton Police Dept. Bldg.

## New Business

### Agenda #1 – Denton Town Council Sick Leave

This item is on the agenda for the Denton Town Council this item is to consider the establishment of a sick leave benefit for Council members. Councilman Gregory made a motion

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to bring this item up for discussion, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Councilman Gregory mentioned the policy needs to consider sick leave for Council and employees of other Municipal, County and State agencies who wish to seek employment with the Town of Denton or are employed with the Town to be able to transfer their sick leave from their previous locations into the Town's bank sick leave depository. And for the sick leave policy for Council members to be the same as it is for other employees.

Councilman Gregory moved to accept and to adopt this sick leave policy, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

#### **Agenda #2 Denton Town Council Retirement**

This item is on the agenda for the Denton Town Council to consider a Retirement Benefit for Council members who are presently not participating in the State of Maryland Retirement Program and serve more than 20 years in office and are 62 years of age.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt the retirement policy, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

The Town Attorney will review the Town Charter and pull together a resolution to amend the personnel regulations.

Councilman Gregory explained to the public that the Council has had discussion on this item in the past. New Council members are required to participate in the State Retirement Plan by having this policy it will allow Council members that have served office before this requirement that have reached 62 years of age and have served 20 years or more on the Denton Town Council to receive a retirement stipend of \$100 a month.

#### **Agenda #3 - Denton Police Department**

A request was made for the opportunity to extend thanks and appreciation to members of the Denton Police Department. This was done earlier in the meeting.

#### **Agenda #4 Computer Services**

Staff advised the Council that upon completion of the installation of the new Town Office Server and upgrade of software, the Town Office has been using Corsica Technologies to provide Computer and networking assistance. The Council was asked to consider entering into a contract with Corsica to provide both preventative maintenance and computer assistance when there are problems.

Mr. Dale Walls of Corsica Tech. was present and discussed the contract with the Council. Staff recommended the Ready+(1 Year) Support & Maintenance program.

Councilman Gregory asked about obtaining bids and was advised that the procurement ordinance does not require seeking bids for specialized or technical services.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

#### **Agenda #5 FY-2008 Budget**

As required by the Denton Town Charter the first budget submission was presented to the Denton Town Council for the General Fund Budget. The budget reflects the requests made by each Department Head. A copy of the Draft Capital Improvement Program was presented as well.

A working session to provide an opportunity for each Department to discuss their budget submissions was scheduled for April 16, 2007 to be held at 6:00.

#### **Agenda #6 Industrial Park Development**

At the March 5, 2007 Council Meeting, Councilmember Horsey had requested the opportunity to discuss industrial park development needs for the Town of Denton.

The Council agreed to table this item.

#### **Agenda #7- Summer Schedule**

Staff requested the opportunity to discuss the establishment of summer office hours for the town administrative offices including Finance and Housing & Community Development Departments.

Councilman Gregory asked for staff to provide detailed information regarding how the scheduled was

received last year.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to defer further discussion until the May meeting and instructed staff to provide additional quantitative data in support of this proposal, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**Recess-** Councilman Gregory asked for a 5 minute recess at 8:14 PM, the meeting resumed at 8:20PM.

#### **Agenda #8 Prichett Farms Planned Neighborhood (PN) Presentation**

An application has been received for a Planned Neighborhood on property owned by Bill Maloney on Foy Road. The application process and submittals is scripted by ordinance and requires that certain steps be taken in a predetermined order as was outlined on the attached memo. The first step requires formal submittal of the application to the Town Council. Planners and engineers from McCrone, Inc. were present to make an initial presentation if desired.

The Council agreed to hold discussion and the presentation to be made during the working session on April 30, 2007 at 6:00 to be held at the Denton Police Dept.

#### **Agenda #9 Pattern Book Agreement:**

The Town has requested that Crouse Farm, LLC prepay a share of the Pattern Book. A credit agreement & resolution was provided for the Council's consideration as required by the Impact Fee Ordinance.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to accept the pattern book agreement, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously. This will be resolution #693.

#### **Executive Session**

Mayor Foster advised that an executive session was held earlier on this date (see the beginning of the minutes for the details).

At 8:40 PM Councilman Gregory made a motion to hold a second executive session to discuss the acquisition of Industrial Park land and prospective business location in the IP, discuss the location of business in Town and the Staff efforts to negotiate with the business, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel,

passing unanimously.

No action was taken during this session.

At 9:05 PM Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

#### **New Business # 1 - Industrial Park Land Acquisition**

Councilman Gregory made a motion to give staff the ability to negotiate the sale and acquisition of Industrial Park Land, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

#### **Volunteer Appreciation**

The Council previously approved to provide a stipend to volunteer board members, staff asked for direction on how to distribute. The Council agreed to distribute based on the amount of times these boards meet and provide \$200 to Planning Commission Member, \$100 to members of the Utility and Historic Review Commissions. For the members of the Boards that do not meet regularly provide \$20 to the members.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to provide the stipend as discussed, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

With no further discussion Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to close the meeting at 9:15 PM, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

#### **April 30, 2007**

#### **Special Meeting of the Denton Town Council**

Mayor Foster was unable to attend the meeting, as Vice-Mayor Councilman Gregory presided over the meeting.

Following a working session that was held from 6:10 to 7:40 PM on this date, Vice-Mayor Councilman Gregory called the special meeting of the Denton Town Council to order on this date at 7:40 PM. This meeting was held in the basement of the Denton Police Dept.

#### **New Business**

#### **Agenda #1 - DDC Crouse Park Bid Award**

Mr. Ellis Davidson of the Denton Development Corp. (DDC) came



before the Council to request consideration of awarding the contract to the low bidder to proceed with the improvements to Crouse Park.

Councilman Branson expressing that since the DDC has already obtained the funding he made a motion to accept the bid of \$117,777 and \$12,850 for construction management, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

#### **Executive Session**

At 7:50 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice at the request of Vice-Mayor Gregory to discuss having a meeting with the Caroline County Commissioners, the motion was seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Along with the Council, Terry Fearins, Brynja Booth and Karen Monteith were also present for this session.

No action was taken during this session.

With no further business to discuss Vice-Mayor Gregory closed the executive session at 8:30 PM.

The special meeting was reopened.

#### **Special Meeting with the Caroline County Commissioners**

Councilman Branson made a motion for the Denton Town Council to attend a special meeting on May 1, 2007 with the Caroline County Commissioners to consult with staff, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation, the motion was seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously. Staff was instructed to post notice of this meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to close the meeting at 8:34 PM, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

#### **May 7, 2007**

#### **Executive Session**

The Denton Town Council voted unanimously to hold an executive session on this date at 6:05 PM to discuss a personnel performance evaluation. No action was taken.

Denton Town Council members that were present included Mayor Foster,

Councilmen Branson, Gregory and Clendaniel. The executive session was closed at 6:50 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 and a moment of silence in memory of their colleague.

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

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2007 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed. Councilman Branson abstained as he was unable to attend that meeting.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 working session as presented, seconded by Councilman Branson, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2007 working session as presented, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed. Mayor Foster abstained as he was unable to attend that meeting.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2007 Special meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed. Mayor Foster abstained as he was unable to attend that meeting.

#### **Proclamation**

The Mayor proclaimed the week of May 20-26, 2007 as National Public Works Week. The Director of Public Works and several members of the Department were present.

#### **Public Hearings**

#### **Ordinance #536**

At 7:08 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #536 an ordinance which permits the Denton Town Council to establish Impact Fees for Residential and Commercial Uses.

Staff provided an overview of the amendments to the ordinance; the scheduled was revised by Mr. Dean Ballas.

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 Public – there were none.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none  
With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:10 PM.

#### **Ordinance #537**

At 7:10 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #537 that would establish a requirement for sprinkler systems in all new residential one and two family homes. The ordinance also applies to substantial rehab in residences where the value of the work exceeds 50% of the pre-construction assessed value.

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 Public –

Ms. Bonnie Johnson spoke on behalf of Mr. Jim Robinson in opposition of the ordinance being adopted, citing the history of damaged caused by sprinkler systems. Ms. Johnson asked the Council to consider creating a task force to further investigate before making this law in Denton.

Mr. Jeff Trice expressed concerns of the economic impact adopting this ordinance would cause and that it would hurt affordable housing, depressing the market.

Mr. Farin Taylor of the MD State Fire Marshall Assoc. expressed that the cost to install would add around 1 to 1 ½ % per sq. ft. to the price of the house. He provided statistics regarding death's within the State of Maryland. Mr. Taylor advised that areas that have adopted similar legislation have seen a reduction in deaths caused by fires.

Mr. Jim Didanato of Mallard Homes spoke in opposition of this being adopted, expressing that the cost to add sprinklers in their project has been greater than the percentage that the Fire Marshall's office is predicting.

Mr. Danny Foster asked for the

Fire Marshall's information to be provided in writing to the Council to review prior to making a decision to adopt this legislation.

Ms. Anne Jones questioned how long the Council has been reviewing this legislation and raised concerns on including renovated homes.

Mr. Doug Alexander of Carroll County, with the MD State Fire Association spoke on behalf explaining that this would have a positive impact on the Volunteer Fire Dept. & Fireman Safety.

Mr. Carlisle Shrowder, a resident of the area and CPA questioned the effect on existing homes and that the cost would be pushed off to the buyer effecting affordable housing.

A letter received from Mr. Dale Minner of 423 S. Second Street was presented for the record in which Mr. Minner asked the Council to vote no on the passage of this ordinance.

Mr. Bill Bernard a MD State Fire Marshall provided a history of the sprinkler system legislation in Maryland and that it is a life safety mechanism, not necessarily a property protection system.

Mr. Danny Foster expressed that it would be better to encourage the use of fire alarms and have a battery replacement program, asking who is going to inspect the sprinkler systems once installed.

Mayor Foster asked for comments from the Council – there were none  
With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:35 PM.

#### **Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication**

**Lincoln and Third Street** - A written request from Ms. Rita Jenkins for permission to place a portable basketball stand at the lot the Town presently leases from Mrs. Elisabeth Bloor was provided to the Council. The Council raised concerns about who assumes the liability, and kids playing in the street.

Councilman Branson made a motion to reject the request, there was further discussion and Councilman Branson withdrew his motion.

Councilman Gregory ask to obtain

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more information and to hold off making a decision until Ms. Jenkins could be present.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to table, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**LGIT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – LGIT is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is seeking quote's from it's members.

The Council delegated to Town Staff to respond.

**Town of Oakland Maryland** – The Denton Town Council reviewed a request from the Town of Oakland on whether the by-pass at Denton had a positive or negative impact on the business community.

The Council asked Town Staff to share their opinion that the by-pass will reduce traffic that flows through the city and that it will create an avenue for business to be built on the outside of the Town.

**Resolution # 695 Sick Leave Benefit – Policy Amendment**

A resolution prepared at the request of the Denton Town Council permitting employees of the Town and the Town Council members participating in the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System to transfer their accumulated sick leave to the Town from another participating employer, and to allow members of the Town Council to accrue up to nine hours per year of sick leave. This resolution amends the Town's personnel sick leave policy.

Councilman Gregory asked that the resolution be amended 14-2 A to allow the Council to earn 12 hours of sick leave per year instead of nine, 14-2 b to receive full credit not "a" credit.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt resolution #695 as amended, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

#### **Ordinances & Resolutions**

**Ordinance #536 Schedule of Impact Fees for Residential and Commercial Uses**

An ordinance of the Denton Town Council to establish a schedule of Impact Fees for Residential and Commercial Uses. Staff advised that the figures had been amended to add the total jobs that exist. The impact fees proposed per unit: One

Bedroom Residential \$3,713, all other residential would be \$4,785. Non Residential – Office \$3,432.75, Retail \$2,293.03, Live Work Units #3,454.79, Hotel \$2,291.74 per unit.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt ordinance #536 with the new fee schedule reflecting the new figures presented by Dean Ballas, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #537 - Residential Sprinkler System**

At the Council's request an ordinance has been prepared by the Town Attorney to establish a requirement for sprinkler systems in all new residential one and two family homes. The ordinance also applies to substantial rehab in residences where the value of the work exceeds 50% of assessed value.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt ordinance #537, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #538 Water Meter Fees**

– An ordinance to amend ordinance #498, which establishes water meter fees. The Public Works Department and Utility Commission would like to increase the replacement fee from \$2.50 to \$3.50 to insure adequate funds for future replacements. In addition to the fee increase, it was proposed to charge the replacement fee to those having 1-inch meters or less. Currently the size limitation is ¾-inch or less. The Public Works Director was present to explain in more detail if necessary and answer questions.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce ordinance #538, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel. During discussion Councilman Gregory questioned the Director about this just having increase last year and stated that he did not want to have to revisit an increase every year, they should make up their mind what the fee should be. Staff advised that the original proposal provided to the Council in 2005 reflected that the rate would increase each year to help defray the cost of meter replacements to residential properties. Staff will provide the

Council with another copy of the previous proposal to review. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance #539 Utility Commission**

– An ordinance to revise the Denton Town Code by adding a chapter establishing general terms, duties and membership qualifications for members of the Denton Utility Commission. Currently, there are no chapters related to the Utility Commission. Ms. Brynja Booth has approved this proposed ordinance.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #539, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #540 - Utility Commission Admin Procedures**

An ordinance approving the administrative procedures for the Denton Utility Commission as proposed and approved by Ms. Brynja Booth.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to introduce Ordinance #540, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #541** – As requested by the Council on April 2, 2007, an ordinance has been prepared for consideration of introduction.

This ordinance provides that any councilperson having served twenty (20) years in elected office on the Denton Town Council and does not participate in the State of Maryland Retirement program shall receive a monthly pension benefit from the Town of Denton in the amount of \$100 per month after reaching the age of 62 years. Section C3-3 of the Town Charter requires that such an ordinance be approved by the majority of the qualified voters during the next election.

The Town Attorney advised that all forms of compensation are considered salary and the Charter requires these items once adopted by the Council to be approved by the voters during the next election.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to introduce Ordinance #541, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, the motion passed with Councilman Branson abstaining.

**Ordinance #542 Water Capacity Ordinance**

The 2008 proposed Capital Budget has been completed. This Water Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge, increasing per unit for single family from \$1,500 to \$4,000, Multi Family residential efficiency/one bedroom from \$750 to \$2,000 and two or more bedrooms from \$1,500 to \$4,000.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to introduce Ordinance #542, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Ordinance #543 Sewer Capacity Ordinance**

The 2008 proposed Capital Budget has been completed. This Sewer Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge per unit for single family from \$4,500 to \$5,000, Multi Family residential efficiency/one bedroom from \$2,250 to \$2,500 and two or more bedrooms from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #543, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Staff was asked to provide the Council a comparison of other jurisdictions.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Agenda # 1- Industrial Park Land Acquisition**

Town Staff asked for authorization to draft an option agreement to potentially purchase and sell industrial park land. Staff advised that one of the Industrial Park land owners is interested in selling three lots back to the Town as requested by the Town. Councilman Gregory questioned having a requirement that when Industrial Park Land is purchased that it has to be developed within a certain time span or transfer back to the Town. The Council was advised that this company purchased the land many years ago helping the Town out financially and provided the ability for leasing opportunities.

The Council authorized staff to pull together an option agreement for their consideration.

#### **Agenda #2 West Denton**

Mr. Robert Rauch came before the Council and provided a background and update of the status on the West Denton project.



**Agenda #3 – Summer Hours**

Councilman Branson made a motion to keep the hours as they are now and to not have any different summer hours, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #4 – Council Vacancy**

Councilman Branson asked to add to the agenda the ability to fill the vacancy on the Council.

Councilman Branson made a motion to appoint Dennis Porter to fulfill Brad Horsey's seat until the next election, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**New Business****Agenda #1 - Industrial Park Development**

At the March 5, 2007 Council meeting, Councilmember Horsey had requested the opportunity to discuss industrial park development needs for the Town of Denton. Staff will bring options to the Council to review in June.

**Agenda #2 - CDBG Application**

The submission deadline for the next CDBG round is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The application is proposed to be submitted to address water line and sewer deficiencies and failing road conditions on Lockerman, High, Third and Caroline Street.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to bring before the Council for discussion the CDBG application, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct Town Staff to go ahead and send in the CDBG application, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #3- LGIT Ballot**

The Town of Denton as a member of LGIT has the opportunity to participate in the election for the Board of Trustees and cast the vote on the ballot.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to vote, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #4 - Pearson Road Development LLC Planned Neighborhood Application:**

An application has been received for a concept Planned Neighborhood (PN) at the intersection of Market

and Pearson Roads. The site is approximately 29 acres which is below the threshold of 50 acres which would require the site to develop as a PN per the ordinance. The applicants have taken the initiative to propose a mixed use site creating a diverse population in a location that is presently supported with utilities, and has a base residential zoning. John Moynahan and Billy Bozalis of Urban Design and Planning and Christine Dayton came before the Council to discuss the project.

The Council scheduled a working session to review the application at length with the designers, owners, and Planning Commission on June 4, 2007 at 6:00 at the Police Dept. prior to the regular meeting.

**Agenda #5 - Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan Amendment**

The Town of Denton submitted an application to Caroline County to amend the Water and Sewer Plan. The County, in 2004 had requested that the Town file individual applications, until they are in a position to move forward with the amendment of their plan. An application and cover letter from Robert E. Jarrell, Attorney for the Allston Farm was presented to the Council. Staff provided an overview. Mr. Danny Foster and Mr. Dan Foster also came before the Council seeking their support for authorization to sign the application.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to sign the application to Caroline County to amend the water and sewer comprehensive plan, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

**Executive Session**

At 9:55 PM Councilman Gregory made a motion to go back into executive session to seek legal advice from the Town Attorney, with only the Attorney present, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Those present for this session included the Denton Town Council members Mayor Foster, Councilmen Branson, Gregory and Clendaniel as well as the Town Attorney, Brynja Booth.

At 10:25 PM the Council left the building.

**May 21, 2007****Special Meeting**

Mayor Foster called a special meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 6:03 PM on this date at the Denton Police Department.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect that Councilmen Branson and Councilman Gregory were present. Councilman Clendaniel was absent.

**Executive Session**

At 6:05 PM Councilman Gregory made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss the performance evaluation of the Town Administrator, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously. With the exception of the Council everyone else left the room.

At 6:36 PM the Town Administrator went into executive session with the Council.

Mayor Foster advised that at 7:07 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Special Meeting - reopened**

Councilman Gregory made a motion to reopen the special meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Dennis Porter incoming appointee for the vacant seat on the Council was present and invited to sit at the table with the Council. (Mr. Porter will be sworn in at the regular meeting on June 4, 2007).

Councilman Branson made a motion to have the Town Administrator provide a copy of the proposed FY2008 general fund budget to the incoming Councilman, seconded by Mayor Foster, passing unanimously.

**Appropriations Ordinance #544**

Discussion was held with the Town Administrator and Department Heads about the appropriations ordinance and the FY2008 general fund budget.

The Town Administrator provided an overview of the changes to the budget since the first submission. The balanced General Fund budget

includes changes to the Tourism program, Fire Dept. appropriation, trash collection, and personnel, with no increase in real estate property tax rate.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #544, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Gregory raised concerns about not having enough time to review the budget and asked the Town Administrator to contact Federalsburg about how they provide the budget to the Council.

Further discussion was held regarding the highway fund budget. The Council asked that a copy of the agenda from last month be provided to incoming Councilman Porter.

At 7:54 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close this special meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Discussion about the FY2008 budget was included as part of the appropriations ordinance therefore a separate working session was not necessary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer

Don't Miss The  
Summerfest  
Fireworks



Saturday  
August 18th  
10pm  
By the Courthouse

**Ordinance No. 544**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND ESTIMATE INCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.**

Be it Ordained and Enacted by the Commissioners of Denton, Maryland, that the following tax rates and fees, revenue and expenditure estimates are enacted for Fiscal Year 2008:

- Sec. 1 General Fund
- Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property
- Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Corporation
- Sec. 4 Rate of Taxation on Railroad and Utility Property

**Sec. 1 General Fund**

A. That the following amounts shall be and hereby are appropriated for the expenditures designated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 for the General Fund:

Activity Title	Approved Budget and Appropriation
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Mayor and Commissioners Administration	52,322
Election	54,820
Municipal Building	1,995
Financial Administration	8,450
<b>General Government - Total</b>	<b>168,872</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Police Department	1,140,598
Volunteer Fire Co.	82,600
Zoning, Codes & Inspections	350,170
<b>Public Safety - Total</b>	<b>1,573,368</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>Community Development - Total</b>	<b>78,464</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Street Sanitation	92,379
Street Lighting	49,000
Christmas Lights	800
Trash Collection	128,110
Mosquito Spraying	1,250
Parks	54,990
Tennis Courts	11,100
<b>Public Works Department - Total</b>	<b>337,629</b>
<b>General Fund Debt</b>	<b>106,160</b>
<b>General Fund Reserve</b>	<b>380,404</b>
<b>Retirement Fund</b>	<b>13,117</b>
<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>2,775,601</b>

A. That the following revenues are, in the considered judgement of the Town Commissioners, a fair appraisal and estimate of the revenues available to finance this budget and these appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Source	Estimated Revenues
Taxes	2,194,110
Licenses and Permits	103,860
Revenue from Other	117,600
Agencies	
Miscellaneous Income	110,031
General Fund Reserve	250,000
<b>Total FY 2004 Revenues</b>	<b>2,775,601</b>

**Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property**

That the rate of taxation on real property to be taxed within the boundaries of the Town of Denton, Maryland shall be and hereby is established as Sixty-six cents (\$.66)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of value for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and including June 30, 2008.

**Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Business Personal Property**

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and including June 30, 2008, on any personal property to be taxed by the Town of Denton, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Sec. 4. Rate of Taxation on Railroad and Utility Property**

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and including June 30, 2008 on any railroad and utility property to be taxed by the Town of Denton, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and Seventy cents (\$1.70)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Sec. 5. Service and Administration Fee Collected by Caroline County Treasurers Office**

That the rate of service and administrative fees on semi-annual billings assessed by the Caroline County Treasurers Office shall be and hereby is established as:

1.31% Service Fee and 10% Administrative Fee.



**Press Releases** *from page 5*

479-1414.

Date: 05/09/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 1100 block Industrial Park Way

The Denton Police Department is investigating the damage to a vehicle parked at 1109 Industrial Park Way. An unknown person damaged a 1977 Mercury by throwing a rock at it. Estimated damage is \$400.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/11/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 700 block N Sixth St.

Denton Police are investigating the theft of a purse from a vehicle. Tabitha Turner reported that person(s) unknown removed her purse, containing cash, from her unsecured vehicle while she was at the Goose Creek in Denton. Approximate loss value is \$200. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/11/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 1200 block Market St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident of vandalism which occurred sometime overnight on May 10<sup>th</sup> into 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. An unknown person knocked a mailbox from its mounting in the 1200 block of Market St. causing damage to the mailbox and the mounting post causing approximately \$75.00 in damage. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at (410)479-1414.

Date: 05/11/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 0 block Denton Plaza

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Breanne Garland reported that person(s) unknown by unknown means shattered the front door glass to the "To the Point Dance Studio" in Denton Plaza. Estimated damage is \$305.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/12/2007

Classification: Driving w/o license

Location: 300 block Market St.

Denton Police charged Kevin Butler, 39 of Denton, with driving without a license. Butler was observed operating a 1989 Accura on Market Street at Third Street when he passed thru a steady red traffic signal. A check of Butler's driving status revealed that he did not possess a license. Butler was also charged with driving thru a steady red traffic signal. He was issued citations at the scene and released.

Date: 05/12/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: 600 block N Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Scott Zimmerman, 20 of Clymer NY, with driving on a suspended license. Zimmer was stopped while Denton Police were conducting a high visibility seatbelt enforcement initiative on N. Sixth Street near Fleetwood Road. Zimmer was observed operating a 1999 Pontiac and was not secured by a seatbelt. After being stopped a check of Zimmerman's license status revealed he was suspended. Zimmerman was issued citations for both offences and released at the scene.

Date: 05/13/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

Denton Police are investigating the attempted theft of several trees from in front of the Food Lion. Police observed several small trees in the roadway on S Fifth Ave. in the area of Sharp Rd. While removing the trees witnesses advised that person(s) unknown, operating a white in color pickup, had backed up to the store and loaded the trees in the truck. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/13/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Market St.

The Denton Police arrested Tammy L. Perez, 25, of Denton for driving suspended on May 13, 2007. Perez was stopped for a seatbelt violation and found to be suspended through Maryland. Perez was charged with driving suspended and not wearing a seatbelt, and then released on her

signature of the citations.

Date: 05/16/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: Market St.

On 05-16-07, Dale Robert Seth, of Federalsburg, was arrested by the Denton Police Department for driving suspended and apprehended on a warrant through Pennsylvania. Police had suspicion that Seth's license was suspended from prior police involvements and check of MVA record revealed that his status was suspended. Seth was held at CCDC.

Date: 05/17/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 700 block Randolph St.

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP to a residence. Police responded to a prowler call and spoke with the victim, Timothy Butler, who advised he heard two loud bangs outside his residence. Inspection revealed two dents in the siding of the residence. Damage is estimated at approximately \$200.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/17/2007

Classification: Driving on revoked license

Location: Crouse Park

Denton Police charged Zachary Rugerrio, 18 of Henderson with driving on a revoked license. Police observed a 2000 Dodge Caravan parked at Crouse park after it had closed. Police identified the operator of the van as Rugerrio and caused an MVA check of his license status and found his privilege to drive was revoked. Rugerrio was issued a citation and released at the scene.

Date: 05/17/2007

Classification: Motor Vehicle/ Unlawful Taking

Location: 0 block N Eighth St.

On May 17 at 1635 hours Denton Police responded to a report of a vehicle accident at 9 North Eighth Street in Denton. Upon arrival Police discovered a grey in color 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer into a privacy fence, the engine was still running and the vehicle was left in drive. The operator fled on foot after the crash. The vehicle was being repaired and

was left unattended temporarily to make space to park the vehicle inside the fence area. Suspect description is a white male, think build, wearing a white tee shirt, blue shorts and a black ball cap. Damage to the vehicle was estimated to be at \$1,226.57. There was no estimate for the fence at the time of this release. Anyone with information about this incident can call the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/18/2007

Classification: Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

The Denton Police Dept. investigated an assault at Rite Aid, Denton on May 18, 2007. Jamie Maddox, 29, of Ridgely, advised that she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend's ex-wife inside the store. Maddox was referred to the District Court to seek charges.

Date: 05/18/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

The Denton Police Dept. arrested David Shahan, 37, and Annette Love, 38, both of 908 Market St. Denton, for shoplifting from the Food Lion in Denton on May 18, 2007. Both parties were apprehended with items in their possession that they had removed from the store without paying for them. Both parties were issued criminal citations for Theft Less than \$100 and released.

Date: 05/19/2007

Classification: Driving w/o license

Location: High St.

The Denton Police Dept. investigated a motor vehicle collision on May 18, 2007 at the intersection of High and N. Sixth Sts., Denton. One of the drivers in the collision, Karon Reddick, 25, of 345 Academy Ave., Denton, was found to be unlicensed. Citations are pending for Reddick.

Date: 05/20/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 1100 block Market St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the destruction of some mailboxes along Market Street. Mailboxes were damaged overnight by unknown person(s) and unknown means. Total damage is estimated at \$60.00. Anyone with information is

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**Press Releases** *from page 21*

asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/21/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 100 block Edenton Lane  
On 05-21-2007, the Denton Police Department investigated the theft of a front grill from a Chevrolet Blazer parked at the residence of 118 Edenton Ln. The grill was from a 1979 Chevrolet Blazer and valued at \$150.00. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/25/2007

Classification: Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Location: 200 block S. Second St.  
The Denton Police Dept. arrested Eric S. Jacks, 42, of Bowie, MD on May 25, 2007 for domestic assault. Jacks and his girlfriend, Jodi Jester, 32, of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Denton had an altercation, and Jester was assaulted during that argument. Jacks was charged with one count of Assault; 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and released on personal recognizance following an initial appearance in front of the District Court Commissioner.

Date: 05/25/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 1300 block Market St.  
Denton Police are investigating one case of MDOP to two mailboxes on Market St. Three subjects were seen running from the area. Two males and one female, all looked to be juveniles. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/27/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 600 block N Sixth St.  
On 05-27-07, John Simpson reported to the Denton Police Department that his bicycle had been stolen from the rear of McDonalds. The bike is described as a teal colored mountain bike. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 05/29/2007

Classification: Driving on revoked license

Location: Denton police charged

Darin Hill of Denton with operating a motor vehicle on a revoked license. Hill was stopped for speeding and a check of MVA records revealed his privilege to drive was revoked for various other motor vehicle law violations. Hill was issued citations at the scene and released.

Date: 05/30/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 1100 block Osprey Lane  
The Denton Police Dept. is investigating the theft of a bike from 1132 Osprey Ln, Denton, sometime overnight May 30 into 31, 2007. The stolen bike is described as a boy's 20" Mongoose trick bike with black handlebars and rear pegs. Anyone with any information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Denton P.D. at (410)479-1414.

Date: 05/30/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 600 block N Sixth St.  
Denton Police charged Michael Kelly, 18 of Denton, with theft under \$100. Jimmy Outland reported that his bicycle was taken from McDonald's while Outland was working. A short time later Outland was in the area of Royal Farm and observed Kelly with the bicycle and notified Police. Kelly was charged on a citation for theft under \$100 and released on a citation.

Date: 06/02/2007

Classification: Burglary

Location: 1100 block Canvasback Lane

On 06-02-07 the Denton Police Department investigated the report of a malicious destruction of property in the area of 1800 Blue Heron Dr. Two units in the building were damaged. One rear door appeared to have construction glue smeared on it and it appeared that the other door had been forced open causing damage to the door frame.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 06/03/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 100 block Caroline Dr.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a purse and wallet from a vehicle. Sometime

## 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 on's, and other misc. 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. Tenant's 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.**

overnight an unknown person took a wallet and a purse from an unlocked vehicle. Total value lost is estimated at \$35.00. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414. Denton Police would also like to remind all citizens to lock their vehicles and secure all valuables.

Date: 06/03/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 700 block Gay St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a purse from a vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the 700 block of Gay St. The vehicle was unsecured. Total loss is estimated at \$30.00. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Denton Police would also like to remind all citizens to lock their vehicles and secure all valuables.



### Permits *from page 6*

Hutson, 1124 Canvasback Lane, Fence

Hadley, 107 Edenton Lane, Mechanical

Motter, 1201 Tuckahoe Rd., Pool Cager, 405 Gay St., Roof

Lord, 108 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Roof

Pardoe, 1164 Osprey Lane, Roof

Mercantile Safe Deposit, 812 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Signs



**Gala Thank You** *from page 8*

Michoacana, Market Street Café, Susie's Seafood, the Lily Pad, and Upland Golf Club Café for donating such tasty food samplings.

Speaking of Restaurant help; **the students from the Emerson House** were awesome. They helped with collecting, washing, and returning the much needed wine glasses used at the festivities.

Many thanks to the participating businesses who stayed open Saturday night and hosted some fun activities and/or food for the Gala: Awards Engraving Company, Black Anchor Gallery, Defining Moments, Emerson House, Firehouse Coffee Café, The Lily Pad, The Museum of Rural Life, and What's New Shop.

A very special thanks to Bay Rose Florist who donated all their spectacular floral arrangements, arbors and props for staging such a glorious event. Music was provided by Imagine – Gail Garner, keyboard and John M. St. Jean on Bass and Guitar. In addition, Andy Mackel, Bodhran Drum, and John Gillespie on Concertina played in various locations.

Of course, we would not have such a wonderful event without the space at 220 Market Street provided by Bill Maloney. The space was an appropriate venue for this years' Gala.

Since, the Main Street Program is up and running, the volunteers from the different committees along with other members of the community took time out of their busy schedule to make the event successful. The volunteers were: Margie Buyer, Cindy Draper, Laurie Ferguson, Katia Heinlein, Barbara Martin, Gregory Socks, Jok Walsh, Micky McCrea, Doncella Williams, Patti Wood and Gwen Young. And without the many who helped in ticket sales, the event would not have been the same.

The creators of the Denton Spring Gala are looking forward to a bigger and better event in May 17, 2008. Anyone interested in participating in the 2008 Gala, please call: 410-479-4305 or 410-479-4315. The Denton Spring Gala was a fundraising event everyone will remember.

## Proposed Modified Budget Submission Schedule FY-2009

Kick Off FY -2009 Budget Discuss at working session in October	October 15, 2007
Submit request for budget information to Department Heads	November 1
Capital Improvement Plan Draft Submitted	December 15
Budget request due to Town Manager. Copy of Budget request submitted to Council	January 15, 2008
First Draft Prepared and submitted to each Department for their review	February 1
Comments due back by all Departments	February 15
Submit Budget to Council for their review. Include Budget amendments if applicable. Create PDF of draft for public review on Website	March 3
Working Session on Budget	March 17
Working Session on Budget	April 21
Introduce Appropriation Ordinance	May 5
Working Session on Budget	May 19
Public Hearing - Constant Yield/Budget	May 5
Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance	June 2
Adoption of Budget	June 2
Copies of Budget to Department	June 16
Newspaper – include information regarding the budget place on Website - PDF	July/August

**Animal Control** *from page 4*

provisions of this article.

**32-11. Methods of disposal.**

Sanitary methods of removing all feces shall be approved by the local health authority and include mechanical devices such as pooch scoops, small shoves, etc. All feces removed by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any such dog shall dispose of all feces in a sealed nonabsorbent, leakproof container or in another sanitary manner approved by the local health authority.

**32-12. Violations and penalties; municipal infraction.**

A. Violations of this article shall be a municipal infraction as provided under C4-3B of the Town of Denton Charter.

B. Any person who violates this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each offense to be recovered by and in the name of the Town of Denton. The fine is payable by the offender

within 20 calendar days of receipt of the municipal infraction citation.

C. A complaint can be filed by and attested to by three residents in the immediate vicinity of the area in which the dog defecation took place and the feces were not properly disposed of. Upon the proper determination that a violation has occurred, the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall be issued a municipal infraction..

## Update on Ordinances and Resolutions

**Resolution #693** - A resolution to approve a credit agreement between Crouse Farm, LLC and the Town of Denton for a voluntary prepayment of Crouse Farms Pro Rata payment for the Denton Pattern Book. Adopted 4/2/07.

**Resolution #694** - A resolution of the Denton Town Council authorizing to submit a CDBG application for funding for failing infrastructure for Lockerman, High, Third & Caroline. Adopted 5/7/07

**Resolution #695** - A resolution of the Denton Town Council amending the Town's sick leave policy, permitting employees and Council members participating in the State Retirement and pension system to transfer their accumulated sick leave to the Town from a previous employer and to allow members of the Town Council to accrue up to 12 hours per year of sick leave. Adopted 4/2/07.

**Ordinance #536** - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to establish a schedule

of Impact Fees for Residential and Commercial Uses within the Town of Denton. Introduced 4/2/07 Adopted 5/7/07, Effective 5/14/07.

**Ordinance #537** - An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Denton Town Code, Chapter 38 (Building Construction), to include Section 38-8.1.2. to require that all new One and Two Family Residences be equipped with an interior automatic fire sprinkler system within the Town of Denton. Introduced 4/2/07, Adopted 5/7/07, Effective 5/14/07.

**Ordinance #538** - An ordinance to amend Ordinance 498 relating to water meter fees. For all properties tied into the Denton Municipal Water System a \$3.50 per quarter water meter fee will be assessed. The present fee is \$2.50. This will apply to all One Inch (1") or less meters. Properties with meters larger than One Inch (1") will be responsible for the cost of their meter replacement. Presently the fee is only applied to 3/4"

or less meters. This cost will be based on actual meter purchase price. Water meter fee amendments if adopted will become effective July 1, 2007 and reflected in the billing of October 1, 2007 and thereafter. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 7/11/07

**Ordinance #539** - An ordinance revising the Denton Town Code by the addition of Chapter 8 entitled "Denton Utility Commission" and setting forth the general terms, duties and membership qualifications for members of the Denton Utility Commission. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 6/11/07

**Ordinance #540** - An ordinance approving the administrative procedures for the Denton Utility Commission. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 6/11/07

**Ordinance #541** - An ordinance to provide that any Councilperson having served twenty (20) years in elected office on the Denton Town Council shall receive a monthly pension benefit from the Town in the amount of \$100 per month after reaching the age of 62 years. That the terms of this monthly pension benefit shall be placed upon the ballot at the next municipal election, and shall become effective only after said increase is approved by the majority of the qualified voters during the November election. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 6/11/07

**Ordinance #542** - An ordinance revising the water capacity charge for users of the Municipal Water System.

The Water Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge from \$2000 to \$4000 for Single Family residential properties and proposes to amend Multi-Family residential - efficiency/one bedroom (per unit) from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and two or more bedrooms (per unit) from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 6/11/07

**Ordinance #543** - An ordinance revising the sewer capacity charge for users of the Municipal Sewer System. The Sewer Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge from \$4500 to \$5000 for Single Family residential properties and proposes to amend Multi-Family residential - efficiency/one bedroom (per unit) from \$2,260 to \$2,500 and two or more bedrooms (per unit) from \$4,500 to \$5,000. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 6/11/07

**Ordinance #544** - An ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. Introduced: 5/7/07 Adopted 6/4/07 Effective 6/11/07

*Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office of the Town of Denton, 13 North Third Street, Denton, Maryland, during normal working hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To inquire or obtain additional information regarding these amendments please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at (410) 479-2050.*

### Special Collection Reminder

**Household Items:** All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays, must be called in by 12 noon on Tues. Effective January 1, 2003, there is a \$5.00 collection fee for each item to be collected. This fee must be paid prior to pick up 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.

### Denton Town News

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