



Denton Town News

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Denton Spring Gala May 17th

The Denton Development Corporation and Caroline County Council of Arts are sponsoring the second annual Denton Spring Gala on Saturday, May 17th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in downtown Denton. This fund-raising event, which features local artists, restaurants, and musicians, will help fund the Denton Main Street Program, welcome visitors, and create renewed interest

in historic downtown Denton. Tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door.

Denton Development Corporation works with the Denton Main Street Program, which is part of Main Street Maryland, a comprehensive downtown revitalization program created in 1998 by the Maryland Department

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Farmers Market Begins May 14th

The Town of Denton is bringing you the best in Eastern Shore certified farmers who offer the finest vine-ripened, just-picked, hand raised sumptuous produce and meats for the sophisticated and discriminating buyer. The difference is in the smell, the touch, the color and the flavor - there is simply no comparing the produce and meat you can get right off of the farm.

Market your weekly destination to buy farm fresh produce and meat offered in a wide and appealing array, seasonal as well as year-round. Enjoy the freshest of fruits and vegetables throughout the season including cantaloupe, watermelon, tomatoes, blueberries, kale, lettuce, and sweet and hot peppers. Browse the farmer's market for everything



Make the Denton Farmer's

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Denton Pattern Book Available

The Denton Pattern Book has now been printed. This is a reference resource for property owners in Denton. Along with a guide for homeowners, there is also an overview of Denton's building types, architectural styles, strategies for new development, green building guidelines, and a section on environmentally responsible landscape designs.

The Denton Town Council has amended Section 128-21.3 of the Denton Zoning Ordinance, titled PN Design Guidelines. The amendment includes:

Denton Pattern Book. In addition to the design standards set

forth in this Section, development proposals in the PN District shall meet the standards set forth in the Denton Pattern Book, prepared by Urban Design Associates, which is attached hereto as an Appendix, and copies of which are maintained in the Town Office. The Pattern Book is intended to supplement existing applicable design guidelines. Persons proposing development in a PN District should consult the Denton Pattern Book and incorporate the design concepts and standards into the proposed PUD or PN design standards for the particular project. Failure to adhere to the design

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Drinking Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is two (2) potable wells drilled at an average depth of 450 feet in the Piney Point Aquifer.

We have a water source protection plan available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mark Chandler or Scott Getchell of the Department

of Public Works at 410-479-5446. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Town Office.

The Water Treatment Division of the Department of Public Works routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2007. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you

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Town Calendar

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

Town Council Meeting at 7 p.m. Police Department

May 5
June 2

Planning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.

May 27
June 24

Historic Review Meeting at 6 p.m.

May 21
June 18

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

May 8
June 12

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

May 26

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

TOWN OF DENTON NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Denton propose to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2008, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 7.7%, from \$290,373,029 to \$312,607,635.

2. If the Town of Denton maintains the current tax rate of \$.66 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 7.7% resulting in \$146,748 of new real property tax revenues.

3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$.613, the constant yield tax rate.

4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$.66 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 7.7% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$146,748 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00p.m. on May 5, 2008 at the Denton Police Department, 100 North Third St, Denton, MD 21629.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 410-479-2050 for further information.



PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

SATURDAY MAY 3RD
10A.M. - 4P.M.



CAROLINE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE GREEN
DENTON

a fun event for the whole family.



Attention Settlement Attorneys

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

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

July/August Issue Deadline

June 4th, 2008

email articles of interest to:
lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com



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

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

May

3rd-Greensboro Fishing Derby

Carnival Grounds, Town of Greensboro
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. FREE

Come on out to this great family event that everyone will love, bring the kids and fishing poles and let's fish!! This is a free event for children 16 and under.



Prizes will be given in several different age categories, and everyone will go home with a T-shirt and free lunch, provided by Greensboro Parks and Rec. Committee. Sponsored by the Town of Greensboro Contact Erin Braband at 410-482-6222 for more info.

3rd-Old Time Ridgely Days

10 a.m.-4 p.m.(rain date May 4th 12 p.m.-5 p.m.)

Ridgely Memorial Park, between Bell St. and Railroad Ave. Antique cars, vendors, model trains, horse and carriage rides; Call 410-479-0267 or 410-634-9235 for more info.

4th-Baked Goods Basket BINGO

Fundraiser for Culinary School, \$20
1 p.m. Emerson House Restaurant, 100 Market St. Denton, MD

Play for gourmet baked goodies in every basket! \$20 includes 9 BINGO games. Students have prepared these delicious baked items. Come support the Culinary School, 1 p.m. doors open, 2 p.m. BINGO begins. Call Beth Brewster 410-479-0015 for more info.

7th-Journaling with Nature

9 a.m. - NOON, Adkins Arboritum.

7th-Plant Sale Preview Walk

Adkins Arboretum 1p.m. - 2 p.m.

9th-Adkins Arboretum Spring Plant Sale

Spring Plant Sale (*members only* 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Native trees, shrubs and wildflowers will be on sale. Guided walks through the Arboretum woods will be offered. Let's start planting today! Ellie Altman 410-634-2847.

10th-Adkins Arboretum SPRING Plant Sale

Spring Native Plant Sale (*members and general public*) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Native trees, shrubs and wildflowers will be on sale. Guided walks through the Arboretum woods will be offered. Let's start planting today! Ellie Altman 410-634-2847.

11th-Happy Mother's Day!

11th-Mother's Day Brunch

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Emerson House Restaurant, 100 Market St. Denton, MD 21629
Bring your Mother to a fabulous brunch. Contact Beth Brewster for more info at; 410-479-0015

14th, 21st, 28th-Denton Farmers Market

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Every Wednesday. Downtown Denton at 2nd and Market St.
Farm fresh produce, flowers, bison meat, yeast, and quick breads.

16th-Choptank Athletic Associations Annual Golf Tournament, Caroline Country Club
24820 Pealiquor Rd, Denton. \$100.00

10 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. tee off.

Play a great game of golf while supporting the development of a community multi sports complex. For more information log onto www.chop-tankathletic.org.

17th-Denton Spring Gala

5 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Market Street, Denton. \$15 per person in advance, \$20 per person at the door.

A fundraising event supporting downtown Denton, featuring artists and restaurants while sampling various foods, wine, and cheeses. This is a progressive event open at most businesses downtown. Contact 410-479-4305 for more info.

20th-Rabies Clinic

5 p.m.-7 p.m. Greensboro Elem. School, 625 N. Main Street.

Sponsored by the Caroline Co. Health Dept. Call 410-479-8045 for an appointment and more info.

25th-Ridgely Strawberry Festival & Parade

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Martin Sutton Park, Ridgely
Fun for the whole family. Games for kids, strawberry shortcake, and other food. Live band, crafts, exhibits, and more. 1 p.m. the Parade proceeds down Central Ave. to the Martin Sutton Park.

27th-Rabies Clinic

5 p.m.-7 p.m. Colonel Richardson Middle School, 25390 Richardson Rd, Federalsburg.
Sponsored by the Caroline Co. Health Dept. Call 410-479-8045 for an appointment and more info.



June

3rd-Rabies Clinic

5 p.m.-7 p.m. Health Department Parking Lot, 403 S. 7th St, Denton. Sponsored by the Caroline Co. Health Dept. Call 410-479-8045 for an appointment and more info.

4th-Denton Farmers Market

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Every Wednesday. Downtown Denton at 2nd and Market St.
Farm fresh produce, flowers, bison meat, yeast, and quick breads.

7th-Tuckahoe Triathlon

8 a.m. Tuckahoe State Park, Ridgely.
Designed for serious athletes and amateurs alike, this annual event consists of a 2-mile run, 10-mile bike, and 1-mile canoe course. Categories for individuals, couples and parent-child with

prizes in each. Advance registration is \$15; race day registration is \$20. Call 410-820-1668 for more info.

7th-Linchester Mill Arts & Music Festival

12 p.m.- 6 p.m. Fee. Preston, corner of Rt. 331 and Linchester Road.
Music, art, Native American dance, mill tours, native trails, hayrides, working exhibits, local food vendors. Call Michael McCrea at 410-673-1910 or mick@goeaston.net for more info.

11th, 18th, 25th-Denton Farmers Market

3 p.m.-6 p.m. Every Wednesday. Downtown Denton at 2nd and Market St.
Farm fresh produce, flowers, bison meat, yeast, and quick breads.

15th-Happy Father's Day!

28th-Community Arts Block Party, 2nd Annual. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Between 4th and 5th Streets on market Street, Denton.

Celebrate the arts with live entertainment, kids' activities, BBQ food, drink, and lots of fun for the whole family. Fee. Call 410-479-1009 or cartsouncil@verizon.net for more info.

- Adkins Arboretum #410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org	- Caroline Co. Public Library # 410-479-1343 www.caro.lib.md.us/library
- Caroline Co. Council of Arts #410-479-1009 www.carolinearts.org	- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks #410-479- 8120 www.carolinerecreation.org

Denton Police Department...

Learner's Permit Laws and Procedures

Maryland is concerned about the safety of our new drivers, and has strengthened the laws, especially those that apply to drivers who are eighteen years of age and younger. The following outlines the requirements for all those who are learning to drive and are graduating through the Maryland Rookie Driver: Graduated Licensing System. Please take special note all of the changes that occur on October 1, 2005 because anyone, regardless of when they received their learner's permit or provision driver's license, will be affected by the new laws. Please also note that if you complete the requirements for your new provision license prior to October 1st, and obtain the license, the new requirements for obtaining a provisional license will not apply to you (for example, you will only need to hold the learner's permit for 4 months, complete 40 hours of practice, etc).

Learner's Permit

Current Law and Procedures (that do not change):

- Minimum age for applicants is 15 years and 9 months.

- A parent or guardian must co-sign the learner's permit application if the applicant is under 18.

- The learner's permit driver must complete a standardized driver's education program and the 30 hours of classroom instruction, with at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction. Additional practice driving, supervised by a licensed driver, is also required.

- While driving, the learner's permit holders must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is 21 years or older, and has held a license for a minimum of 3 years. The person must be seated beside the new driver at all times,

with no other front seat occupants.

- A qualified supervising driver (parent, guardian or mentor) must complete a Practice Skills Log for the learner's permit holder, which is issued by the MVA along with every learner's permit.

- Learner's permits are valid for 1 year from the date they are issued.

- If a new driver under 18 is cited for speeding in excess of 20 mph, the MVA will notify the parent, guardian or cosigner.

- Drivers under 18 will have their licenses suspended if the parent, guardian, or cosigner withdraws their consent.

The learner's permit must be held for at least six (6) months before the driver is eligible for a provision license

The learner's permit driver must complete a minimum of sixty (60) hours of driving practice with someone at least age twenty one (21) who has held a driver's license for three (3) years or more.

A minimum of ten (10) of the 60 practice driving hours must occur at night. The nighttime practice driving can occur 30 minutes before sunset, but no earlier, or 30 minutes after sunrise, no later, to qualify as nighttime practice driving.

Learner's permit holders under 18 may not use any wireless communication device, including a cell phone, while driving, with the exception of a 911 emergency call. Violations may result in the suspension of one's driving privilege for up to 90 days.

For additional information regarding learner permits please contact the MVA at 1-888-212-4709 or online at www.mva.state.md.us/ for more information.

Driving in Rain and Fog

1. Make sure all your vehicle lights are in working order, and always turn on your headlights when driving in rain or fog, even during daylight. Maryland law requires drivers to turn on their headlights whenever their windshield wipers are in use.
2. Periodically check your windshield wiper blades for wear. Worn blades can smear water on your windshield instead of clear it, significantly decreasing your visibility during rainy conditions.
3. Exercise extreme caution when driving in the rain immediately after a long dry spell. In dry conditions, oil and grease build up on the roadway. When oil and grease mix with water from a new rainfall, the roadway becomes very slippery.
4. Tires are a critical part of your vehicle. Regularly check that they are inflated to recommended pressure and that they have sufficient tread depth to ensure good traction. When water builds up on the roadway, it's possible to hydroplane at speeds as low as 35 mph. Always slow down when it's raining and allow more travel time.
5. To maintain a safe "space cushion" when driving in rain or fog, increase your following distance to at least 4 seconds. Extreme conditions will require even more following distance to maintain a safe space cushion.
6. In reduced visibility conditions, drivers tend to follow the tail-lights of vehicles in front of them. Therefore, avoid stopping on the shoulder of a roadway, but if you must, stop as far off the road as possible, turn off your headlights, and turn on your emergency hazard lights.
7. When surface temperatures are near 32 degrees F., rain can freeze on the roadway, especially on bridges and overpasses, creating smooth sheets of ice. "Black ice" is the term used when rain freezes smoothly on asphalt roadways and can't be seen until it's too late. When it's raining and temperatures are near freezing, be extra alert for ice and slow down accordingly.
8. When driving in fog, use low beam headlights only. High beams will reflect back off the fog and impair visibility even more.
9. Slow down so that you don't drive "beyond your headlights." This means not being able to stop in time for a hazard you can't see ahead of the area illuminated by your headlights.
10. In foggy conditions, listen for approaching traffic you cannot see. Open your car windows a little to better hear the sounds of moving vehicles before they can be seen.

SAFETY SAVES *With IWIF*

LOST AND FOUND...

There was a little boy's coat found at the 4th Street Park recently. If this item belongs to you please contact the Denton Town Office at 410-479-2050 or stop by 13 N. Third Street, Denton. Thank you.

Denton Police Department

410-479-1414

Police Department Press Releases

Date: 3/01/08

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: N SIXTH ST

Denton Police charged Christopher Sanders with driving on a suspended license. Police observed 1993 Chevrolet being operated with an equipment violation (taillight out) on N. Sixth Street in the area of High Street. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was found to be Sanders. A check of MVA records revealed Sanders' privilege to drive in Maryland was suspended for failing to comply with child support requirements. Sanders was issued citations at the scene and released on his signature.

Date: 3/01/08

Classification: DWI / DUI

Location: SHORE HIGHWAY

Denton Police charged Thomas Schuyler, 36, of Denton, with DUI. Police were conducting a speed enforcement detail on Shore Highway in the area of Gay Street where police observed a 2004 Pontiac traveling west on Shore Highway that appeared to be traveling faster than posted 55 mph speed limit. A laser unit was used to obtain a speed of 67 mph. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was found to be Schuyler. Police noted an odor of alcoholic beverage upon making contact with Schuyler and requested that he perform field sobriety tests and Schuyler agreed. Schuyler failed to satisfactorily perform the tests and was placed under arrest. Schuyler was processed and released on his signature of citations charging him with DUI and speeding.

Date: 3/01/08

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: FLEETWOOD RD

Denton Police charged Latrisha Banks, 28, of Denton, with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 1996 Plymouth fail to make a complete stop at a stop sign at Fleetwood road and N. Sixth Street. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was found to be Banks. A check of MVA records revealed Bank's privilege to drive

in Maryland had been suspended. Banks was issued citations for both violations at the scene and released on her signature.

Date: 3/02/08

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 500 block HIGH ST

Denton Police are investigating an assault. Police were dispatched to the 500 block of High Street and found that Michael Cooper, 22, of Denton had been assaulted by several people while he was walking on High Street. Cooper was flown to Peninsula Regional Medical Center by State Police Medivac for possible head injuries. The suspects are only described as African-American males. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/02/08

Classification: Burglary 4th Degree
Location: 600 block SUNNYSIDE AV

Denton Police are investigating a possible burglary. Mary Moreno reported that sometime between February 29 and March 2, 2008 person(s) unknown broke out a window to her residence. Moreno further reported that nothing appeared to be missing from inside the residence; however, a dog (nine month old black and white pit bull) was missing from an outside pen. The dog is valued at \$50.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/03/08

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 400 block LOCKERMAN

ST Denton Police arrested two thirteen year old females of Denton for assault. Police were called to Lockerman Middle School for a report of a fight. The investigation revealed that the two above mentioned females has some sort of ongoing problem that escalated into a physical altercation. Both juveniles were processed, referred to Juvenile Justice and released to a guardian.

Date: 3/04/08

Classification: Miscellaneous

Location: 100 block N THIRD ST

Denton Police are investigating an act of vandalism/illegal dumping. Denton Public Works Director Scott Getchell reported that an odor of fuel oil was emitting from the tanks at the waste water treatment plant on Legion Road. Employees checked the tanks and pump stations and found nothing out of place. It is believed that person(s) unknown disposed of an unknown amount of fuel oil through the Town's sewage system. The Town would like to emphasize that an act such as this can be extremely dangerous. It is possible that the fumes could be ignited and either explode or burn. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/06/08

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: N SIXTH ST

Denton Police charged Vernice Johnson-Dixon with driving on a suspended license. Police observed a 2006 Chevrolet being operated on N. Sixth Street near Fleetwood Road with an equipment violation (tag light out). The vehicle was stopped and the operator found to be Johnson-Dixon. A check of MVA records revealed the Johnson-Dixon did not possess a Maryland driver's license. Further investigation revealed that Johnson-Dixon's privilege to drive had been suspended through the State of Florida for failing to comply with a traffic summons. Johnson-Dixon was issued citations at the scene and released on her signature.

Date: 3/07/08

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 100 block N SIXTH ST

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Richard Andrew reported that person(s) unknown spray painted a line on the exterior of his business. Cleaning costs are estimated at \$100.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/11/08

Classification: Violate Exparte/ Protective Order 1st Offense

Location: 1200 block FAIRFIELD CT

Denton Police arrested Donald Boyd, 36, of Denton, for violating a protective order. Police were called to a residence in the 1200 block of Fairfield Court where Kimberly Boyd advised that there was an active protective order preventing Donald from being at the residence or having contact with Kimberly. Donald was at the residence when Police arrived. Police were able to confirm this information through Caroline Communications. Donald was taken into custody without incident and charged with violating a protective order. Donald was held at the Caroline County Detention Center without bond after an initial appearance hearing with a court commissioner.

Date: 3/12/08

Classification: DWI / DUI

Location: N SIXTH ST

Denton Police arrested Rebecca Fayann Cox, 30, of Denton, for various traffic offences. An unidentified citizen notified police that a blue in color 4 door vehicle, later identified as a 1992 Mercury, had collided with a parked vehicle in the 100 block of Market Street and did not stop after doing so. That citizen continued to follow the vehicle, providing information on the vehicle's location, until the vehicle could be stopped by police. The operator and sole occupant was identified as Cox. While police were speaking with Cox about the motor vehicle collision they noted that her speech was slurred and that she was very unsteady on her feet. Cox was requested to submit to field sobriety tests which she complied and did not satisfactorily perform. Cox was placed under arrest at that time for suspicion of DUI and for failing to remain at the scene of a property damage accident. Cox was issued citations for Failure to Stop After Unattended Vehicle Damage Accident, Failure of Vehicle Driver in Accident to Locate and Notify Owner of Unattended Vehicle of Damage,

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Housing and Community Development...

New Director of Planning and Codes

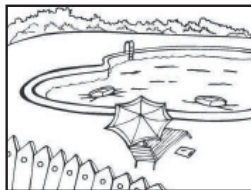


The Town of Denton has hired William D. Kastning as Planning and Codes Director. Mr. Kastning has been a weekend resident on the Eastern Shore, and will permanently relocate from Stockton, NJ. He has been with the New Jersey Department of the Environmental Protection Green Acres Program since 2001 and joined Denton April 14, 2008.

He has had experience in land use planning and land preservation, as well as serving on the Millstone Township Committee, NJ. He holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, a B.A. in Applied Science and an MBA in Marketing and Finance from Lehigh University. We welcome Mr. Kastning to the town of Denton.

Swimming Pool Safety

Don't let a water tragedy ruin your summer - make sure your pool is secured with a fence and gate. We want to keep you safe and it's a town law. All pools require a permit, except wading pools. Every swimming pool shall be protected by a safe-



ty fence or barrier at least 4 feet in height and must be equipped with a self latching closure mechanism with a lock at a height above the reach of toddlers. For more information please contact the Housing Office at 410-479-3625.

Permit Reminder



A reminder from the Housing Department: before you make improvements

to your home, call the Denton Town Office Housing Department at 410-479-3625 or stop by 13 N. Third Street for permit information.

Grass Cutting Season

Grass cutting time is here again. Please take a moment to assess the need for mowing on your property. The Town of Denton requires all grass and weeds at ten inches in height or below to prevent insect and rodent infestation and to control growth of plants. Avoid discharging grass clippings from mowers into the street. Grass clippings contribute to storm drain clogs. Thank you.

Building Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between January 31, 2008, and April 7, 2008:

- Wright, 9994 Pearson Rd., Shed
- Durham, 314 S. 5th Ave., Window Replacement
- Dansker, 1104 Canvasback Lane, Fence
- Town of Denton, 15 S. Third St., Sign
- Glanden Properties, 502-506 S. 5th Ave., Rehab
- Chandler, 207 S. First St., Hot Tub & Fence
- Kerschbaum, 522 S. Third St., Roof
- Riverview Gardens, 521 High St., Rehab
- Moran, 111 S. Fifth St., Demolition
- Cox 161 Denton LLC, 405 S. 5th Ave., Demolition
- Caroline Council of Arts, 401 Market St., Rehab
- Hope, 424 E. Wesley Circle, #58, Cottage
- Garland & Hobbs, 1602 Cattail Commons Way, SFD
- Prettyman, 424 E. Wesley Circle, #56, Cottage
- DiBlasi, 1111 Whistling Pine Rd., Fence

- Smith, 1104 Daylily Lane, Fence
- Sweetwater, LLC, 214 Market St., Rehab
- County Village Association, 7 Village Circle, Siding
- Peach, 115 Gay Street, Fence
- Dadds, 120 Caroline Drive, SFD
- Gilliss, 100 Briarwood Circle, Fence
- Shull, 205 First St., Windows & Siding
- Slattery, 812 Camp Rd., Demolition
- Edgewater, LLC, 1104 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
- Edgewater, LLC, 344 Meadowvale Lane, SFD
- Edgewater, LLC, 342 Meadowvale Lane, SFD
- Edgewater, LLC, 1111 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
- Edgewater, LLC, 1109 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
- Edgewater, LLC, 1102 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
- Edgewater, LLC, 1105 Trice Meadows Circle, SFD
- Rick Breeding Excavating, 826 Crystal Ave., Fence
- Lowell, 1701 Cattail Commons Way, Accessory Building

Building Address Numbers

The Denton Town Code 303.3 requires that all Residential Housing units and Commercial Buildings have address numbers posted on the front of the building. Multi-family units should have the main address number posted on the front of the building and apartment or suite numbers should be posted on or near the entrance door to each individual unit.

The deadline to have your address number added to your building was March 24, 2008. If you have not added address numbers yet you should do so immediately.

Address numbers must be at least three inches high and should be posted on the house/building near the door in a location that is visible from

the public right of way. Additionally, property owners are encouraged to place numbers on both sides of mailboxes at the street.

House numbers are readily available at hardware, lumber and variety stores, they are inexpensive and assist emergency personnel in locating your home.

Don't let your family members experience the trauma of a delay in getting emergency assistance because you failed to post the address number on the outside of your building. **This will be strictly enforced and non-complying property owners may be fined.**

Please contact the Housing Department at 410-479-3625 for more info.

2007 Planning Commission Annual Report

The Town of Denton with a population of approximately 3,000 residents is home to the county seat of Caroline County, Maryland. Denton has an elected board of five Council members, an appointed board of five Planning Commission members, four Board of Appeals members, and five members on the Historic and Architecture Review Board. This annual report is compiled by the Planning Commission as information to provide data on current building trends as well as historical perspective. A chart and graph are included to aid in understanding the development and building activity within the municipal limits. References to projects that have been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission, and their role in government are also included.

Presently the Town of Denton operates under the International Building Code 2003 edition, and anticipates moving to the 2006 edition in the spring of 2008. The Department of Housing and Community Development of the Town of Denton issues all permits other than electrical or plumbing for properties within the incorporated limits. Caroline County is the governing authority for electrical and plumbing permits. Denton has two full time and one part time building code inspectors who review plans, approve permits, and conduct on site inspections. Additionally, the town has a part time property maintenance inspector who uses the IBC 2003 Property Maintenance Code to evaluate existing structures, and parcels and investigate complaints of alleged existing violations.

During the 2007 calendar year, 260 permits were issued, of which 67 were for new residential units. This is a 33% decrease in total permits from 2006. New construction for both Commercial and Private totaled \$15,539,560. Total dollar amount for all construction including renovations and new for this period is \$16,976,396. This year's construction dollars of \$17 million decreased from last year's construction dollar activity totaling \$24 million.

The following projects are ongoing:

- Denton Development Corporation development of Crouse Park commercial waterfront
- Savannah Overlook (Cattail Commons Subdivision)
- Trice Subdivision
- Sandy Meadows Subdivision
- Gannon's Purchase-Village at Watts Creek Planned Neighborhood (PN)
- The Gardens Subdivision-final plat recorded in 2006
- Fearins Property Subdivision
- Coursey Run Subdivision (preliminary)
- Gay Street Redevelopment Subdivision
- Vineyards JPA Venture, LLC-Planned Neighborhood (PN)
- West Denton-Planned Neighborhood (PN)
- Walmart – (concept)
- Chesapeake Culinary Center (concept)
- Denton Crossing (concept)
- Gary Womer Subdivision
- Pearson Road Planned Neighborhood (PN)
- Pritchetts Farm Planned Neighborhood (PN)

To address the demand for new dwelling units and to protect the integrity of architecture common to the area the town hired a firm to design a pattern book. Through a series of public meetings with residents and community stakeholders, the desire to eliminate architectural monotony in new residential communities was solidified. The Denton Town Council reviewed and approved the final draft of the Pattern Book. Although they considered a formal adoption of an ordinance which would provide for

the application of the Pattern Book to PN, Waivers, Special Exceptions ,and “by right” subdivisions, the Council approved to maintain the book as a resource guide for individual property owners. The Denton Planning Commission can utilize the Pattern Book for use by Planned Neighborhood development projects.

An additional tool available to the Planning Commission is the Planned Neighborhood District (PN). The PN offers an opportunity for a planned mixed use neighborhood through a floating zone. All newly annexed parcels of land in excess of 50 acres are required to develop as a PN as part of their annexation agreement. The PN offers increased density opportunities in exchange for a variety of housing types, central neighborhood areas, cohesiveness with adjoining properties, extension and implementation of pedestrian walkways, and design criteria that mimic the architecture of the Eastern Shore. The process to obtain PN is lengthier than the “by right” subdivision process.

The Planning Commission is vigilant in its role of directing growth and development and offers the following recommendations for consideration by the Town Council:

- Support the enforcement of the sidewalk policy ordinance & require sidewalks or a pedestrian trail on at least one side of every street.
- Revisit with the State Highway Administration the funding of Gay Street aesthetic improvements.
- Revisit with the State Highway Administration the tractor trailer access to Engerman Avenue at Industrial Park Way.
- Improve the leased maintenance facility building for the Public Facilities Department.
- Access onto MD Route 404 at Gay Street intersection, which allows access via Commerce Drive, from Legion Road.

The Planning Commission has recognized a significant increase in residential development with little corresponding commercial growth over the last six years (*as supported by the chart comparing these in the back of the report - reference page number 15*). While a number of commercial development projects are in the planning stages, the Planning Commission remains concerned about this trend and recommends that the Council implement policies that will encourage balanced growth going forward. The ultimate goal should be to foster local job growth to complement and support our growing population.

The Planning Commission has focused on the need for connectivity within the town between government offices, parks, and residential areas. As a result, a sidewalk policy was developed into an ordinance that requires all government owned properties within the town limits to construct public sidewalks at all abutting streets within two years. If the sidewalks are not constructed by the property owner, the Ordinance directs the Council to establish a special taxing district for this purpose.

Infrastructure in process or completed in 2007

- Market Street infrastructure repairs from 3rd Street east to Garland Road completed
- Fifth Avenue infrastructure improvements design complete; project pending funding
- Upgrade and expansion of the Second Street Pumping Station completed

Denton Public Works...

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Denton Public Works Department initiates the flushing of the Town's entire water system annually. The flushing will take place sometime during the months of April and May. The annual system-wide flushing is part of the continuing effort by the Denton Public Works Department to relieve any taste, odor, and turbidity problems that affect some water customers in our community. Taste, odor, and turbidity problems occur in most water systems but do not present a health problem. While flushing is in progress, many customers may experience drops



in water pressure and may notice rusty water. Customers should avoid doing laundry while the flushing is in progress and reduce to a minimum their use of hot water. While this program may cause some inconvenience for the water customers of Denton, it should significantly improve the quality of service during the following year. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact Mr. Mark Chandler of the DPW at 410-479-5446. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated.

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 or www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com.

National Public Works Week

May 18-24

National Public Works Week is celebrated each year during the third full week in May. It is a time to honor the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services known as public works. These employees are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The Town of Denton Public

Works Department will participate in Career Day activities at Denton Elementary School on May 15. This provides a means to help students better understand the world of public works. In conjunction with this visit, a poster contest is planned to encourage students to share their knowledge of and appreciation for the public works department.

**CHOPTANK
ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION**

**4th ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

May 16, 2008
Caroline Country Club
Price \$100.00

*Proceeds benefit the
Denton Multi Sports Complex
Development.*

*For more information, visit
www.choptankathletic.org*

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report from page 1

better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Note: Tests were completed in year 2007 or as otherwise noted. Some testing is not required annually.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that

are naturally occurring or manmade. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about

contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million

chance of having the described health effect.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants						
Beta/photon emitters Well 3 (2003)	N	10	pCi/l	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Well 5 (2003)	N	7				
Alpha emitters Well 3 (2003)	N	12	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Well 5 (2003)	N	2				
Inorganic Contaminants						
Arsenic Well 3	N	3.4	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Copper (distribution) (2005)	N	0.172	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	
Fluoride Well 3	N	1.23	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Well 5 (2005)	N	1.16				
Lead (distribution) (2005)	N	4	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides						
Oxamyl [Vydate] Well 5 (2002)	N	5.0	ppb	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate Well 3 (2003)	N	0.8	ppb	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Pentachlorophenol Well 3 (2003)	N	0.01	ppb	0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
TTHM (distribution) [Total trihalomethanes] (2005)	N	10.08	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (distribution) (2005)	N	5.51	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chloroform Well5 (2007)	N	2.5	ppb	0	70	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Sodium Well 3	N	202	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Well 5 (2005)	N	200				
Sulfate Well 3 (2003)	N	14.1	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Well 5 (2002)	N	11.7				

Note: Tests were completed in year 2007 or as otherwise noted. Some testing is not required annually.



Denton Main Street...

New Florist Shop Opens in Downtown Denton

Patti's Petals Florist, Garden and Gifts will be opening at 10 South Third Street in downtown Denton, (near Provident State Bank).

Patti's Petals is a full service florist serving the town of Denton, Caroline County, Talbot, Queen Anne and parts of DE.

There is no delivery charge to local nursing homes, assisted living, local churches, or local funeral homes.

They carry a wide variety of fresh custom flower arrangements for any occasion including balloon



and gift baskets. Additional items available include home décor, country primitive art, frames, prints, and handcrafted items from local artists.

For more information visit them at <http://pattispetals.tripod.com>.

To be put on their mailing list and to

stay informed about their location, changes, specials, and sales, send in your contact information to pattispetals@comcast.net.

Open Your Business in Downtown Denton

Denton's Main Street Program is actively seeking businesses to call Denton's Main Street their home. Denton is ready and prepared to help retail businesses expand, relocate, or begin their journey on our Main Street. Denton is a beautiful backdrop for creating a successful downtown experience for the strong demographic that resides on the Delmarva or makes the Delmarva their travel destination.

If you are patronizing a store

that you believe would be perfect for Denton's Main Street, please help promote our efforts by inquiring whether that store would like to expand or relocate. Let's help increase the economic stability of our town by keeping our money circulating where we all can feel the impact. For more information, please contact Jessica Perez, Denton Main Street Manager, by calling 410-479-4315 or by e-mailing jperez@downtowndenton.com.

Firehouse Coffee Celebrates One Year



Firehouse Coffee, owned and operated by professional firefighters, family, friends and recent employees, would like to invite you to their one year anniversary celebration June 21, 2008. The festivities will include a Barbershop Quartet, Jazz Musicians, Montgomery County pipes and drums, and more. At the time of this printing, the owners are still working on the final details for entertainment. If you are a musician, and would like to help in the celebration, please contact Linda at 410-320-9997.

Seating is available in the lobby, inside the shop, and on the sidewalk, shaded by the big red umbrellas. Of course, there will be a birthday cake to go along with the celebration.

They are not sure how big the cake will be, but they recommend you stop by the shop early afternoon to help blow out the ONE CANDLE.

Firehouse Coffee's one year anniversary in Denton was April 16, 2008. Firehouse Coffee is a unique coffee café located at 300 Market Street, Denton, MD.

When Firehouse Coffee opened their doors in 2007, the public

welcomed them with open arms. The coffee shop has become a great place to gather and meet friends, have a meeting, or just relax listening to the awesome repertoire of music that they play. They recently put speakers in the lobby for customers to enjoy the music outside the shop. The owners have also begun preparation of piping music outside for the sidewalk customers.

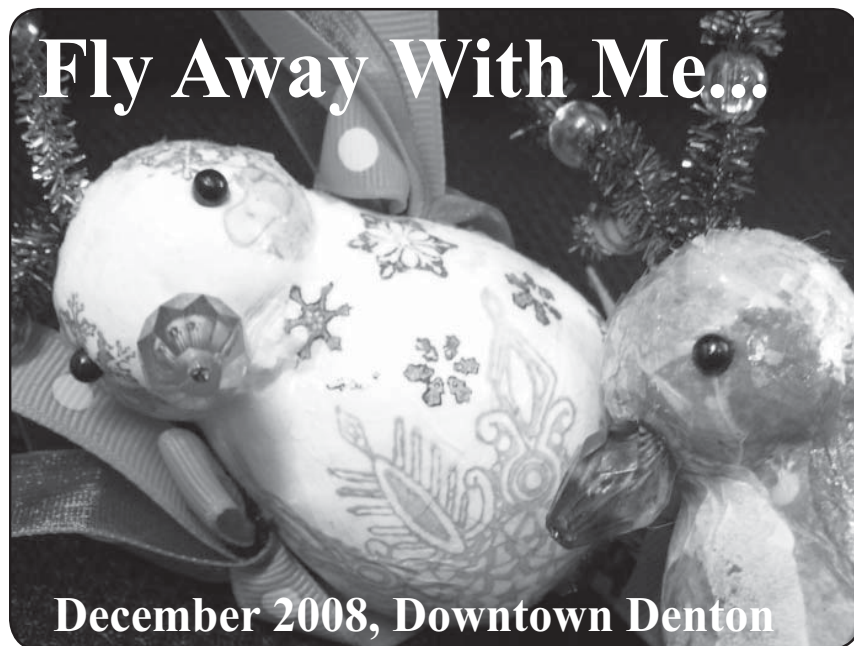
The menu has expanded since they opened in 2007 with the addition of three specialty wraps prepared exclusively for them by the Market Street Public House. The wraps are available only at the coffee shop. Pastries are baked professionally by their specialty bake shop, and the coffee, espresso and smoothies are signature, and known as the best coffee and espresso on the Eastern Shore.

Firehouse Coffee would like to thank everyone who has patronized their shop, and they look forward to seeing more of the Denton folk during the summer. Stop by June 21, 2008, for the big one year celebration. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extended hours during the week are being reviewed by the owners, and may change during the summer. On June 21st for the one year celebration, the shop will be open until 9 p.m.

Li'l Taste of Dresden

Opening soon at 222 Market Street is a Country Decor and Gift Shop called Lil Taste of Dresden, owned by Bill and Allyson Marine of Preston, MD. Bill and Allyson have lived in Caroline County all of their lives and have 3 children: Cole age 11, Courtney age 9, and Chase age 7. They have one employee, Michelle Walls from Denton MD, who will be the Store Manager and comes to them from The Livery Stable.

Lil Taste of Dresden Country Decor and Gift Shop will be open Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the store you will find Amish made furniture, basket sleeves, purses, candles, specialty food, retired Longaberger items, plush country and primitive decor, candle warmers, flags, wrought iron, and much more. So stop by and visit them!



Fly Away With Me...

December 2008, Downtown Denton

Farmers Market from page 1
from fresh cut flowers to yeast and quick breads to bison meat.

These farmers are just as well-known for their advice as they are for their fresh, flavorful products. When you visit, we hope you'll take advantage of their expertise – cooking tips, main courses, side dish suggestions, and service advice are all available for the asking from true professionals.

Come join your fellow neighbors each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 14th to October 15th along North 2nd Street, next to the Courthouse. Free convenient parking is available.

We are still accepting participation from commercial

farmers, cheese producers, and prepared food vendors. We are also seeking the participation of musicians who would like to create a relaxing atmosphere for our market experience. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Perez, Denton Main Street Manager, by calling 410-479-4315 or by e-mailing jperez@downtowndenton.com

Make sure your spring and summer barbeque has the most delicious meat, toppings, and sides that are sure to wow your guests. Enjoy your shopping – and enjoy your meal! Savor the earth's bounty at the 2008 season of the Denton Farmer's Market.

Pattern Book from page 1

principles set forth in the Pattern Book may be a basis for the denial of PUD plan approval by the Town. The Town may approve a PUD plan that meets or exceeds the goals and objectives of the Denton Pattern Book, and the Town may waive the Denton Pattern Book standards where the applicant proposes specific design standards that are determined to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the PN District, as well as the Comprehensive Plan.

The Pattern Book project was funded in part by a grant through the Maryland Department

of Natural Resources (DNR) Coastal Communities Initiative and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The Maryland Department of the Environment and Department of Natural Resources assisted with technical assistance throughout the Pattern Book development process.

A copy of the final document can be obtained from the Denton Planning and Codes Department at 13 North Third Street. The Pattern Book can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's website – www.dentonmaryland.com.

Spring Gala from page 1

of Housing and Community Development. The program strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland's traditional main streets and neighborhoods by helping selected communities improve the economy, appearance, and image of their traditional downtown business districts.


This year's gala is a progressive semi-formal event, where guests can start at any of the participating locations within the downtown area. Guests can leisurely walk or take a horse and carriage ride between each location to enjoy local artists, restaurant and wine tastings, and musicians. Local artists will display their art in such mediums as oil, watercolor and acrylics, print-making, photography, ceramics, stained glass, basketry, and jewelry much of which will be available for purchase. Enjoy a street party with the band Comfort Zone, a well known band playing smooth jazz,

blues, and R&B. Additional music will be provided by The Boys of Bay Hundred who feature traditional Irish music. Take a chance at winning a number of wonderful gifts from an extensive silent auction and a door prize drawing.

Make sure to mark May 17th on your calendar to enjoy the best of Downtown Denton as you eat, drink, enjoy art, and dance the night away.

Tickets are available for purchase at Firehouse Coffee, Defining Moments Hair Salon, Lily Pad Cafe, Market Street Public House, What's New Shop, Black Anchor Gallery, Emerson House Restaurant, Denton Town Office, and the Main Street Office at 15 N. Third St.


For more information please contact Jessica Perez, Denton Main Street Manager, by phone at 410-479-4315 or by e-mail at jperez@downtowndenton.com.



RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE

(Sponsored by the Caroline County Health Department)

\$5 fee per animal




<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location of clinic</u>
May 20, 2008	5-7 p.m. at Greensboro Elementary School (625 N. Main Street, Greensboro)
May 27, 2008	5-7 p.m. at Colonel Richardson Middle School (25390 Richardson Rd, Federalsburg)
June 3, 2008	5-7 p.m. at Health & Public Services Building parking lot (403 S 7 th Street, Denton)

ONLY PETS UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE CLINIC.

Because of the rabies epidemic in Maryland, it is essential that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated. Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a box with air holes. No other animals will be vaccinated. **MUST BRING PRIOR VACCINATION CERTIFICATE TO RECEIVE 3 YR VACCINATION.**

Call 410/479-8045 between 9-2 p.m. Monday-Friday if you want to pre-register.



Denton Spring Gala

A fundraising event supporting downtown Denton, featuring artists, restaurants, and musicians. Stroll or take a horse and carriage ride throughout the streets of downtown Denton to enjoy local art; music by the Comfort Zone and The Boys of Bay Hundred; and a sampling of local food and wine.

Saturday, May 17, 2008
5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Rain or Shine
\$15 per person in advance
or \$20 at the door



Tickets available from Denton Development Corporation or participating downtown businesses.
For more information, 410-479-4315 or www.downtowndenton.com

Denton Town Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2008

Executive Session

Councilman Gregory made a motion at 6:05 p.m. to hold an executive session to discuss personnel and private business matters, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

All Council members were present during this meeting along with the Town Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer – later joined by JOK Walsh and Ellis Davidson.

No action was taken.

At 7:00 p.m.. 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 p.m. on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mayor Foster advised that an executive session was held prior to this meeting.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Public Hearing

Ruff/Suppo Annexation

This item was deferred and the public hearing was canceled.

Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #554 Well Use

Ordinance Revision

An ordinance revising the existing language in the water code to permit drilling and using wells for irrigation only in parks and agricultural applications within the Town of Denton. Permitting such use will conserve the Town's potable water supply. Currently the water code only allows the use of wells for outside watering on properties that had wells prior to connecting

to the Town's water supply. This ordinance was considered and drafted in response to the request made by the Denton Little league to drill and maintain a well at the Lions Club Park. Currently the park is connected to the Town's water supply and the Town pays the water bill. This proposed ordinance was presented to the Council at their January meeting. As directed by the Council, the Town Attorney has revised the language and it was brought before the Council as amended for consideration.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt ordinance #554, this motion was withdrawn after discussion about the motions from the previous meeting was held.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to introduce ordinance #554, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #555 Heritage Areas

As a follow up to the Denton Town Council discussion and consideration of the Heritage Area Certification at their October 2007, Brynja Booth has prepared an ordinance for the Denton Town Council's consideration. The Ordinance amends the Denton Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Management Plan as the Plan relates to those areas of the Town located within the Denton Central Business District and the Denton Historic District. This was brought before the Council for consideration of introduction. Additionally, if the Town Council introduces the Ordinance, the DDC is proposing to initiate the preparation of a grant application for the Old Schoolhouse Project. A letter was presented for the Councils review and consideration.

The Town Attorney advised that if the ordinance is introduced that the Town Council and the Planning Commission will need to hold a joint public hearing.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #555,

seconded by Councilman Clendaniel. Discussion was held in the Town Attorney provided an overview of her conversation with the Attorney General's office. The Town Attorney advised that as this ordinance is written they are comfortable that the Town is protected by limiting this to the Central Business and Historic Districts.

The motion passed with 4 voting yes, Councilman Porter abstained because he did not understand the program enough to be able to vote on it.

Ordinance #556 PN Ordinance Amendment Pattern Book

At the January Council Meeting, Brynja Booth was requested to draft an ordinance which amends the PN Ordinance to include the Pattern Book. Background on this item was provided by Ms. Booths. An ordinance was drafted for the Town Council for consideration of introduction.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #556, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Comprehensive Plan

The Denton Town Council reviewed the Draft Denton Comprehensive Plan, the comments received from the Caroline County Planning Office, and the follow up comments from Peter Johnston. Additionally, as part of the Comprehensive Plan updates the Denton Planning Commission will be proposing a Comprehensive Zoning Map. Mr. William Bozalis has written both the Denton Town Council and the Denton Planning Commission requesting consideration of continuing the zoning proposed for the former Southern States property (General Commercial – this is presently Light Industrial) into the adjacent properties.

The Town Administrator provided an overview of what has

transpired to date.

The discussion included concerns about the alignment of the intersection, working with the County, spot zoning, and growth build out.

Mr. Alan Lockerman advised that he is concerned with the effect the comprehensive plan will have on his property that is located just outside the Town boundary. The Town Attorney explained that the greenbelt area is in the County and not within the Town limits.

Councilman Clendaniel expressed that he felt the plan says lets grow as fast as we can, need to review plan some more before adopting and maybe consider hiring an outside agency to review. The Town Administrator went over the current plan language with regards to growth in five years versus a full build out and referenced house bill 1141.

Councilman Gregory asked if Chapter 2 needs to be reviewed more to address growth rate.

Mr. Mike Hannegan, of 1117 Canvasback Lane resident of Denton added that he remembers when he was a kid the plan where he grew up represented a large growth build out that took forty years to come about and didn't think the Council should dwell on that language.

Councilman Porter made a motion to continue reviewing the Plan with the County and to defer action until the Planning Director is on board, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

New Business

Agenda #4 - Bus Stop for Students

Mayor Foster moved this item up on the agenda so that the children in the audience would not have to stay out too late.

Mr. Ian St. John of 1103 Ruddy Duck Court made a presentation seeking the council support in sending a letter to the Caroline County Board of Education to consider relocating the bus stops for

the Mallard Landing development for the safety of the children.

Ms. Megan Hannegan, Mr. John Hannegan, and Mr. Christian Drew, children of the neighborhood, spoke about their experience in getting on the bus where the stop is currently located.

Councilman Branson made a motion to write a letter with all of the Council signatures to the Caroline County Board of Education asking them to consider moving the bus stop off of Market St and set up two stops within Mallard as a result of this concern raised by the parents to the Director of Transportation and to ask the Board of Ed to look at the safety factors of all of the bus stops located within the town, with a copy of the letter to also be sent to Dr. Shirley, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

The Council recommended having a traffic count done on Market St.

Mayor Foster thanked everyone for coming out and discussing this with the Council and advised that it is not the Town's position to tell the County how to do their job, they can just give assistance and make a recommendation.

Mr. St. John extended an invitation welcoming the Council to attend their Home Owners Association meeting; they are held quarterly.

Back to Unfinished Business **Agenda #2 - Basketball Court**

The Town of Denton has received two offers relative to the potential relocation of the basketball courts. One is off of Caroline Street and the other off of Sixth Street. A map showing the two locations is attached.

Councilman Branson made a motion to defer, did not like either offer, and would like to look at other options, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 - Growth/Water Resource Element Joint Project

This was initially discussed by the Council at their December 3, 2007 meeting. Ms. Stacey Weisner, Planning Director for Caroline County, has initiated a joint planning

endeavor between the Towns and the County to fulfill the requirements of HB 1141. Ms. Brynja Booth drafted a letter for the Council's consideration.

Councilman Branson made a motion to sign the letter and send it to the Planning Director of the County, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #4 - SHA Letter MD Route 404 Speed Limits

At the January 2008. Council meeting, the Denton Town Council requested that a letter be drafted to relay concerns regarding SHA's decision to adjust the speed limit on MD Route 404 and not notify the Town of Denton in a timely manner. Caroline County Commissioners had expressed similar concerns, and as a result a joint letter has been drafted by Sara Visintainer and was presented for the Council's consideration.

Councilman Branson made a motion to sign and send the letter as prepared to the State Highway Administration, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #5 - Choptank Electric Feasibility Period Extension

The Denton Town Council had approved to have the Town Attorney send a letter to Choptank Electric requesting consideration for a one-year extension on the Feasibility Period. Choptank Electric has approved this request. This item was brought back before the Council to execute the extension amendment.

Councilman Branson made a motion to execute the extension agreement, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

New Business

Agenda #1 - Second Street Motorist Speed

Mr. Scott Brewster, resident on Second Street, requested the Council to look at the continued speeding problems on Second Street. The Director of Public Works spoke of his conversation with Mr. Brewster and recommended a couple options.

Councilman Porter spoke in opposition of speed tables.

The Public Works Dept and the Police Dept. will look at this further.

No action was taken by the Council at this time.

Agenda #2 - Health Care Options for Councilmembers

Councilmember Gregory asked the Council to consider adopting legislation to allow for the Council members to have health care coverage and if adopted for this to be presented on the November ballot for the citizens to vote on. This would allow Council members to be offered an option to enroll in the Town's health care plan; this does not include the member's spouse and/or children.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to have the Town Attorney draft an ordinance to be presented at a public hearing, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 - Town Administrator Performance Evaluation

At the January 2008 Council meeting, a request was made to have this placed on the 2/4 agenda.

Councilman Gregory stated that last year it was discussed that the annual evaluation for the Town Administrator should occur during the month of February.

Councilman Gregory presented the evaluation form to the other members and asked for their input to be returned to him within the next two weeks so that he can combine them together and present to the Town Administrator in March.

Agenda #5 - 15 South Third Street

The Town of Denton had requested the Denton Development Corp. (DDC) to consider the acquisition of 15 S. Third Street. This building is presently being leased by the Town of Denton for the Main Street Program. The DDC and Caroline Tourism also occupy the building. The DDC has been able to obtain a contract and would like the opportunity to meet with the council to discuss an MOU they have drafted. This item was discussed in the executive session held earlier.

Councilman Branson made a

motion to table discussion on this item, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously. The Town Administrator was instructed to do some background on this and present again at the March meeting.

Agenda #6 - Water and Sewer Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Ms. Cynthia McCann went over the written request, on behalf of Chris Coile Development, for the Council's consideration to authorize the Town to sign off on their application to the County for a Water and Sewer Comprehensive Plan amendment. This was provided for the 8 individual properties recently annexed into town.

Councilman Porter made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to execute the application to the County as requested, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed with 4 voting yes - Councilman Clendaniel abstained because he voted no for the annexation.

Agenda #7 - Growth Allocation Request

Ms. Cynthia McCann went over the written request, on behalf of Chris Coile Development, for the Council's consideration to authorize the submission of an application to the County for Critical Area Growth Allocation.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the application to the County, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed with 4 voting yes - Councilman Clendaniel abstained because he voted no for the annexation.

Agenda #8 - MD Route 313 Annexation - Caroline County Property (USTAR)

Mr. Ernie Crowfoot, attorney for Caroline County, has contacted Ms. Brynja Booth requesting the Town's consideration of the annexation of the County property at the intersection of MD Route 404 and MD Rt. 313. This property presently houses Delmarva Community Transit (formerly USTAR.)

Discussion only, no action was

taken by the Council.

Agenda #9 - Farmers Market

The MidShore Regional Economic Development Council Agri-Business Coordinator WinFei Uve has been working with Natalie Chabot and Jessica Perez to expand on previous year's efforts to develop a Farmers Market. Presently they are looking at Wednesdays, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. utilizing parking area on Market and Second Street in front of the Courthouse.

Councilman Branson made a motion to support, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #10 - Middle Department Inspection Agency Inspections for Electrical and Plumbing

Mr. Michael L. Savage, Senior Inspector with MDIA, submitted a letter outlining his proposal for the Town of Denton to enter into an exclusive contract with MDIA to provide electrical and plumbing inspections in the Town. Presently these inspections are being done by MDIA for the Town, however through the permitting process at the County. Larry Davis, Senior Code Official for the Town of Denton, has recommended the permitting for electrical and plumbing services be handled directly with the Planning and Codes Office.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Porter.

In discussion, Mr. David Dansker of 1104 Canvasback Lane, being a contractor himself, asked if this was competitive or if there was another agency being considered.

The motion was withdrawn.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to discuss with the Senior Codes Official and look into other companies, like First State, and bring back, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #11 - Planning and Codes Director Vacancy

The Town Administrator requested the opportunity to set up a meeting date/time to review with the Town Council the applications received and set up an interview

schedule.

Councilman Branson and Councilman Clendaniel were appointed to serve on the interview committee. The interviews were scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Other New Business items added

Black Oak Contract

The Town Attorney went over some changes to the Black Oak Contract for the sale of Lot #10A-1 in the industrial park.

Councilman Branson made a motion to accept the changes to the contract, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Councilman Resignation

Councilman Gregory handed in his letter of resignation from serving on the Council, stating that he is planning on retiring and in order to receive his retirement benefits he must resign his position on the Town Council and remain retired for a period of at least 45 days.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to advertise for letters of interest for anyone wishing to fill this vacancy from March to December 2008, rather than have the expense of holding a special election, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

With no further discussion Mayor Foster adjourned this meeting at 9.36 p.m.

March 3, 2008

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

Mayor Foster asked that the records reflect that Council Branson was absent. Councilmen Clendaniel and Porter were also present. The Council was joined by Planning Commissioner members Doris Walls, President Valerie Miller, and Bill Quick for the joint public hearing.

Mayor Foster welcomed the large group of visitors – and mentioned that Councilman Clendaniel and himself had attended the Savannah Overlook Home Owners Association meeting on Saturday and had invited them to

come to the Town Council meetings and become more involved.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #554

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #554. An ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend Chapter 124 of the Denton Town Code to prohibit the use of wells for potable water use on all properties, to prohibit the drilling of new wells on residential property for outdoor uses to permit the continued use of existing wells on residential properties for non potable outdoor uses only, and to permit the drilling of wells for irrigation uses on property used for agricultural or recreational purposes.

The Mayor asked for any comments from the:

State – there were none

County – there were none

Council members – there were none

Public – there were none.

With no further comments the Mayor closed this public hearing at 7:02 p.m..

Ordinance #555

At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Foster opened a joint public hearing with the Denton Planning Commission to receive public comments on Ordinance #555. An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Management Plan as the plan relates to those areas of the Town located within the Denton central business district and the Denton Historic District.

The Mayor asked for any comments from the:

State – there were none

County – there were none

Council members – there were none

Public – Marina Dowdall, Executive Director for the Caroline County Council of Arts, spoke and provided a letter of support to the amendment of the comprehensive plan to incorporate the Chesapeake Heritage. Ms. Dowdall referenced that this provision would make the Town, non-profits, and local businesses be eligible for various

benefits, including grant funding for several projects like the Community Arts Center, the Artsway at Denton redevelopment project, and the cultural arts center that is planned for the Chesapeake Culinary Center.

Natalie Chabot, Caroline County Tourism Director, spoke in support of the adoption of the ordinance.

Councilman Porter, as a member of the public, spoke on behalf of Beth Brewster who was unable to attend but wished to let the Council know that she strongly supports this ordinance.

Then Councilman Porter spoke as a member of the Council and asked some questions about the map to make sure that the Town office building was included in the area that would be covered by this ordinance. The Town Administrator advised that while the Town office was not included in the Historic District, it is covered and included in the Central Business District.

The Town Administrator advised the Council that the Maryland Office of Planning is reviewing the ordinance and wants to provide comments but may not be able to by the March 13th meeting. If these comments are not received the Council may be asked to delay the adoption until received.

With no further comments the Mayor closed this public hearing at 7:10 p.m..

Ordinance #556

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #556. An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning ordinance to incorporate the Denton Pattern Book as part of the design standards to apply to development in a PN district.

The Mayor asked for any comments from the:

State – there were none

County – there were none

Council members – Mayor Foster mentioned that the Pattern Book could be used as a guide and that the residents of Savannah Overlook may like to review it.

Public – Florence Doherty

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spoke advising that she still has objections to adopting the pattern book by ordinance, stating that it gives force of law and leaves the judgment up to interpretation, it may cause legal liabilities for the town, it forces design that should be the property owner's choice. Mrs. Doherty expressed that it is a great book and that she is in favor of having it as an idea book, but not an enforcement tool.

Walter Young asked where he could obtain a copy of the book and staff advised that it was available at the Town office and on the website.

Councilman Clendaniel mentioned that this ordinance would only require the pattern book to apply to PN developments and this was confirmed by the Town Attorney.

Doris Walls, Planning Commission President, also explained that this would only apply to a PN – Planned Neighborhood development which would be a project of 50 acres or more.

Councilman Clendaniel asked if this could be part of the DRRRA and the Town Attorney advised that the DRRRA is created later in the process well after the preliminary approval, which could require the project to be re-designed after it has already received approval. It is better to have this as part of the planning process. The Town Attorney also explained that the ordinance includes language that this “may apply” and not “shall apply” which provides flexibility.

Councilman Porter explained the difference of a PN development versus other residential construction and the pattern book provides flexibility in a project.

Jody Koontz and Shawn Nelson residents of Savannah Overlook wanted to know what the requirements were for their development, expressing concerns about the walking path, the location of trees and the water meter replacements. Staff went over some of the concerns and offered to meet with them and go over the plans for Savannah.

Kathy Mackel spoke in support of the adoption of the pattern book ordinance.

Flo Doherty still expressed

concerns about the governing of what a property owner can do on their property and if this would inflate the cost of housing.

With no further comments the Mayor closed this public hearing at 7:41 p.m..

The Mayor advised that the next regular meeting of the Denton Town Council will be held on March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m..

With no further business to discuss the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m..

March 13, 2008

Regular Meeting

Vice - Mayor Clendaniel presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Foster.

Vice-Mayor Clendaniel called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In attendance with Vice-Mayor Clendaniel were Council members Branson and Porter.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Clendaniel, the motion passed with Councilman Branson abstaining due to having not been in attendance at the March 3, 2008 meeting.

Public Hearing

None

Petitions, Remonstrances and Communication

FY2007 Financial Report Presentation

Mr. John Montoro of Cherry, Bekeart & Holland came before the Council to provide an overview of the Town's FY2007 Financial Report.

Riverton Avenue Petition

A petition from the Riverton Ave. residents was provided to the Town Council. Mr. William Gorman spoke on behalf of the petitioners requesting that the speed limit be lowered to fifteen miles per hour, post new speed limit on both ends

of the street and install two speed bumps dividing the street into thirds and to possibly limit the traffic on Riverton Ave.

A letter from Teresa Goss, a resident of Riverton, was also provided to the Council; the letter expressed that Mrs. Goss was not in favor of speed bumps being installed.

Councilman Branson held discussion with Chief Cox and Scott Getchell regarding the current posted speed limit for in Town and that there would need to be a study completed before considering any of the request.

The Town Attorney advised that the General Assembly sets the laws regarding speed limit regulations. In order to consider reducing the speed limit below what has been set by the General Assembly and to reduce liability issues the Town would be required to have an engineering study conducted by a licensed engineer.

Councilman Porter clarified that the issue was for the safety of the street, but expressed that he was dead set against speed bumps.

Mrs. Flo Doherty, resident on Riverton, spoke with regards to the street being very busy and that it can be hazardous if the kids are playing in the streets and reiterated the letter from Teresa Goss about not having speed bumps.

Mr. Gorman stated that since there have been issues with the traffic on this street for a long time that it certainly warrants being looked at.

Mrs. Gorman spoke regarding the destination of the traffic using Riverton, and expressed that it was not meant to be a main thoroughfare to get through Town and asked if there could at least be a trial period with directional signs.

The Town Council directed the Chief and Director of Public Works to utilize the County equipment and do an in house study.

Ordinances and Resolutions **Ordinance #554 Well Use Ordinance Revision**

An ordinance proposing to revise the existing language in the water code to permit drilling and using wells for irrigation only in parks and

agricultural applications within the Town of Denton. Permitting such use will conserve the Town's potable water supply. Currently the water code only allows the use of wells for outside watering on properties that had wells prior to connecting to the Town's water supply. This proposed ordinance was considered and drafted in response to the request made by the Denton Little League to drill and maintain a well at the Lions Club Park. Currently the park is connected to the Town's water supply and the Town pays the water bill.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopted Ordinance #554, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #556 PN Ordinance Amendment Pattern Book

At the January Council Meeting, Brynja Booth was requested to draft an ordinance to amend the PN Ordinance to include the Pattern Book. The ordinance was introduced at the February 4th meeting and was brought before the Town Council for consideration of adoption.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #556, seconded by Councilman Porter, the motion passed 2-1 with Councilman Clendaniel voting no.

Ordinance #557 Town Council Health Care Insurance

The Denton Town Council requested an ordinance be drafted which provides for the option to participate in the Town's health care plan during his or her term, and to receive health insurance benefits, which may be payable by the Town of Denton, in the same manner that is provided to the Town employees. The ordinance also provides for a provision to place this on the next municipal election ballot and was brought before the Town Council for consideration of introduction.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #557, seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion Councilman Porter advised that he would like to amend the ordinance and to provide for the Councilmember to cost share.

Councilman Porter motioned to amend the motion on the floor to change the language in the ordinance to have the Councilmember be responsible for half of the cost and expense associated with any coverage, and to provide the health insurance benefit to a family member of the participating Councilperson shall be paid at 100% by the Councilperson. Councilman Branson seconded the motion and advised staff to advertise for a public hearing as amended, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 Second Street Traffic Calming

At the February meeting of the Council, traffic issues related to vehicular speeds and pedestrian safety on South 2nd Street were discussed. The Public Works Director was instructed to study the issue and bring recommendations back to the Council at the March meeting.

Mr. Getchell, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the study results and recommended that a speed trailer be placed along South 2nd; if this does not work, then the Town could look at installing a speed cushion.

Mr. Scott Brewster, resident of 518 South 2nd. had met with Mr. Getchell regarding his concerns with speeding and provided some information that he had obtained on a program for Safe Routes to School in which there maybe some State Highway grant funding available.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct staff to place a speed indicator on South 2nd St. (and Chief Cox advised that the town presently does not have a trailer available but is working on obtaining one) Councilman Branson withdrew his motion.

Councilman Porter expressed the need to have sidewalks down Second Street.

The Town Council directed the Chief of Police to put up a speed trailer on South Second as soon as one was available.

Agenda #2 Middle Department Inspection Agency Inspections for

Electrical and Plumbing

The Denton Town Council considered a proposal from MDIA at the February 4th meeting of the Council and requested an inquiry for potential consideration of another inspection agency too. A response to that inquiry from Larry Davis, Senior Codes Enforcement Officer for Denton, was reviewed by the Council.

Councilman Branson made a motion to use MDIA for electrical and plumbing inspections, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 Councilmember Appointment Consideration

At the February 4th Council meeting, Councilmember Gregory provided a letter of resignation, effective 2/29/08. At the direction of the Town Council, a notice was placed in the paper seeking letters of interest. Letters of interest were received from Mr. Randolph Moore of 818 S. 2nd St., and Mrs. Annette Dean of 610 Market St.

Councilman Branson recommended appointing Mr. Randy Moore.

Councilman Porter made a motion to appoint Mr. Randolph P. Moore to fill the position vacancy of Conway Gregory through the next election, seconded by Councilman Branson, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #4 Director of Planning and Codes

The Denton Personnel Regulations requires Town Council approval for hiring above the entry level position. A request is before the Council to bring the new Director of Planning and Codes in at a Grade 11 Step 8.

Councilman Porter made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to hire the new Director of Planning and Codes as proposed, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

The Town Administrator advised that Mr. William Kastnings will begin April 14, 2008.

Councilman Branson stated how impressed he was with the software programs that were talked about during the interview and would like

the Town Administrator to explore the cost. The Town Administrator advised that she would add this to the new directors list of things to explore.

New Business

Agenda #1 – Mower Purchase

The Public Works Department requested authorization to purchase one new Toro Series Z550 lawn mower for \$7,175.93 from Turf Equipment and Supply Company, holder of the State of Maryland contract for Toro mowers. This unit is comparable to the unit purchased in 2004, which has proven to be a reliable and effective mower. The mower will be used by the Water/Wastewater Division for maintaining the WWTP grounds. Capital Outlay was appropriated in the FY08 Sewer Fund for this purchase.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize the purchase of the Toro Mower for \$7,175.93, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 Street Sweeper Purchase

The Public Works Department requested authorization to purchase one new Tymco Model 435 street sweeper for \$102,981.00 from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems, holder of the District of Columbia contract for this model. The existing street sweeper is 18 years old and has become an expensive maintenance burden, preventing staff from providing a consistent and quality street sweeping service. Capital Outlay was appropriated in the FY08 Highway Fund for this purchase. Financing through Tymco International will be arranged so the costs will be spread over the next five budget seasons.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the purchase as requested, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 Animal Control Ordinance

An incident occurred at the Tennis Courts on Fourth Street, in which a dog was allowed to run inside of the Tennis Courts and the dog then attacked another dog and its owner. A copy of the Animal Control Ordinance was provided.

Ms. Alice Birch described the

attack on her and her dog and expressed that the Tennis Courts should not be a place for dogs to run. The law states that a dog needs to be under the control of the owners and would like to see a leash law and to have signs in the tennis court not allowing dogs.

Councilman Branson asked about enforcement if signs are placed on the tennis courts to not allow dogs. It was discussed that this would fall under the Town's responsibility and not the County Ordinance and Chief Cox advised that it would not be a problem for the Police to regulate.

Councilman Branson made a motion that dogs be prohibited from all Denton tennis courts, seconded by Councilman Porter. In discussion Councilman Porter asked if dogs could be prohibited from parks altogether. Chief Cox expressed concerns about these being public parks.

Councilman Clendaniel stated that this was a serious matter of public safety and was in favor of making the Fourth St. Park no dogs.

Councilman Branson relayed concerns about over burdening the Police Dept. and being able to enforce.

Vice-Mayor Clendaniel asked for the vote on the original motion, motion passed unanimously, to not allow dogs in any tennis courts.

Councilman Porter made a motion to post Fourth St. Park for no dogs at all, seconded by Councilman Branson. In discussion Councilman Branson asked about dogs being in Wheeler Park at all and Councilman Porter stated that the tennis courts no but the rest of park would be ok as it has a walking trail. Then Councilman Branson questioned Coursey Park and Sharp Road Park. The Council members agreed to look at Sharp Road later once it was developed. Councilman Porter stated that his thought was to limit no dogs to any playground parks.

Councilman Porter amended his motion to include no dogs allowed at Coursey Park as well, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing

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unanimously.

Agenda #4 Planning Commission Annual Report

The Planning Commission's Annual Report was provided to the Council for information purposes.

Councilman Branson wished to publicly thank the Planning Commission members for all the work they do as volunteers and how much their efforts are appreciated, and to include all of the other boards.

Agenda #5 Denton Industrial Park Option Agreement

Deferred until April 7th meeting.

Agenda #6 Small Business Loan

The Denton Development Corporation requested an increase in their funding for the 323 Market Street Project. The increase would be from \$130,000 to \$150,000 as a separate loan. This was approved by USDA.

Mr. Ellis Davison provided an update of the project and the conversion to a pilot incubator retail business and the purpose of the additional loan funding.

Councilman Clendaniel asked the time frame for the incubator program to be up and running and Mr. Davison advised that it will take some time to get the approval from the State and maybe by next summer.

Councilman Branson made a motion to increase the DDC loan from \$130,000 to \$150,000 (staff advised that this will be considered a second loan for \$20,000) Councilman Branson amended his motion to approve a second business loan for the DDC for \$20,000, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

The second business loan request for the Bridal shop was withdrawn.

Agenda #7 FY-2009 Draft Budget Submission

The FY-2009 Budget Draft first working session for the budget is scheduled for March 17, 2008. Some of the Council members were unsure of the meeting on the 17th, and directed the Town Administrator to check with the Mayor to see if he

is available or possible, change to either March 24th or March 31st.

Agenda #8 Personnel Manual Amendment – Section 14 Employee Benefits

The Employee Benefits Section 14 of the Employee Personnel Manual was amended to reflect changes previously adopted by the Town Council and to include some additional benefits that are provided. The amendment also includes some language to better define existing benefits. Section 14 was provided to the Council for consideration for final approval of these amendments to the Personnel Manual.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve the amendments as presented, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #9 Boat Ramp Fee

Councilmember Porter requested an opportunity to discuss the potential for a Boat Ramp Fee at Crouse Memorial Park.

The Town Administrator was directed to obtain information from Caroline County regarding their proposal to start charging fees and bring before the Council at the April meeting. The Council would like to look at having a universal sticker for all the boat ramps.

Councilman Porter recommended that Staff consider taking the permit applications at the Town Office.

Agenda #10 Chamber of Commerce Map

Ms. Jill Adelman, Project Manager for Village Profile, submitted an information packet to the Town of Denton for consideration of placement of an ad for the Chamber of Commerce Map. The Council questioned how high the rates were and Staff advised that it is expected that the life of the map is approximately 2 ½ years.

Councilman Branson made a motion to decline participating in the map, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #11 Personnel Policy Amendment Request

The Denton Benefits Committee had submitted a request for Council consideration on expanding the

use of sick leave. Additionally, a request is provided to the Council for consideration of an amendment to the Denton Personnel Policy with respect to leave.

Councilman Porter made a motion to defer until the April meeting when all of the Council members would be present, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #12 – Riverview Gardens Lease

Chief Cox came before the Council with some changes to the previous lease discussed by the Council with Riverview Gardens regarding the use of the Community Center. Chief advising that the lease would need to be for 20 years and not 6.

Mr. Rick Della, project manager for the Rainmaker spoke to the Council and advised that they plan to update the building to be ADA compliant, it will remain a community building and they are seeking a 20 year term of \$100 a year for the rent. They are looking to close on the project by the end of March and need to have the signed lease in place.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the lease by resolution as requested, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously. The Town Attorney will pull together the resolution for signatures.

Agenda #13 – Heritage Area Ordinance #555

Councilman Porter made a motion to defer consideration of adoption on Ordinance #555 – Heritage Area Ordinance until the April 7, 2008 meeting seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #14 – National Railroad Underground

The Council reviewed a request from Ms. Natalie Chabot, Director for Caroline County Tourism, seeking the Council support to nominate the Choptank River at the Choptank Bridge as a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Councilman Porter made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in support of this

request, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #15 – Emergency Notification Form

Staff asked the Council to fill out an emergency notification form.

Agenda #16 – Board of Education – Bus Stop Response

The Council received the Caroline County Board of Education response regarding making changes to the bus stops at Mallard Landing. Councilman Clendaniel expressed his disappointment and would like for the Board of Ed to reconsider, as was the mutual feeling of Councilman Porter.

Ms. Flo Doherty advised the Council that sometimes it is difficult for the Board of Ed to consider making changes mid-year and budgeting.

Councilman Porter made a motion to draft a letter to the Board of Education seeking reconsideration and to look to implement a new bus stop for Mallard when planning for the next year, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Councilman Moore

Vice-Mayor Clendaniel swore in Randolph Moore to fill the seat of former Councilman Gregory. Councilman Moore was congratulated by all.

With no further discussion councilman Branson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55p.m., seconded by Councilman Moore, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer

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- Equipment storage building constructed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility completed
- Construction of Well #6 on Camp Road under design
- Expansion of the lift station at the Wastewater Treatment Facility under design

Pending Infrastructure

- North Denton Phase I infrastructure repairs for High Street, Lockerman Street, and Caroline Street
- Rebuild Lockerman Pump Station
- Replace sewer line on N. Third Street between High and Lincoln Street
- Municipal building design underway; potential for project to proceed in 2008

Following is a description of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. A chart and graph breaking down data of permits issued and historical construction dollars spent are included at the end of the report.

**Town of Denton
Planning Commission**

Planning Commission Members, 2007

Doris Walls, Chairperson
Frank Fluharty, Vice-Chairperson
Jake Holmes
Valerie Miller
David Gray (resigned 11/07)
Dean Danielson (appointed 12/07)

The five members of the Planning Commission appointed by the Town Council serve as a citizen review board for Denton planning issues. The Planning Commission holds regularly scheduled meetings the last Tuesday of every month except December, at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Denton's Hearing Room at 13 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland. Special meetings, workshops, and public hearings to discuss keynote issues are held as necessary at an agreed upon time and location. The members have completed an Urban Planning Certification through the University of Maryland. This training program is strongly recommended for anyone interested in local planning, and was made a requirement of continued service on this board by the Planning Commission members themselves.

The duties of the Planning Commission include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Review, evaluate, and approve or disapprove plans for subdivisions, and mobile home subdivisions in accordance with the Denton Zoning Ordinance and Denton Subdivision Ordinance.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed changes or amendments to the Denton Comprehensive Plan.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed rezoning.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed changes or amendments to the Subdivision Regulations.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed acquisition and development of lands for Town open space or recreation purposes.
- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding proposed changes in land use or development arising from local, state, or

federal programs or policies.

- Review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding development site plans required by Article 20 of the Denton Zoning Ordinance.

The following represents action taken by the Planning Commission during calendar year 2007:

Subdivision/Site Plan Approval: The Planning Commission reviewed thirteen (13) site plans, four (4) major subdivisions, and two (2) minor subdivisions. Major subdivisions could not proceed with final subdivision approvals until the water/sewer allocation was reviewed by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Three (3) major subdivisions were granted preliminary approval and the other major subdivision submitted a revision for review. In addition, eight (8) concept plans, four (4) Planned Neighborhoods, and six (6) Board of Appeals applications were reviewed.

There were eight (8) administrative site plans and eight (8) administrative line revisions approved at staff level. Concept plans that age more than four months before returning to the Planning Commission for preliminary review are required to resubmit as concept plans before moving forward. Administrative site plans and line revisions are handled at staff level and reviewed at Planning Commission level at the discretion of the Director of Housing and Community Development.

Annexation: The Planning Commission reviewed and approved two (2) petitions for annexation, and forwarded positive recommendations on all to the Town Council. Following public hearings the Town Council accepted and adopted the annexations of both properties and one (1) of the properties was recorded in the land records. One property is still within the referendum period following adoption by the Town Council.

Meetings: There were eleven (11) regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings, two (2) public hearings, and ten (10) training or working sessions.

**Town of Denton
Board of Appeals**

2007 Members

Florence Doherty, Chairperson
Scott Brewster
Ed Bell (resigned 10/07)
Barbara Porter, Alternate

The three members and one alternate of the Board of Appeals are appointed by the Town Council. They serve as a citizen review board for conditional uses, variances, and appeals cases. The Board of Appeals holds public hearings and open meetings at the call of the Chairperson and at other times, as deemed necessary by the members of the Board. Hearings and meetings are both held in the Town of Denton's Hearing Room at 13 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland.

The duties of the Board of Appeals include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Conduct public hearings and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Administrator in the enforcement of the Denton Zoning Ordinance.
- Conduct public hearings and decide special exceptions to the terms of the Denton Zoning Ordinance upon which such Board is specifically authorized to pass under the Denton Zoning Ordinance.
- To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the specific terms of this Ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, the enforcement of the provisions of

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this Ordinance will result in unwarranted hardship, and injustice, but which will most nearly accomplish the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

- To determine, in cases of uncertainty, the classifications as to district of any use not specifically named in this Ordinance; provided, however, such use shall be in keeping with uses specifically named in the district regulations.

In 2007, the Board of Appeals scheduled six (6) public hearings and reviewed six (6) cases. These cases consisted of three (3) requests for variances and three (3) requests for special exceptions.

Town of Denton Historic and Architectural Review Commission

2007 Members

Kathy A. Mackel, Chairperson
Sarah Golas, Vice-Chairperson
Irving Bowie Hall, Jr.
Richard Peterson
Melissa Jones

The five members are appointed to serve by the Town Council. They serve as a citizen review board regarding properties that lie within the Denton Historic District, and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding designation or removal of the Historic Overlay Zone, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding land subdivision within the historic Overlay Zone when historic resources are involved. Open meetings are held at least once every three months or by the call of the Chairperson. Typically meetings are held monthly, on the third Wednesday evening, to review applications for permits. All meetings and/or hearings are held at the Denton Town Office, 13 N. Third Street, Denton, Maryland unless otherwise advertised.

Duties of the Historic and Architectural Review Committee include but are not limited to:

- Maintain and update an inventory of historic resources within the Town.
- Review applications for designation of or removal of Historic Overlay Zones, and to forward recommendations to the Mayor and Council who will approve or disapprove the designation of or removal of a Historic Overlay Zone.
 - Review and process applications for Historic Area Work Permits.
 - Make recommendations to the Planning Commission on courses of action in the event of subdivision of land within a Historic Overlay Zone as it relates to the preservation of the historic resource, of the architectural setting, and of the environmental setting in which the resource is located.
- Review any legislation and proposal affecting historic preservation, including preparation of master plans, and to make recommendations on said legislation and proposals to the appropriate authorities.
 - Research Town historic resources and recommend applicable sites and structures to the Mayor and Council for designation as Historic Overlay Zone(s).
 - Serve as a clearinghouse for information on historic preservation for Town government, individuals, citizens' associations, historical societies, and local advisory committees; provide information and educational materials for the public; and undertake activities to advance the goals of historic preservation in the Town of Denton.
 - Regularly inform the Maryland Historical Trust of addition or removal of Town Historic Overlay Zones and of new information or data found or researched regarding historic sites or structures in the town.

- Employ consultants or other temporary personnel, consistent with Town contract provisions, as deemed necessary to assist the Commission in the accomplishment of its functions.

The Historic and Architectural Review Commission held eleven (11) regular meetings in 2007. The board reviewed thirty-six (36) applications for various exterior improvements.

Members and staff attended the Maryland's Annual Preservation & Revitalization Conference in Chestertown, Maryland, and the McMansion Workshop offered by the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions in Easton, Maryland.

Map Amendments (Rezoning Petitions and Critical Area Map Amendments)

A land use change or reclassification initiates a map amendment as does a change in the critical area boundary, or buffer exemption area. A proposal for amendment of the Official Town Zoning Map may be filed by any governmental agency or by a person with a committed financial, contractual, or proprietary interest in the property affected by the proposed amendment. The request is submitted to the Town Council who forwards it to the Planning Commission for an investigation and recommendation. The Planning Commission submits its recommendation to the Town Council within sixty days. After receiving the recommendations of the Planning Commission concerning any map amendment, the Town Council introduces legislation for a proposed change and holds a public hearing. If the proposed amendment is a critical area map amendment, the proposed amendment is sent to the Critical Area Commission for review and approval. Both agencies hold a public hearing, sometimes jointly, regarding the amendment. If approved by the Critical Area Commission, the Town Council can consider approval of the map amendment. Prior to voting on any reclassification of land, a visit to the site in question must be made by a majority of the Town Council to inspect the physical features of the property and to determine the character of the surrounding area. A site visit is not required for sectional or comprehensive reclassification. The Town Council may not approve a reclassification without a finding of facts:

- That there was a substantial change in the character of the area where the property is located;
- Or that there was a mistake in the existing zoning classification.

With respect to critical area map amendments the Town Council can:

- Elect to amend the critical area boundary or classification when it is found that there was a mistake in the original classification, or the site will be granted the Growth Allocation (GA) floating zone district classification.
- Elect to add land to the critical area district.

The findings of fact that the Town Council will consider include but are not limited to:

- Population change
- Availability of public facilities
- Present and future transportation patterns
- Compatibility with existing and proposed development
- Compatibility with the Town's Comprehensive Plan

Map Amendments Proposed and or Effective in 2007

There were no critical area map amendments in 2007.

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Town of Denton Permits

	2007	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
New Single Family Homes/ Multi-Family	26%	67	147	138	64	68
New Accessory Structures	8%	20	11	21	18	33
New Roof/Repairs	12%	31	26	28	25	31
Building Maintenance	40%	104	143	97	74	44
Pools	3%	8	9	6	13	1
New Industrial Construction	0%	0	4	0	2	2
New Commercial Construction	1%	3	4	2	1	4
New Institutional Construction	0%	0	1	0	0	1
Demolition	2%	4	12	3	8	6
Signs (Banners)	9%	23	32	23	43	15
Rezoning/Other	0%	0	0	0	3	3
Total	100%	260	389	318	251	208

Town of Denton Construction Dollars

	2006	2007
Residential	\$ 20,190,599	\$ 15,299,560
Accessories	\$ 61,704.00	\$ 39,162.00
Major Renovations (over \$5,000)	\$ 886,062	\$ 625,980
Minor Renovations (under \$5,000)	\$ 243,608	\$ 157,623
Pools	\$ 122,067	\$ 9,035
Subtotal	\$ 21,504,040	\$ 16,131,360
Commercial, Institutional	\$ 856,848	\$ 782,708
Institutional	\$ 310,630	\$ 18,828
Industrial	\$ 1,763,175	\$ 43,500
Subtotal	\$ 2,930,653	\$ 845,036
TOTAL	\$ 24,434,693	\$ 16,976,396

2007 Town of Denton Boards

2007 Subdivisions

SD-07-001	Gary Womer Preliminary Major Subdivision
SD-07-002	Gannon's Purchase/Elm Street Preliminary "PN" Subdivision
SD-07-003	Stanley Halle Communities Final Subdivision/Market Place
SD-07-004	Stanley Halle Communities Preliminary Subdivision/

Coursey Run	
SD-07-005	Frank Harrison Administrative Line Revision/312 Kerr Ave.
SD-07-006	JPA Venture, LLC Revised PUD "PN" Concept Plan/Vineyards
SD-07-007	Randolph & Catherine Moore Administrative Line Revision/Franklin Street
SD-07-008	Foy Road, LLC Pritchett's Farm "PN" PUD/Foy Road
SD-07-009	Gary Womer Administrative Line Revision/Sunset Drive
SD-07-010	Gary Womer Final Subdivision/Sunset Drive
SD-07-011	Pearson Road Development, LLC "PN" PUD/Pearson Road
SD-07-012	Gay Street Redevelopment Revision/Gay Street
SD-07-013	Third Williston, LLC Admin. Line Revision/534 N. 6th St.
SD-07-014	Town of Denton Denton Industrial Park, Lot 10A/Revised Final
SD-07-015	Town of Denton Revised Admin. Line Revision/A & E District/Parcel 812

2007 Annexations

AN-07-001	Coile et al Sharp Road & Lupine Lane
AN-07-002	Ruff/Suppo Rt. 313/2 parcels

2007 Board of Appeals

BOA-07-001	Douglas & Joyce Gunther 207 Gay Street/Special Exception
BOA-07-002	Joseph B. Smith 903 Crystal Ave./Variance
BOA-07-003	Enrique & Cheree Jara 1113 Weeping Willow Ct./Variance
BOA-07-004	John & Dora Travis 115 Briarwood Circle/Special Exception
BOA-07-005	Chesapeake Culinary Center Franklin Street/Variance
BOA-07-006	Chesapeake Culinary Center Franklin Street/Special Exception.

Utility Calls for Service Fees

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

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

\$50.00 fee during normal business hours.

\$100.00 fee after normal business hours.

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

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Failure of Motor Vehicle Driver to Furnish Written Identification on Unattended Damaged Vehicle, Failure of Vehicle Driver Involved in a Accident to Give Insurance Policy Information, Failure to Display License on Demand, Driving While Impaired by Drugs or Drugs and Alcohol and Driving While Impaired by Controlled Dangerous Substance. Cox was released on her signature of all citations. The victim was identified as Harold Dew of Federalsburg who had parked his 1997 Ford pickup across from the Circuit Court House to participate in Jury Duty. Damage to Dew's pickup is estimated at \$500.00.

Date: 3/12/08

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 500 block KERR AV

Denton Police are investigating the theft of an IPOD. Maxwell Slover reported that person(s) unknown removed a white in color, 30GB, IPOD from his backpack while he was working at Caroline Nursing home. The backpack was in the employees' locker room when the IPOD was taken. Replacement value is approximately \$400.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/12/08

Classification: Theft: \$500 Plus value

Location: 100 block S FOURTH ST

Denton police are investigating the theft of construction materials. Employees of Willow Construction reported that person(s) unknown removed approximately 25 feet of copper drain down spouting from a job they were working on in the 100 block of S. Fourth Street (the Armory). Replacement cost is approximately \$535.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/13/08

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 400 block N SIXTH ST

Denton Police referred a 17 year old male from Conawingo, MD for theft. Police were called to Bullock's

Deli for a reported shoplifting. Richard Bullock, owner, stated that he observed the suspect conceal two cans of energy drink on his person. The drinks are valued at \$2.33 each. The drinks were returned to Bullock's Deli. The suspect was taken into custody without incident, formally processed and released to a guardian.

Date: 3/14/08

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: SHORE HIGHWAY

Denton Police charged William Hammett, 43 year old male of Federalsburg, with driving on a suspended and/or revoked license. Police observed a 1980 Ford Pickup traveling west on Shore Highway in the area of Deep Shore road with out a front registration plate. Police further observed that the vehicle did display a Maryland rear tag and Maryland requires that tags be displayed on the front and rear of all passenger vehicles and light trucks. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was found to be Hammett. When police asked Hammett for his drivers' license he stated that he did not have one. A check of MVA records revealed that Hammett's privilege to drive in MD was suspend and revoked for an alcohol violation. Hammett was issued citations at the scene and released on his signature.

Date: 3/14/08

Classification: Theft Over \$500

Location: 0 block DENTON PZ

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Employees of Roses' Department Store reported that on March 13, 2008, at approximately 7:30 pm, several persons unknown removed two (2) LCD flat panel televisions from the store's display. The suspects placed the two televisions in a shopping cart and while at least one suspect distracted the store clerk at least one other pushed the cart out of the store. Total value of the televisions is \$800.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/16/08

Classification: Driving w/o license

Location: S SEVENTH ST

Denton Police charged Anibal Perez Lopez, 18 of Ridgely, with driving without a license. Police observed a 1997 Volkswagen in the area of Seventh Street and Choptank Ave. with an equipment violation (headlight out). Police stopped the vehicle and found the operator to be Lopez who could not produce a driver's license. A check of MVA records revealed that Lopez did not possess a valid driver's license in Maryland. Lopez was issued citations and released on his signature.

Date: 3/18/08

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 1200 block FAIRFIELD CT

Denton Police arrested Latrisha Banks, 28 year old female of Denton, for assault and MDOP. Police were called to the 1200 block of Fairfield Court for a disturbance. Investigation revealed that Banks came to the residence to see her children and an argument started between her and Brandon Warner, 33 year old male, the children's father. Warner then told Banks to leave. Banks refused and the altercation became physical. Once Banks went outside it is alleged that she threw a landscaping brick through the rear window of Warner's 1991 Lincoln Town Car causing an estimated \$200.00 in damage. Banks was processed and charged with one count each of assault second degree and MDOP under \$500. Banks was released on her personal recognizance after an initial appearance hearing before a District Court Commissioner. Banks has also filed charges against Warner in reference to this incident however charging documents have not yet been issued.

Date: 3/18/08

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 9500 block LEGION RD

Denton Police are investigating an act of vandalism and trespass. Employee's of Judge Yachts reported that persons unknown cut a rope that held a small boat in place that held an advertising sign in a pond on their property. This allowed that boat to float freely in the pond. Employee's reviewed security video and observed a vehicle and several

individuals on the property. The video also showed someone walking to the pond and cutting the rope. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/20/08

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 100 block RIVERVIEW GARDENS

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Jerome Brown reported that person(s) unknown removed the right front hubcap from his 1992 Chrysler LeBaron while it was parked in front of his residence. The hub cap is valued at approximately \$5.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/21/08

Classification: Theft less than \$100

Location: 0 block N FIFTH ST

Denton Police are investigating a theft. Renee Baker reported that she was at the K&C Laundromat on N. Fifth Street when person(s) unknown removed her purse from her vehicle. The purse was later found but the victim's wallet is still missing. Total loss is estimated at \$30.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/22/08

Classification: MDOP Under \$500

Location: 100 block S SIXTH ST

Denton Police are investigating an MDOP. Bruce Marvel reported that Jason Taylor had caused damage to Marvel's apartment door by kicking it after an argument as Taylor was leaving. Damage to the door is estimated at \$75.00. Marvel was referred to the District Court Commissioners Officer to pursue charges in this matter.

Date: 3/24/08

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree

Location: 1400 block BLUE HERON DR

Denton Police arrested Jessica Cartrette, 18 year old female of Denton, for assault. John Schulties reported that he was assaulted by Cartrette by striking him in the face after an argument. Cartrette was

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taken into custody without incident, processed and was released on her own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing with a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 3/26/08

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree
Location: 600 block RIVERVIEW GARDENS

Denton Police arrested Linda Fisher, 44 year old female of Denton, for assault. Police were called to the Fisher's residence where Ms. Fisher alleged she had been assaulted by her husband, Francis, 54 years of age. Police saw no evidence of an assault however while interviewing both subjects Ms. Fisher became angry and threw a cordless phone at Mr. Fisher, striking him. Ms. Fisher was taken into custody and charged with one count of second degree assault. Ms. Fisher was later released on her own recognizance after an initial appearance hearing with a District Court Commissioner.

Date: 3/27/08

Classification: MDOP Under \$500
Location: CROUSE PARK
Police are investigating a vandalism. Town of Denton Public Works employees reported that person(s) unknown, using some type of marker, wrote on the bleacher seats at Crouse Park. Cleanup is estimated at \$20.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/27/08

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: MARKET ST
Denton Police charged Yalonda Willey, 31 year old female of Blue Bell PA, with driving on a suspended license. Police stopped a 2003 Infinity for speeding (40 mph in a 25 mph zone) in the 1200 block of Market Street. The operator was identified as Willey. Check of MVA records revealed that Willey's privilege to drive in MD had been suspended for failing to submit to a chemical test. Willey was issued

citations at the scene and released.
Date: 3/27/08

Classification: Theft Scheme Under \$500

Location: CROUSE PARK
Denton Police are investigating a theft. Town of Denton employees reported that person(s) unknown removed copper caps that are on pylons along the bulkhead of Crouse Park. The caps are valued at \$100.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 3/29/08

Classification: Assault 2nd Degree
Location: 1700 block CATTAIL COMMONS WY

Denton Police arrested Wanda Davis, 31 year old female of Denton, for assault. Police were called to the Davis residence for a reported domestic assault. James Davis alleged that Wanda had bitten James on the hand during an argument. Police observed evidence to support James allegations a Wanda was taken into custody without incident.

Wanda was processed, charged and taken before a District Court Commissioner who ordered Wanda held at the Detention Center on \$5000.00 bail.

Date: 3/30/08

Classification: Theft less than \$100
Location: 300 block S SECOND ST

Denton Police are investigating a theft. James Dillon reported that person(s) unknown removed his wallet from his van, a 1991 Dodge, while it was parked, unsecured, in Dillon's driveway. Total loss is approximately \$70.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.



The Caroline County Council of Arts and Caroline County Recreation and Parks Presents

NOON TUNES
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Caroline County Courthouse Green
109 Market Street, Denton

Four FREE Fridays in May

MAY 2	NAKED BLUE Borrowing from the Americana tradition, but firmly grounded with a pleasing pop sensibility, the performing songwriter team, Jen and Scott Smith and their band have become one of the most successful independent acts in the mid-atlantic. They were recently awarded Washington Area Musician's Association best female vocalist in rock/pop as well as music monthly magazines best in genre and best folk group.
MAY 9	RUUT Ruut is a singer/songwriter originally from Finland. Her music draws well deserved comparisons to Sarah McLachlan, Carole King, and Cold Play. Her considerable piano skills are unashamedly displayed front and center anchoring Ruut's passionate, soulful voice.
MAY 16	BENSON Jon Benson, a native of Seaford, Delaware has been performing for 25+ years in a variety of musical endeavors. Jon has been a member of several bands including "Potential", "The Snapp Band", altimate choice and currently performing with "Mike Hines and the Look". As a solo performer Benson will play a variety of music to satisfy a variety of musical tastes.
MAY 23	GREG FARLEY Grab your tropical shirt and sandals and come enjoy the summertime sounds of Greg Farley, an acoustic guitarist channeling the likes of Jimmy Buffet, Kenny Chesney, James Taylor, the Eagles, Jim Croce and many others. Greg was a former house entertainer for the Parrothead Club in Florida! Come out to the courthouse green and let the sounds of Greg Farley get your summer started off right!

If a show is cancelled due to bad weather, make up dates will be available on June 1 and 8 and will be re-scheduled if the artists are available.

Sponsored by Caroline County Council of Arts and the Town of Denton Downtown Promotions. Production Sponsor is PRIMETIME TENTS AND EVENTS with production by Caroline County Recreation and Parks. For information call 410-479-8120.

Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Registration Dates for Caroline County Public Schools

Caroline County Public Schools will hold Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten registration from **May 12 - May 16, 2008.**

Registration & Pre-Kindergarten screenings will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the dates listed by school:

• Ridgely Elementary	Monday, May 12
• Federalsburg Elementary	Tuesday, May 13
• Denton Elementary	Wednesday, May 14
• Greensboro Elementary	Thursday, May 15
• Preston Elementary	Friday, May 16

All children whose birthday is between September 2, 2002 and September 1, 2003 are required by Maryland law to begin kindergarten in August 2008. All children whose birthday is between September 2, 2003 and September 1, 2004 may request to enroll in pre-kindergarten beginning in September 2008.

Information needed at the time of registration: proof of residence in Caroline County, child's birth certificate, child's Social Security number, child's immunization record and child's blood lead results.

Parents may opt to take advantage of the following screenings for pre-kindergarten:

- Vision and hearing screening, screening for Amblyopia
- Assessment of large and small muscle development
- Assessment of social development
- Height, weight and blood pressure checks
- Immunization screening
- Information on nutrition safety

Updates on Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #554 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend Chapter 124 of the Denton Town Code to prohibit the use of wells for potable water use on all properties, to prohibit the drilling of the new wells on residential property for outdoor use, to permit the continued use of existing wells on residential properties for non potable outdoor uses only, and to permit the drilling of wells for irrigation uses on property used for agricultural or recreational purposes. Introduced 2/4/08, Adopted 3/13/08, Effective 3/20/08.

Ordinance #555 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton comprehensive plan to incorporate the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Management plan as the plan relates to those areas of Town located within

the Denton Central Business District and the Denton Historic District. Introduced 2/4/08, Adopted 4/7/08, Effective 4/14/08.

Ordinance #556 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate the Denton Pattern Book as part of the design standards to apply to development in a PN district. Introduced 2/4/08, Adopted 3/13/08, Effective 3/20/08.

Ordinance #557 – An ordinance of the Town of Denton to permit members of the Denton Town Council to participate in the Town's health insurance plan, provided that the participating Councilperson is responsible for one-half of the costs and expenses associated with the Councilperson's coverage, and provided that any coverage provided to a family member of the

participating Councilperson shall be paid 100% by the Councilperson electing the coverage, and further provided that the same is approved by the majority of the qualified Voters of the Town Of Denton at the next municipal election. Introduced 3/13/08, Adopted 4/7/08, this item will be placed on the ballot to be voted on during the November 2008 elections.

Resolution # 701 - Resolution of the Denton Town Council authorizing the execution of a lease between the Town of Denton and the

Riverview Gardens Business Trust for nonexclusive use of the Denton Community Center.

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

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2007 - 2008 Tax Sale is coming soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billing or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

If you want to verify if you have any outstanding bills due to the Town please contact our office at 410-479-2050. Reminder that all real property taxes are to be paid at the Caroline County Treasurer's Office, in the Caroline County Court House. You may reach the County Treasurer's office by calling 410-479-0410.

Special Collection Reminder

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

Yard Waste: All bagged leaf and brush pickup requests must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup.

Call all requests in to the Town Office at
410-479-2050.

Leave a message after normal business hours.

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