Denton Town News

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Absentee Ballots for Denton Town Election

Registered voters who wish to vote by absentee ballot during the Denton town elections on November 6, 2007 must request their absentee ballot by **October 19, 2007**, in accordance with the Denton Code.

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

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

- A. Any qualified voter in the town who may be unavoidably absent from the town for any reason on any town election day.
- B. Any qualified voter of the town whose physical disability confines him (or her) to his/her home or will otherwise prevent him (or her) from being present and personally voting at the polls on any town election day.

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

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

To make application for an absentee ballot: please include date of request, reason for request as indicated above, signature of applicant, and address of applicant and provide to the Town Clerk at 13 N. Third St., Denton, MD 21629 by October 19, 2007. Application forms are available at the Town Office.

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

All absentee ballots must be returned to the Denton Town Office, Judges of Election, 13 North Third Street, Denton, Maryland 21629, before the closing of the polls (8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2007) in order to be considered valid.

Wharves at Choptank Crossing Redevelopment Project

The Crouse Park redevelopment project, under the title of The Wharves at Choptank Crossing, will substantially enhance the facilities of the Park for the residents of the Town of Denton and the surrounding area, and will also serve as a focal point for attracting visitors from out of the area, supporting the efforts of the Main Street Program and the 4th Street Arts and Entertainment District to augment the business climate of the town. The project is funded by a variety of state and federal grants, managed on behalf of the town and Caroline County by the Denton Development Corporation.

Major features of this project are:

1. Renovation of the former Choptank Yacht Club boat basin to the south of the park by dredging the basin and adding wharves running along the edge of the park from the old drawbridge abutment around the north side of the basin to the old boat ramp. This part of the project is primarily funded through State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement funds and a Boating Infrastructure grant. Bulkhead replacement is also being funded partially through a U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Accessible Homes for Seniors (AHS)

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

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

Those eligible for the Program must:

- * Be Maryland residents with at least one resident age 55 or older.
 - * Generally must own and

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occupy the home to be renovated as their principal residence.

- * Seniors living with relatives will be considered on a case by case basis
- * Reside in a home that is structurally sound and free of health and safety hazards.
- * Not have any outstanding federal or state tax liens, open bankruptcy or foreclosure.
 - * Meet income requirements.

THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Household Size	Max. Statewide	Max. Washington MSA*		
1 Person	\$ 44,296	\$ 52,920		
2 Persons	\$ 50,624	\$ 60,480		
3 Persons	\$ 56,952	\$ 68,040		
4 Persons	\$ 63.280	\$ 75,600		

The goal of the program is to permit seniors to gracefully age in place. You do not have to be disabled in order to use the program. Planning for accessibility before it becomes critical is key, and this program will allow seniors to make improvements to their homes before a fall or other illness make remaining in their own home difficult. Denton's housing & community development office also has information about this program, and is able to assist

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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.

September 10 October 1

Planning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.

September 25 October 30

Historic Review Meeting at 6 p.m.

September 19 October 17

<u>Utility Commission Meeting</u> <u>12 p.m.</u>

Wastewater Treatment Plant on Legion Road

September 13 October 11

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

September 3, Labor Day

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

NOTICE OF DENTON TOWN ELECTION AND FILING BY CANDIDATES

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

The petition for filing must be delivered to the Denton Town Office, 13 North Third Street, Denton, by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2007. It is suggested that the petition be returned several hours prior to the 4:00 p.m. deadline so the names of the signers of the petition may be verified as registered voters. This will provide ample time to obtain further signatures should any of the signatures prove to be invalid. Forms have been prepared for the convenience of the candidates filing and may be obtained at the Denton Town Office during normal working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays).

The Board of Supervisors of Elections Denton, Maryland

Calendar of Events

3rd - Caroline County Schools Closed for Labor Day

4th - Internet for Beginners 10am-12pm. Central Library, Denton

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

6th - Blood Pressure Testing

10am-12pm. Free, Central Library, Denton.

Free blood pressure testing provided by Caroline County Health Department the first Thursday of each month.

8th - Adkins Arboretum Fall Plant Sale 1pm Ridgely.

The sales feature a wide range of trees, shrubs, grasses, and perennial herbaceous plants, mostly native to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Members can place advance orders for plants and are invited to a "Members Only" preview the day before the sale day. There is also a preview walk for the public the week before the plant sales. Members receive a 10% discount on all plants. Call 410-634-2847 for more info.

8th & 9th - Outlaw Days

4th - Blood Pressure Testing

7th - 41st Annual Bull Roast

each month.

9am-5pm, \$7 Adults, \$3 Children, 4 and under

10am-12pm. Free, Central Library, Denton.

Free blood pressure testing provided by Caroline County Health Department the first Thursday of

Free. Tuckahoe Equestrian Center. Tuckahoe State Park.

FREE Wagon Rides, Indian Tepee, Ride a Horse or a Sheep (if you can), All-Equine Parade,

FREE Games for the Kids, Pan for Gold, Help get the bad guys, Scales & Tales, Great Food, Craft Booths, Original cowboy shows throughout the weekend in Tuckahoe City! See 'em all! ARENA EVENTS: Dressage Demo, Show Jumping, Barrel Racing, Jousting Demo, Mounted Cowboy Action, Drill Team and More.

13th - Identity Theft Prevention

12pm-1pm & 7pm-8pm, Large Meeting Room. Central Library, Denton.

Learn how to prevent and recover from Identity Theft. Contact: Florence Denagy at 410-479-1343 for info.

15th - Caroline County Arts Council BLOCK **PARTY**

5pm-9pm,

Downtown Denton. Advance tickets \$10, \$15 at the door, \$5 children ages 5-14, 4 and under free. Live entertainment, kids activities, food, beer, wine, Chris English performs. A fundraiser supporting the restoration of Historic Wilson's Foundry Dwelling, 401 Market St, Denton. call 410-479-1009 for tickets and info.

15th- 2nd Annual Crab Feast & Casino Night

4pm, Denton Vol. Fire Hall

All you can eat crab soup, pork BBQ, corn on the cob, salad, and more. Casino Games, \$30 Advance, \$35 at the door. Call 443-223-1072 for more info.

16th - Ridgely Jousting Tournament 1pm, Martin Sutton Park. Rt 480, Ridgely.

Jousting is Maryland's Official State Sport. Riders on horseback ride down a track of 80 yards in a time of no less that 8 seconds, attempting to spear 3 medal rings wrapped in white cord. There are 4 classes of riders riding for 4 places in each class. An awards and crowning ceremony takes place following the joust. The event usually takes around 3 hours. call 410-479-0565 for more info.

22nd - 12,000 Years Before Columbus-**Native American Exhibit**

10am, Central Library, Denton.

The largest private artifact exhibit ever on Delmarva. Featuring museum quality artifacts including axes, spearheads, projectile points, drills, stone knives and tools. Dan Firehawk Abbott artisan and consultant in Prehistoric Native American tools and culture, demonstrates life skills including flint knapping, fire making, javelin throwing, rope and twine making of America's original inhabitants.

October

19th - Caroline County Schools Closed

26th - Civil War Stories, Legends, History & Pictures of Haunted Delmarva Sites 7pm

by storyteller & author, Ed Okonowicz Central Library, Denton Friday Nites at the Library Free entertainment for family & friends 7 p.m.

26th & 27th - Candle Light Haunting Tales Walk 7pm & 7:30 pm, Museum of Rural Life 16 S. Second St. Denton. Admission Fee.

Take a step back in time as you relive Denton and Caroline County history, escorted by a guide! The walk meanders through downtown Denton over a 1 mile course and includes 20+ different scary and unusual stories retelling Denton and Caroline County history. The tour concludes with a sweet treat and hot beverage. Advance reservations are encouraged with start time selected. Call 410-479-2730 for more info.

29th - Hocus Pocus Halloween Fun Nite 7pm-8pm, Large Meeting Room, Central Library, Denton.

Renowned storyteller Donna Washington brings

scary stories to tell children ages 8-12. Costumes are welcome. Treats will be given out. Call to register 410-479-1343

31st-Denton Trick or Treating 6pm-7:30pm

town of Denton.

- Caroline Co. Public Library # 410-479-1343 www.caro.lib.md.us/library.

- Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks #410-479- 8120 www.carolinerecreation.org

> - Atkins Arboretum #410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org

19th - Sorry, Wrong Number by OLD TIME RADIO LIVE. 7pm

2pm-8pm, VFW Post 7937, Rt. 313, Greensboro.

The original 30 min. radio suspenser with sound effects (& gun) by the Ad Hoc Touring Co., Possum Point Players. Also comedy with The Bickersons. Central Library, Denton Friday Nites at the Library Free entertainment for family & friends.

19th - Halloween Haunted Hayride 8pm-10pm, 20th, 7pm-10pm.

Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely.

Fee: Adults \$7. Children \$4. Under 4, Free.

Costume contest held 30 minutes before starting time each night. Held rain or shine, tickets available at the door. Not for the faint of heart.

Denton Police Department...

Trick or Treat, It's Halloween Time

It is the policy of the Denton Town Council to establish guidelines for the annual observance of Halloween in the Town of Denton, to insure the safety of the children and protect the community from criminal conduct.

- * Trick or Treating will be observed from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.
- * Trick or Treaters are encouraged to wear costumes that will be visible to motor vehicle traffic.
- * Trick or Treaters must be 12 years of age or younger.
- * All children should be accompanied by an adult.
- * Residents participating in trick or treating are encouraged to display outside lighting as a way of acknowledging participation.

- * Trick or Treaters are asked not to frequent residences that do not display outside lighting.
- * On those occasions when Halloween falls on a Sunday, Trick or Treating will be scheduled & advertised for Saturday.
- * Youth identified as older than 12 years of age will be encouraged to discontinue Trick or Treating.
 - * Youth identified as being unruly will be dealt with according to the law.
 - * The town asks parents to be responsible, and assist the police in mak-

ing Trick or Treating a safe and fun activity for everyone. If your child is beyond the age for this activity, please do not allow them to participate in this event.

Back to School Safety

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

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

Get to School Safely

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus. Remember these safety tips:

- * Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- * Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- * When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- * Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- * Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's

okay to approach.

* Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers *are* required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses: however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

Walking and Biking to School Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decisions making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- * Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard -- never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- * Walk your bike through intersections.
 - * Walk with a buddy.
- * Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.

National Night Out



The Denton Police Department hosted its National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7, 2007. The Gospel Choir from Union Bethel AME Church as well as their Praise Dancers performed for the event. Residents enjoyed food, games, and entertainment. They also had the opportunity to visit with many of the vendors throughout the evening.

The children enjoyed the Sponge Bob moon bounce and received an education about water and boat safety from the interactive tug boat named Coastie that was provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

We would like to thank all of those who participated in this year's event, and are looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Denton Trick or Treating
will be held on
Wednesday October 31
from 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Denton Police Department #410-479-1414

Police Department Press Releases

Date: 06/09/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500 Location: 1300 block Fairfield Ct The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a GPS navigation system from vehicle. Person(s) unknown removed the GPS from an unsecured vehicle. The GPS is valued at \$349.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 06/09/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend License

Location: S Fifth Ave.

Denton Police charged Brook Hoyt with speeding and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license. Police stopped Hoyt for traveling 38 mph in 25 mph zone. A check of MVA records revealed Hoyt's license was suspended for failing to pay a fine or appear in court. Hoyt was issued citations at the scene and released.

Date: 06/11/2007 Classification: Burglary

Location: 200 block Briarwood Cr. The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a burglary that occurred sometime overnight from June 10 to 11, 2007 at 201 Briarwood Circle, Denton. An unknown person or persons entered a townhouse that is under construction, and damaged several items in the process. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 06/14/2007

Classification: Attempted Armed Robbery

Location: 500 block Market St.
Denton Police arrested Michael
S. Kelly, no fixed address, for two
separate attempted armed robberies.
Kelly was also arrested and charged
with motor vehicle theft from an
unrelated incident that occurred in

On June 14,2007, Steven Parr reported that he was at the Royal Farm Store when he was approached by an unknown white male. Parr advised that the male displayed what appeared to be a handgun

and demanded that Parr empty his pockets. Parr stated that he told the male that he had no money and the male let him leave.

On the same date, Wesley Clower reported that he was in the area of the Post Office when an unknown white male approached him, displayed what appeared to be a handgun and demanded that Clower empty his pockets. Clower advised that he had no money and the male let him leave.

Based on the descriptions given by the victims in both cases the suspect was identified as Michael Kelly. Arrest warrants were obtained on each case and served on June 15, 2007. Kelly was ordered held on \$10,000.00 bail on each warrant.

Denton Police investigated the theft of a motor vehicle on May 22, 2007. In that incident a vehicle was taken from the rear of Wayne's Auto and driven approximately 2 blocks where it was crashed into a fence. Investigation led to the suspect in that case being identified as Michael Kelly. An arrest warrant was obtained and served on June 15, 2007. Kelly was released on his own recognizance for this case.

Date: 06/19/2007

Classification: Violate Exparte/ Protective Order 1st Offense

Location: 100 block Shore Highway

The Denton Police Department served a criminal summons to James Jurena for violation of a protective order and harass a course of conduct. Mr. Jurena was released on his signature with an August court date.

Date: 06/19/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500 Location: 700 block N Sixth St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the damage to a truck parked at Goose Creek. An unknown person(s) scratched the sides of a pick up truck belonging to Seneca Eldredge. Damage is estimated at \$400.00. The truck was parked at the Goose Creek parking lot when this incident occurred. Anyone with information regarding this matter is

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

Date: 06/19/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspend

License

Location: N Sixth St.

Denton Police charged Demetric Marshall of Cambridge with operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license. Marshall was observed operating the vehicle above the posted speed limit and stopped. A check of MVA records revealed Marshall's license was suspended for failing to pay a traffic citation. Marshall was issued a citation for speeding and driving suspended and released at the scene.

Date: 06/20/2007

Classification: Under age possession of alcoholic bevg.

Location: 600 block N Sixth St.

Denton Police charged four males with underage possession of alcoholic beverages. Police stopped the vehicle they were riding in for a traffic violation and observed a cooler with the lid open, that contained beer. Further investigation revealed that two of the males were 17 years of age, both from Denton, one was 18 also of Denton and the last was 20 of Greensboro. The 17 year olds were issued juvenile alcohol citations and released to guardians. Andrew Knox, 18, and Brian Vance, 20, were issued adult alcohol citations and released on their signatures.

Date: 06/25/2007

Classification: Motor Vehicle/

Unlawful Taking

Location: Crystal Ave.

Denton Police served a criminal summons on Carolyn M. Brown, 27, of Preston on July 20, 2007. The summons was applied for by Benjamin T. Plugge of Preston and alleges that Brown stole a truck and personal property belonging to Plugge from Maryland Truck Parts in Denton on June 11, 2007.

Date: 06/25/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100 Location: 400 block Lincoln St. Sometime between 2330hrs on

06-24-07 and 0630hrs 06-25-07

someone stole a silver in color boys mountain bike from 411 Lincoln St. Denton. Anyone with information is asked to contact Denton Police Dept.

Date: 06/25/2007

Classification: Reckless

Endangerment

Location: 100 block Market St.

On 06-25-07, the Denton Police Department responded to the Caroline County Circuit Court building in reference to a report of reckless endangerment with a vehicle. It was reported that a black Ford Focus driven by Ashley Marshall almost struck Jessica Warrick, Candice Schuyler, and Andrew Grady. A criminal summons was issued by the District Court Commissioner charging Marshall with reckless endangerment.

Date: 06/27/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100 Location: 800 block Camp Rd.

Denton Police are investigating an attempted theft. Police responded to the Delmarva Power substation on Camp Rd. where it was reported that person(s) unknown had cut the chain link fence that surrounds the substation and attempted to remove a spool of wire. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 06/27/2007

Classification: Driving on a Suspended License

Location: Market St.

On 06-27-07, Janika Powell of Easton was charged with driving on a suspended license after being stopped for exceeding the posted speed limit in the 100 block of Market St. Powell was released on citations.

Date: 06/28/2007

Classification: Burglary

Location: 800 block S Fifth Ave.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating a burglary and theft that occurred during the early morning hours of June 28, 2007. Rent-A-Center, 868 S. Fifth Ave. Denton, had the front door smashed out and numerous consumer electronics

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Housing and Community Development...

Test Your Child For Lead Poisoning

Lead paint is the #1 environmental source for lead poisoning. All children must be tested for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of

All children entering child care, Head Start, Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 1st grade must provide lead test results upon entering school.

During pregnancy, lead poisoning can be passed from a mom to the unborn baby.

The average number of children lead tested in Maryalnd is only 28%. Has your child been tested? Ask your doctor and have your child tested today.

In children, lead can cause:

- Nervous system and kidney damage.
- Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and decreased intelligence.

- Speech, language and behavior problems.
- Poor muscle coordina-
- Decreased muscle and bone growth.
- Hearing Damage.

Beware of other sources of lead poisoning, hobbies like:

- Stained glass
- Furniture refinishing
- Folk remedies like greta and azarcon
- Childrens jewelry
- Makeup like surma
- Imported dishes/pottery
- Painted toys.

Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often.

For more info, contact your child's doctor, local health department or Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning: 1-800-370-5323

Building Permits

issued by the Town of Denton between June 1, 2007, and August 3, 2007:

Butler, 528 N. 6th St., Pool & Fence Jantz, 1202 Tuckahoe Ct., Pool & Fence

Long & Foster, 601 N. 6th St., Sign Garland & Hobbs, 1700 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

Garland & Hobbs, 1709 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

Old Hundred Investment Properties, 712-714 Gay St., Rehab

Denton Investment & Holdings, 862 5th Ave., Dumpster Pad

KRM Development, 45G Engerman Ave., Office

KRM Development, 65H Engerman Ave., Office

Garland & Hobbs, 1707 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

Jarrell, 204 S. 1st St., Roof Durner, 100 7th St., Roof Mayo, 1207 Foster Holly Ct., Deck/ Patio

Lenco, 410 High St., Mechanical Spicher, 617 Camp Rd., Roof Garland & Hobbs, 1601 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

Chong, 1205 Cattail Commons Way,

Mercantile Bank, 207 Market St.,

Skinner, 518 Market St., Roof C.C. Chamber of Commerce, 322 Market St., Sign

Garland & Hobbs, 1524 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

Owens, 1111 Weeping Willow Ct.,

Old Hundred Investments, 106 N. Deck 6th St., Roof

The following is a list of permits Brown, 1201 Foster Holly Ct., Fence

> Rite Aid, 842 S. 5th St., Rehab Travis, 115 Briarwood Circle,

West, 405 Gay St., Pool Downes, 403 Lincoln St., Fence

Swann, 341 Academy Ave., Roof Garland & Hobbs, 1105 Daylily

Lane, SFD & Mechanical

Garland & Hobbs, 1520 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

S & R Family Restaurant, 14 Denton Plaza, Sign

Williams, 1203 Foster Holly Ct., Fence

Dowdall, 111 Riverton Ave., Fence Hudson, 424 E. Wesley Circle, Demolition

The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, 40 Denton Plaza, Sign

Garland & Hobbs, 1609 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

Galesso, 609 N. 6th St., Shed Kelley, 1612 Cattail Commons Way,

Jones, 107 Lou Ave., Shed Viands, 1502 Cattail Commons Way, Deck

Pitts, 408 S. 5th Ave., Shed Kitts, 1102 Ruddy Duck Ct., Fence Wesleyan Christian School, 401 Aldersgate Drive, Shed

Fluharty, 526 High St., Pool &

Garland & Hobbs, 1606 Cattail Commons Way, SFD & Mechanical

O'Brien, 1115 Whistling Pine Rd.,

Chapman, 1118 Osprey Lane, Patio MacDonell, 501 Elaine Ave., Fence & Pool

Jara, 1113 Weeping Willow Ct.,

Refinance Mortgage Program

The Community Development Administration's (CDA) Lifeline Refinance Mortgage program provides a refinancing option to Marylanders who may be facing difficulties after financing their homes with adjustable rate or other unfavorable mortgages, or with mortgages that no longer fit their financial situation. Please contact a CDA approved lender to see if you are eligible.

Overall eligibility criteria includes: maximum household income limits; maximum current appraised value limits; loan-tovalue limits; property <u>must be your</u> primary residence;

Caroline County income limits;

- * 1 or 2 person household max \$94,920.00
- * 3 or more person household max \$110,740.00;

Caroline County maximum appraised value \$289,705.00.

Available with fixed-rate mortgages: 30 or 40 year amortizing; interest-only products (5/30, 7/23 and 7/33) Current Interest Rates (subject to change): 6.50% for all loan products Closing costs, including pre-payment penalties on existing mortgage, can be rolled into the principal amount of the refinancing loan.

Housing counseling is required if your credit score is below 680.

Apply for a "Lifeline" Refinance loan through an approved CDA

See the Fact Sheet for additional details at www.dhcd.state.md.us/ Lifeline/FAQ.aspx.

Find out if we can help you stay afloat... before you start getting under water.

There is HOPE Call: 1-877-HOA-P555 [1-877-462-7555]

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility Bills will be mailed Oct. 1, 2007. To avoid having your water turned off payment should be received by Oct. 25, 2007. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. by mail, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the right of the Town Office front door. Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check.

Please take a moment to fill out the Denton Consumer Survey on page 14.

Rip Currents - A Real Danger!

Tragic water accidents happen quickly. One of the quickest and most dangerous situations for swimmers and surfers is the *RIP CURRENT*. They are powerful currents of water that pull victims away from the beach and can attain speeds reaching 8 feet per second. On average, more people die every year from rip currents than from shark attacks, tornadoes or lightning. According to the United States Lifesaving Association, more than 100 people die annually from drowning in rip currents.



A rip current is a seaward moving current that circulates water back to sea after it is pushed ashore by waves. Each wave accumulates water on shore creating seaward pressure. This pressure is released in an area with the least amount of resistance which is usually the deepest point along the ocean floor. Rip currents frequently exist in areas where the strength of the waves are weakened by objects such as rock jetties and piers.

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is regularly called upon to assist swimmers caught in these dangerous rip currents. Recently, the lifeguards have had to call upon the U.S. Coast Guard to assist them in rescuing swimmers caught in these dangerous currents that occur up and down the

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qualified residents with completing an application form. For an application or more information contact the Denton Town Office at 410-479-3625. Those living outside the Denton town limits should contact the local office on aging at 410-479-2093.

SCHOOL IS IN... WATCH FOR CHILDREN AND BUSES ocean beach.

Both the Beach Patrol and the Coast Guard encourage all those who enjoy the beach to be aware of rip currents and to take steps to ensure that everyone will return to enjoy another day on the beach.

- Swim in a lifeguard protected beach.
- Never swim alone.

- If caught in a rip current:
- Remain calm. Do not fight against the current.
- Swim parallel to the shoreline until out of the rip current.
- If you are unable to swim out of the rip current, float or calmly tread water.
- When out of the current, swim towards shore. If you are unable to reach shore, wave your arms for help.

- If you see someone in trouble, get help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1. Throw a life jacket, cooler, or other item that floats to the victim.

The intent of this notice is to raise public awareness regarding the potential hazards associated with rip currents. For more information contact: U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City located at 610 South Philadelphia, Ocean City, or phone 410-289-1905.



Community Arts Center Project

Lend a Helping Hand!

...to the renovation of the historic Wilson's Foundry Dwelling, future home of your new Arts Center and Community Art Gallery!



Paint a Tile!...that will become a permanent part of the Community Arts Center at 401 Market St., located in the Artsway, Denton's new arts and entertainment district.

Represent your family or group through art, pay tribute to some one special or design your favorite artistic feeling in paint. We encourage you to be creative!

For \$25, these tiles offer a unique opportunity for expression while supporting a worthy cause. Get involved in this great community project – hands on – with your contribution.

Tiles can be purchased and painted at the following locations:

- · Clay Bakers, 1 S. Washington St, Easton
- The Arts Council booth at Summerfest
- The Community Arts Block Party on Saturday, September 15th,
 5-9pm Market St, Denton.

All tiles must be painted by October 30, 2007 and will become a permanent part of the 401 Market St. Community Arts Center – the first building to be renovated in the *Artsway* – at the corner of 4th St. and Market St. in Denton.

For more information please contact Marina Dowdall 410-479-1009.

Denton Public Works...

Fall Loose Leaf Collection

Autumn is approaching and soon the leaves will begin to fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their annual loose leaf vacuuming removal service to occur **October 15 through December 14, 2007**. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Loose leaf on Friday and/or Monday, and excluding holidays. to call in your loose request by 12:00 p.m. on pickup by Monday.



vacuuming will occur pending work load, It will be necessary leaf vacuum pickup Thursday to guarantee

B a g g e d l e a f collection will still take place on Wednesday and must be called in to the Town Office by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup. If calling after hours please leave the request on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 25.

Please follow these guidelines for leaf removal:

- * Rake leaves to the curbside or alley.
- * DO NOT rake leaves into the street.
- * DO NOT rake leaves onto the sidewalk.
- * Make sure all sticks and limbs are removed from the pile of leaves.
- * Make sure there are no other objects or debris mixed with the leaves (like bottles or other trash).
- * Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs, or other debris <u>will not</u> be picked up.
- * Phone in your pickup request to the Town Office at 410-479-2050 by Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday.
 - * All pickups will be done by request/appointment only.
- * Loose leaf pickups will occur from Oct. 15 through Dec. 14, on Mondays and Fridays only, except for holidays.

Loose leaf collection days: October 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 November 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 26, 30 December 3, 7, 10, 14.



The Tailwaggers 4-H Club of Caroline County will be holding a dog walk/fundraiser on Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will take place at the 4-H Park on Detour Rd. in Denton. Proceeds will be used to purchase 3 sets of Animal Resuscitation Oxygen Masks for each of the Caroline County Volunteer Fire Stations.

Walkers with \$25 or more in pledges will receive a free dog bandanna and prizes will be awarded for the most pledges collected. The event will include a microchip clinic, a silent auction, educational booths, pet vendors, and refreshments. Admission is free and leashed dogs are welcome.

For more information, a pledge sheet, or to register for the microchip clinic, please contact Hailey Morgan at 410-479-0845 or tailwaggers4hclub@verizon.net.

Paying Water Bills On Time Avoids Disconnection

Utility bills are mailed out quarterly around the 1st of the month in January, April, July, and October, and are due to be paid by the 25th of the month in which they are issued. Interest at the rate of 1% is added on the 26th.

Past due notices (red cards) are mailed on the 26th and are the **final reminder** prior to having the water service shut off.

Payments can be made during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or after hours by placing payment in an envelope in the drop box outside the Town Office.

Water that has been turned off for non-payment will be assessed a service charge in order to be turned back on. The water turn-on service charge is \$50.00 if turned back on before 3:30 p.m. and \$100.00 for after hours. This fee is subject to change.

As always, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner.

Landlords and property managers who have arrangements for the tenants to pay the bills, please be sure to forward the bills to the tenants immediately upon receiving them to ensure prompt payment and to avoid shut off issues. In the past several tenants have stated that they do not receive the bill until the day it is due or when late notices have been sent.

Failure to receive the bill does not relieve the responsibility of the payment that is due. If a citizen is unable to make their payment by the due date, please contact the Finance Department at 410-479-2050 prior to the due date.

Water service will be shut off for non-payment.

Water Meter Fee Increase

Ordinance #538 was adopted 6/4/07 amending ordinance #498 relating to water meter fees. For all properties connected to the Denton Municipal Water System a \$3.50 per quarter water meter fee will be assessed for all 1" or less meters.

Properties connected to the Denton water system requiring a meter larger than 1" will be responsible for the cost of their meter replacement. This cost will be based on actual meter purchase price.

A public hearing was held on this ordinance on June 4, 2007, which was adopted later that evening during the regular Town Council meeting. This new fee started July 1, 2007 and will appear on the next utility bill that will be sent out around Oct. 1, 2007.



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

Denton Public Works 410-479-2050

Wastewater Treatment Works For You

Have you ever wondered what happens to what goes down the



drain or is flushed down the toilet? Perhaps you think it magically disappears, never to be seen again.

However, that is not the case.

Disposal of wastewater is an important issue in our modern culture. Although ancient Rome had sewers to remove foul-smelling water, it was not until the 19th century that large cities began to understand that they had to reduce the amount of pollutants in the used water that they were discharging to the environment. Populations had become so concentrated by 1850 that outbreaks of life-threatening diseases were traced to bacteria in the polluted water. Since that time, the practice of wastewater collection and treatment has been developed and perfected, using some of the most technically sound biological, physical, chemical, and mechanical techniques available. As a result, public health and water quality are better protected today than ever before.

Billions of dollars are spent each year by businesses, industries, and municipalities in treating wastewater so that it is safe to be disposed of in the environment. For this treatment to be effective it is important to know the content of the wastewater being treated to enable proper treatment to be applied. It is important that each of us takes some responsibility for what we put down the drain and storm sewers so as not to create hazards and injure the treatment

What happens in a wastewater treatment plant is essentially the same as what occurs naturally in a lake or stream. The function of the wastewater treatment plant is to speed up the process by which water cleanses itself.

The Denton Wastewater Treatment Plant uses the activated sludge process with nitrogen conversion and phosphorus removal by chemical precipitation. Included in the process is a head chamber, grit removal, aeration reactor basins, secondary clarifiers, chlorination, dechlorination, and post aeration. The Plant is designed for an average daily flow of 800,000 gallons and for a peak daily flow of 2.67 million gallons.

Raw sewage first enters the Head Chamber where it passes through a mechanically cleaned bar screen that removes large debris such as rags, metal objects, sticks, and other garbage. The screenings are collected in a dumpster and hauled off site for disposal. Located downstream of the mechanically cleaned bar screen is the grit chamber. Here the grit is removed from the influent in a chamber containing a rotating paddle that allows the grit to settle to the

The effluent flows by gravity to one of two reactor basins where air is supplied in a biological process to stimulate the growth of bacteria and other organisms to consume most of the waste materials. The wastewater is then separated from the organisms and solids, disinfected to kill any remaining harmful bacteria, and released into the river.

Downtown Saturday, September 29th 8am - 12 noon • On Market Street in front of Courthouse Food, Fun & Bargains Galore! HELD Sell your own stuff or buy a bargain! SHINE • Rent a table for \$12 (we provide tables)

\$12 for each table, made payable to: DOWNTOWN DENTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. and send to P.O. Box 307 Denton, MD 21629. Deadline to register is Sept. 26th

To reserve a table send Name

check or money order for

Address, Phone # and a

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Call Cindy Draper at 410-479-0596 for more information. Sponsored by Downtown Denton Business Association

The solids or sludge are then deposited on sixteen sand/reed sludge drying beds. By a combination of evaporation, filtrate removal, and water uptake by the reed plants, a very high percentage of water is removed from the sludge. This very dense sludge may be stored on the beds for several years before requiring removal to an off-site location.

There are no holidays for wastewater treatment. In order to meet clean water standards on a continuous basis, the plant operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Operators conduct regular tests to monitor the wastewater entering the plant in order to detect changes and to assure that the plant is meeting its requirements

for producing clean water. Samples are taken regularly and results are reported to governmental agencies.

Water is a finite source. There is approximately the same amount of water on Earth today as there was when the Earth was formed. Water is continually recycled in the water cycle. Its cleanness must be protected. Your wastewater treatment plant stands at a critical point in this water cycle. It helps nature's way of cleaning water and is a last defense against the polluting of our water supplies.

For more information on the wastewater treatment process, log on to www.wef.org/LearnAboutWater/ ForThe Public/FactSheets/ or www. geocities.com.

Town of Denton Utility Rates

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Water Rates	\$ 750 per querter
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 7.50 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons Out of Town or Tax waived	\$ 2.25
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 15.00 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 4.50
Meter Replacement Fee	
All Users with a 1" or less size meter	\$ 3.50 per quarter
Water Turn off fee	
During regular hours	\$ 50.00
All other hours	\$100.00
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Sewer Rates	
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 7.50 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 5.50
Out of Town or Tax Waived	4 2.22
Administrative Fee (per unit)	\$ 15.00 per quarter
Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ 11.00
Vacant lot sewer availability fee	\$ 25.00 per quarter
Calls for Utility Service	
During Regular Hours	\$ 50.00
All other hours	\$100.00
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Bay Restoration Fee

This fee is mandated by the State of Maryland, the Town collects this fee quarterly and submits the funding to the State.

7.50 per quarter Residential Homes & Small Commercial Larger Users based on actual usage

Economic Development and Denton Main Street...

Keeping the Entrepreneurial Spirit Alive with Main Street!

- Local businesses maintain diversity, creating an authentic sense of place.
- Commercial districts employ people.
- Small businesses create social mobility and ensure innovation.
- Parades, special events, and celebrations held in town reinforce a sense of community.
- Historic shopping districts help boost the community's heritage tourism potential which is a great revenue generator for the town.
- Online shopping through local businesses positively affects the bottom line for independent businesses, which can make a difference in the shops ability to remain

competitive and stay open.

- Community-based businesses give more time and money to local activities.
- Buying from local businesses means that a larger share of each dollar spent in a local business stays in the community as compared to chain stores, according to recent studies.

One of the goals of our Main Street Program is to retain the businesses we have and to continue to grow the downtown with new businesses. Do you have an idea for a new business, or know someone who does? The Main Street Manager can lead you in the right direction to living the dream of entrepreneurship.

Information obtained from Main Street News No. 235, page 9, December 2006



Kathy Mackel and Natalie Chabot

Caroline Tourism Gets Big Boost

The Town of Denton recently decided to merge their Tourism Program with the Caroline Office of Tourism. The two initiatives will join to work more effectively on a comprehensive tourism effort for the county and its many communities. The Caroline Tourism Office will now have the opportunity to broaden its approach and better coordinate marketing and promotional efforts.

With this enhanced partnership, Denton as well as other municipalities across the county will benefit from the experience offered by Caroline's new Director of Tourism Natalie Chabot, who was recently hired by the Caroline Economic Development Corporation from Dorchester County where she held a similar position. Ms. Chabot has been working in the

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A Letter from the Main Street Manager

Dear Denton Community:

I am stopped often among the streets asking where is our downtown, and why are the businesses leaving? What's coming in? There are many personal and individual reasons why businesses leave any downtown area. For Denton, it has been a change in landlords, a decision to retire, financial reasons, and more. Unfortunately, it seems that the exodus happens all at once.

The downturn of downtowns does not happen overnight and improvements and a spiral upsurge of creating a new and improved downtown will take time, hard work and patience. We will start with small improvements and gradually progress to make the area and climate more favorable. As the Main Street program gets stronger and better, you will gradually see a stronger progression of valuable changes.

The Main Street program and several other interested groups are working together to bring the Denton downtown area back to life. There are some exciting projects in the works. The help from the community, current businesses, and other organizations will make this happen. We also want to help change the attitudes of the community, business, and property owners to generate excitement back into the local area.

To help us work towards the same goals, you may be asked to fill out a questionnaire, give us a name of a business interested in starting up in Denton, frequent the businesses that are here, and more. It is important as a community to patronize the existing businesses and encourage new prospects to move their businesses downtown.

I hope that we all can work together to build up our downtown.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Linda Redfern Socks

Design Committee Starts Downtown Project

The Design Committee under the Main Street Program began their first downtown project. With the approval and blessing from the Caroline County Commissioners Office and the Public Works Department, inmates from the Department of Corrections under the SLAP (Supervised Labor Assistance Program), and with the direction of Chief Robert Longo, painted the downtown chipped parking meters with fresh black paint and touched up the green message boards throughout the town.

This small, but effective project makes a big difference in the downtown area. There are still some meters to be painted, which are forthcoming.

Special thanks is extended to the Main Street Design Committee, temporarily chaired by Ken Motter, owner of Black Anchor Gallery and the rest of the committee who continue to brainstorm ideas to enhance the image of downtown.

There are other projects in the works, so keep an eye out for subtle changes in the downtown area. If you are interested in being part of the Design Committee, please contact Linda Redfern Socks, Main Street Manager at 410-479-2315 or email at: linda@downtowndenton.com. The Design Committee meets the second Friday of every month.



Sign up to decorate a window in Downtown Denton.

As part of the holiday season in Downtown Denton, we are looking to expand the Holiday Parade, Lighting of the Green festivities, to include decorating the windows in the 200 block of Market Street.

The Denton Holiday Windows committee has begun to register individual artists, families, civic groups and businesses who would like to participate this year.

To obtain an information packet on this new program, please contact Lisa Orendorf at 410-479-2050 or lorendorf@dentonmaryland.com



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

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

Denton Town News Subscription

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

Name		
Address		

Main Street Questionaire is Here!!!

The Main Street Program is locations: compiling much needed information and can use your help.

Please take a moment of your time to complete the survey on page **14** in this publication.

The survey can be mailed or dropped off to the Main Street Office, Attn: Linda Redfern Socks, 15 South 3rd Street, Denton, MD 21629.

You can also fax the survey to 410-479-2305.

We hope the entire Denton community offers their support by completing this form. We appreciate all comments and suggestions too!

You can find the survey in this publication and at the following

Awards Engraving Black Anchor Gallery Caroline Public Library **Defining Moments** Denton Bank & Trust **Emerson House** Firehouse Coffee Cafe The Lily Pad Café Main Street Office What's New Shop.

We look forward to receiving your responses.

> Thank you. Linda Redfern Socks Main Street Manager Town of Denton

Denton Volunteers Needed

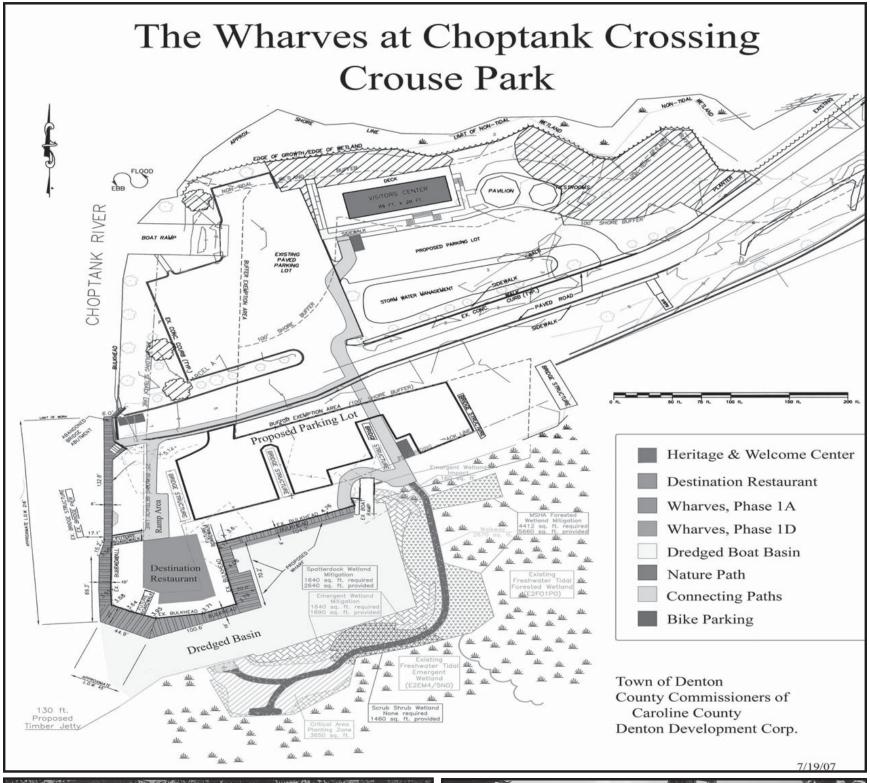
The Denton Main Street Program needs additional volunteers for the Design, Promotions, Organization, and Economic Restructuring Committees. The requirements for volunteers include energy, motivation, and the interest to create improvements in the Denton downtown area. The committees will meet monthly in Denton.

There are many reasons to be part of the Denton Main Street program.

- 1. The downtown area should be community designed.
- 2. We prefer to use our own community than to bring in outside professionals.
 - 3. Your efforts in revitalizing Continued to page 23

T "	I would like to be a Main Street Volun-	I amount has a subsection but I
	teer.	I cannot be a volunteer, but, I would like to recommend:
	I am interested in the:	Name
	□ Design Committee	Email:
Volunteer	□ Promotions Committee	
	□ Economic Restructuring Committee	Phone:
	□ Organization Committee	
	ne:	

The Main Street Program Committees have been established, however, we need to fill some vacancies with more volunteers. We will also be putting together our Main Street Board of Directors soon. Anyone interested in being part of this exciting time in Denton by being a volunteer or to serve on the board, please complete this form and fax to 410-479-4309 or you can mail to Linda Redfern Socks, 15 S Third St, Denton, MD 21629. Thank you.







Work begins in August to place new pilings along the warf at Crouse Park.

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Rural Business Enterprise grant for restaurant (discussed below) and marina facilities. This project includes a jetty and other engineering features to reduce silting of the basin. The expanded facilities will provide mooring for visitors arriving up the Choptank River by boat, and will also provide sheltered mooring for those using the existing launching ramp in the north side of the park.

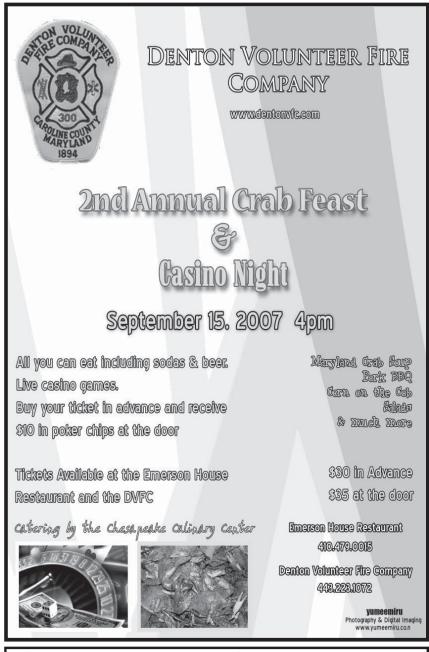
- 2. The pathway formed by the wharves will continue in the form of a nature trail around the east and south sides of the basin, ending in a viewing area and viewing platform. Much of the existing landscape, which was used in the past for dredge spoil and to dump the remains of the old drawbridge, will be reconverted to tidal wetlands. Much of this project is funded by a Coastal Zone Management grant through the Department of Natural Resources. This nature trail will offer both residents and visitors one of the few access points on the Choptank River to tidal wetlands, and their experience will be augmented by signage.
- 3. A network of paths will connect the facilities in the south side of the park with a Heritage and Welcome Center along the north end of the park. This center will be a springboard for visitors into the town and also the rest of Caroline County, and will have exhibits and signage showcasing the natural and commercial history of the Choptank River Port of Denton. The center is being funded primarily through a State Highway Administration Transportation Enhancement Program grant.
- 4. A "destination" restaurant will be built on the peninsula bounded by the boat basin, its entrance channel, and the Choptank River on the south side of the park. In addition to providing employment opportunities for area residents, this restaurant will serve as a further attraction to visitors coming through the county and up the river by boat. This will provide a further opportunity to funnel visitors into the town's business district, and into the surrounding county.

The restaurant is being funded through a Community Development Block grant to Caroline County (through the auspices of the State of Maryland, Department of Business and Economic Development) and the Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Development grant mentioned previously. The grants will provide for construction of the basic building in partnership with a developer who will fund the interior equipment and furnishings.

A. Phase I:

- 1. Phase IA—Wharf construction along the Choptank River, west side of Crouse Park; also bulkhead repairs starting at the south end of the wharf and continuing around the peninsula into the boat basin. Under contract, to be completed by November 2007.
- 2. Phase IB Basin dredging, construction of jetty to control sedimentation, construction of nature path and viewing platform. Under contract, to be completed by December 25, 2007. (Nature path to be completed by September 30, 2007.)
- 3. Phase IC Remainder of excavation and landscaping for the areas along the Nature path. Bids to be solicited winter of 2007-08; project to be completed by summer 2008.
- 4. Phase 1D Completion of wharves in the boat basin Heritage & Welcome Center, connecting paths. Engineering work associated with floodplain construction and Critical Areas Commission approval is under contract. Construction contracting anticipated in spring of 2008, with completion by spring of 2009.
- **B. Phase II**. Construction of a destination restaurant and associated infrastructure. Engineering work associated with floodplain construction and Critical Areas Commission approval is under contract. Final selection process for developer anticipated spring of 2008 and completion spring of 2009.

Contacts: Denton Development Corporation, Ellis Davison (Project Manager) 410-479-4305, ellis@ dentondevelopmentcorp.com.





Reservations suggested

call 410-479-2730

Denton Consumer Survey

Denton Consumer Survey	downtown Denton? Select as many as you would support.
The Denton Main Street Program is interested in hearing what you would	a. Clothing/shoe store
like to see in the revitalized downtown area. Please take a moment to	b. Pet Store
	c. Book Store
complete the questionnaire to share your needs with us.	d. Fabric/Craft store
	e. Gift shop
Iliveworklive and work in Denton.	f. Jewelry store
	4 . 6 . 11
If you live in Denton please complete all following questions. If you work in	g. Art Gallery
Denton, please skip to #3.	h. Computer supplies
71	i. Other
1. How long have you lived in Denton?	
a. More than 10 years	10. What services would you like to have available in downtown
b. 5-10 years	Denton?
c. 2-5 years	
d. less than 2 years	
	11. Would you shop at the Farmer's Market if it returns to Denton on
2. Do you	Sunday mornings? Y N
a. Own my home	Sunday mornings: 1 IV
b. Rent my residence	
·	If you would shop at the Farmer's Market, but Sunday doesn't work
3. Your combined household income is:	for you, what day of the week and time of day would work for
a. Under \$25,000/year	you?
b. \$25,001 - \$49,999/year	
<u>-</u>	
c. \$50,000-\$74,000/year	12. What entertainment venues would you patronize in downtown
d. \$75,000-99,999/year	Denton?
e. Over \$100,000/year	a. Fine Dining (evenings and weekends included)
	b. Live Music
4. Your average commute to work (one way) is:	
a. Less than 10 miles	c. Dancing
b. 10-30 miles	d. Movie Theater
c. 30-40 miles	e. Other
d. More than 40 miles	
d. Profession to miles	13. What outdoor activities would you take advantage of in downtown
5. How many people live in your household under the age of 18?	Denton?
a. 0	a. Kayak/canoe rental
	b. Bicycle rental
b. 1	c. Other
c. 2	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
d. 3	14. What kinds of events would you attend in downtown Denton?
e. 4+	a. Spring Arts Gala
6. How many total people line in your household?	b. Harvest Hoedown Celebration
a. 1	c. Other
b. 2	
c. 3	Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. If you
d. 4	have any additional comments please fill them in below. You can drop this
e. 5	questionnaire in boxes provided in downtown businesses; you can fax it to
f. 6+	410-479-4309; you can scan it and email it to bmartin35@comcast.net; or
I. 0+	you can mail it to or deliver it to the address below.
	Additional Comments:
7. How often do you come to downtown Denton and for what purpose?	11001101101101101
8. I can find everything I need to sustain my household in downtown	
Denton.	
a. Strongly Agree	
b. Agree	
c. Neutral	
d. Disagree	Main Street Program
e. Strongly Disagree	15 S. 3 rd Street

9. What businesses would you patronize if they were available in

Denton, MD 21629

Denton Town Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2007

Working Session

At 6:00 p.m.on this date the Denton Town Council held a working session at the Denton Police Dept. to review the proposed FY2008 budget.

Mayor Foster drew the working session to a close at 7:03 p.m. Councilman Branson made a motion to close the working session, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Foster called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m.on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. This meeting was held at the Denton Police Dept.

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

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 regular meeting, the May 21, 2007 special meeting and the May 29, 2007 working session as presented, Councilman Clendaniel seconded all but the May 21, Councilman Gregory seconded the May 21, the motion passed.

Swearing in new Councilmember

Mayor Foster swore in Dennis Porter as Council member to fill the vacant seat.

Public Hearings

<u>Ordinance # 538 - Water Meter</u> <u>Fees</u>

At 7:11 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #538 -An ordinance to amend Ordinance 498 relating to water meter fees. For all properties tied into the Denton Municipal Water System a \$3.50 per quarter water meter fee will be assessed. The present fee is \$2.50. This will apply to all One Inch (1") or less meters. Properties with meters larger than One Inch (1") will be responsible for the cost of their meter replacement. Presently the fee is only applied to 3/4" or less meters. This cost will be based on actual meter purchase price. Water meter fee amendments if adopted will become effective July

1, 2007 and reflected in the billing of October 1, 2007 and thereafter. The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none
County: there were none
Town Council & Staff:
Councilman Porter asked how this
will affect the sprinkler ordinance
and Mr. Getchell stated this will
cover new meter replacements.

Public: there were none. With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:13 PM.

<u>Ordinance #539 – Denton Utility</u> <u>Commission</u>

At 7:13 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance 539 - An ordinance revising the Denton Town Code by the addition of Chapter 8 entitled "Denton Utility Commission" and setting forth the general terms, duties and membership qualifications for members of the Denton Utility Commission.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none County: there were none Town Council & Staff: there were none.

Public: there were none. With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:14 PM.

<u>Ordinance #540 – Utility Commission</u> <u>Administrative Procedures</u>

At 7:14 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #540 an ordinance approving the administrative procedures for the Denton Utility Commission.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none
County: there were none
Town Council & Staff:
Councilman Clendaniel asked why
this was separate from Ordinance
#539 and the Town Attorney
responded that she desired to
separate procedural items from the
code.

Public: there were none.

With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:15 PM.

<u>Ordinance #541 - Council</u> <u>retirement benefit</u>

At 7:15 Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on ordinance #541 an ordinance to provide that any Councilperson having served twenty (20) years in elected office on the Denton Town Council shall receive a monthly pension benefit from the Town in the amount of \$100 per month after reaching the age of 62 years. That the terms of this monthly pension benefit shall be placed upon the ballot at the next municipal election, and shall become effective only after said increase is approved by the majority of the qualified voters during the November election.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none County: there were none Town Council & Staff: there were none.

Public: there were none. With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:16 PM.

Ordinance #542- Water Capacity

At 7:16 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance # 542-an ordinance revising the water capacity charge for users of the Municipal Water System. The Water Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge from \$2000 to \$4000 for Single Family residential properties and proposes to amend Multi-Family residential – efficiency/one bedroom (per unit) from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and two or more bedrooms (per unit) from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none County: there were none Town Council & Staff: there were none.

Public: there were none.
With no further comments Mayor
Foster closed this public hearing at
7:17 PM.

Ordinance #543 - Sewer Capacity

At 7:17 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance # 543-an ordinance revising the sewer capacity charge for users of the Municipal Sewer System. The Sewer Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge from \$4500 to \$5000 for Single Family residential properties and proposes to amend Multi-Family residential – efficiency/one bedroom (per unit) from \$2,260 to \$2,500 and two or more bedrooms (per unit) from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none County: there were none Town Council & Staff: there were none

Public: there were none. With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Constant Yield

At 7:18 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on the fiscal year 2008 Constant Yield. The Town of Denton proposes to increase real property taxes due to the increase in assessments as published. The Town of Denton proposed to maintain the current tax rate of \$.66 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 7.2% resulting in \$113,651 of new real property tax revenues.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

County: there were none Town Council & Staff: there were none.

Public: there were none. With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:21 PM.

<u>Ordinance #544 - FY2008</u> <u>Appropriations</u>

At 7:22 PM Mayor Foster opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance # 544- an ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with

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the budget adopted for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

The Mayor asked for comments from the:

State: there were none County: there were none Town Council & Staff: there were none.

Public: there were none. With no further comments Mayor Foster closed this public hearing at 7:23 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrances and **Communication**

<u> John Burrell – LGIT Presentation</u>

Mr. John Burrell made a presentation with Larry Bohlen of LGIT training programs to Chief Cox in the amount of \$2,178.00 in response to Sgt. Bacorn's grant request for "train the trainer." A photo was taken.

Chief Cox stated that Sgt. Bacorn is certified as a police instructor and offers instruction to numerous agencies.

Lincoln and Third Street

Ms. Rita Jenkins was present and requested permission to erect a portable basketball stand at the lot the Town presently leases from Mrs. Elisabeth Bloor for boys 6-13. As mother she would monitor use.

Councilman Branson asked the Town Attorney about liability concerns. Councilman Gregory discussed use of open space funds and Staff stated that the lease is yearly, and open space requires a 20 year lease. Perhaps the Town could consider purchasing the land at a future

The Council directed the Town Attorney to review the lease.

Councilman Porter made a motion to approve Ms. Jenkins' request, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

522 Gay Street

The Council reviewed letters received from the Pinkett family requesting the preservation of 522 Gay Street. Staff provided background on discussion with JOK Walsh of the Historical Society and stated that the property is owned by Mr. Bob Ciprietti and the challenges of where to place the houses and funds to relocate them. Councilman Porter asked for the location of the house and the Schuyler

house. Further discussion was held of expanding water and sewer connection fees - to date the Town incurs about \$80,000 in deferment to assist in the preservation and relocation of historic structures..

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to send a request to JOK Walsh to consider saving the house, seconded by Councilman *Branson, the motion passed 4-1 with* Councilman Branson voting no.

Reports of officers, board and committees

There were none.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #538 Water Meter Fees

An ordinance to amend ordinance #498 which establishes water meter fees. The Public Works Department and Utility Commission recommended increasing the replacement fee from \$2.50 to \$3.50. This increase would insure adequate funds for future replacements. In addition to the fee increase, it is proposed to charge the replacement fee to those having 1-inch meters or less. Currently the size limitation is ³/₄-inch or less.

Councilman Clendaniel asked if this only applies to replacement meters, and staff stated that it increases a \$1 a vear to build a fund.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve ordinance #538 as presented, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #539 Utility **Commission**

An ordinance to revise the Denton Town Code by adding a chapter establishing general terms, duties and membership qualifications for members of the Denton Utility Commission. Currently, there are no chapters related to the Utility Commission. Ms. Brynja Booth has approved this proposed ordinance. Councilman Branson made a motion to approve ordinance #539 as presented, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #540 Utility Commission Admin Procedures

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

Councilman Branson made a motion

to approve ordinance #540 as presented, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #541 - Council Retirement Benefit

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

Councilman Gregory made a motion to approve ordinance #541 with an amendment to section 1 adding language "as of the effective date of this ordinance", Councilman Gregory then withdrew the amendment and asked to amend by striking the language "and who has not participated in the State of Maryland retirement program," the amended motion was seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, and passed 3-0, Councilmen Branson and Porter abstained.

Ordinance #542- Water Capacity **Ordinance**

The 2008 proposed Capital Budget was completed. The Water Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve ordinance #542 as presented, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #543- Sewer Capacity **Ordinance**

The 2008 Proposed Capital Budget was completed. The Sewer Capacity Ordinance proposes to amend the existing capacity charge.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve ordinance #543 as presented, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Ordinance #544 - FY2008 Appropriation Ordinance

An ordinance to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget adopted for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 was brought before the Council for Consideration of Adoption.

Discussion of the livability verse pay for performance was held in which it was explained that in the past the Council hasn't allocated funds for pay for performance.

Councilman Branson made a motion to amend ordinance #544 to reflect a 5% livability increase including the 1% year end bonus for 7/1/07 and the same for 7/1/08 if funds will be available, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

Chief Cox asked to address the Council regarding the proposed 10% increase. Chief Cox spoke on behalf of the Factoring Committee and explaining how the livability wage for a recent high school graduate living independently was calculated and respectfully requested the Council reconsidered approving the 10% livability for all town employees.

Councilman Branson amended his motion to approve a 5% livability increase which does not include the 1% end of year bonus for 7/1/07 and same for 7/1/08 providing funds are available, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to rescind the first motion, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel.

Councilman Porter asked what 1% equates to in the budget and staff advised that it would cost approximately \$17,000. Adopting the livability does not preclude the Council from considering a 1% end of the year bonus.

Councilman Branson's amended motion in which he motion to approve a 5% livability increase which does not include the 1% end of the year bonus for 7/1/07 and the same for 7/1/08 providing funds are available was read back to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1- Industrial Park Land <u>Acquisition</u>

Town Staff came before the Council seeking authorization to draft option agreement, to potentially purchase and sell industrial park land.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize staff to draft a purchase option to buy and sell 17 acres of industrial park land, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Branson made a motion to authorize staff to use all attempts to secure funds to acquire and assist with the purchase of industrial park land, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to develop an ordinance for Tanglewood and Hershey Creamery in conjunction with the Town Attorney for presentation at the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 - FY-2008 Budget

As required by the Denton Town Charter the first submission of the General Fund budget was presented to the Denton Town Council on April 2, 2007. Working Sessions were been held on April 16, 2007 & May 21, 2007. Another working session is scheduled for 6:00 on June 4th prior to this meeting.

New Business

<u>Agenda #1 - Denton Volunteer Fire</u> <u>Company</u>

The Denton Volunteer Fire Company is requesting a draw on the Capital Fund established to offset capital improvement needs for the purchase of a replacement Rescue Truck. Their existing fund balance is \$44,766.75 as of April 30th, 2007. The purchase of a Rescue Truck is part of the Capital Improvement Plan submitted by the Denton Volunteer Fire Company.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to place this item on the table for discussion, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Councilman Branson – advised that "he is not presently holding any elected office in the Denton Vol. Fire Co.," and there for made a motion to approve the request for \$44,766.75, seconded by Councilman Porter. Councilman Clendaniel asked for additional clarification. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Agenda #2 - Proposed change</u> to the Town of Denton Purchase <u>Manual</u>

Staff requested to modify the current

purchase manual to allow use of auctions as well as the use of E-bay to sell surplus equipment.

Councilman Branson made a motion to allow the Town to use E-Bay to sell surplus, the motion was amend to allow the use of E-bay and other similar sites, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 - Denton Tourism

This item was placed on the Agenda for discussion and consideration of merging resources, the Town of Denton has presently appropriated towards tourism initiatives, with the Caroline Economic Development Corporation. Denton's Tourism initiatives would then be facilitated under the auspices of the CEDC.

Staff gave an overview in the absence of Ms. Natalie Chabot of the CEDC.

Councilman Gregory questioned if the additional 10% of the hotel tax revenue meant salary of the Denton Tourism Director would be transferred to the CEDC. Staff advised that the position would be supervised by the Program Director and that the Council had previously requested a memorandum of understanding for a one year trial.

Councilman Porter made a motion to table until Ms. Natalie Chabot is present to discuss the proposal with the Council, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

<u>Agenda #4 - Caroline County</u> <u>Chamber of Commerce</u>

An application for membership with the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce has been received. The annual membership fee would be \$228.

Councilman Clendaniel serves on the CC Chamber of Commerce Board and expressed that he felt that John Nussear has done an exemplary job in reactivating the Chamber.

Councilman Branson made a motion to table and invite Mr. John Nussear to a meeting for future discussion, seconded by Councilman Porter, the motion passed 4-0, and Councilman Clendaniel abstained.

<u>Agenda #5 - Center for the Study</u> <u>of Economics</u> Councilmember Gregory had requested the opportunity to discuss the offer by the Center of the Study of Economics to discuss land value taxation.

Councilman Gregory made a motion for the Town Administrator to contact the representative of the Center for the Study of Economic to speak to the Council, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel. Councilman Gregory withdrew the motion, Councilman Clendaniel withdrew the second. The Council will wait until the MML Convention and discuss with Scott Hancock.

<u>Agenda #6 - 2008 Legislative Action</u> <u>Request Forms</u>

MML is soliciting member municipalities for suggested legislative priorities for the 2008 legislative session.

Councilman Branson expressed the need to have a mechanism in place to allow municipalities to be able to charge a road fee to help maintain the road structure in town.

Councilman Branson made a motion to ask MML to pursue enabling legislation to allow Municipalities to charge a transportation fee, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Other New Business

<u>Town Administrator Request for</u> <u>Leave</u>

The Town Administrator requested authorization to take vacation leave from June 12 – June 18.

Councilman Branson made a motion seconded by Councilman Gregory to permit leave for the Town Administrator, provided she bring something back for the Council, passing unanimously.

Pearson Road LLC.

Councilman Gregory asked about the letter from John Moynahan of Urban Design & Planning requesting to reschedule a work session in July and asked if there was any reason to rush into a meeting.

Councilman Branson made a motion to have a working session scheduled in September, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

<u>Complaint Letter – Adams Landing</u> <u>Rd.</u>

Councilman Gregory asked about the letter received regarding the Adams landing property maintenance complaint and staff advised that it is located outside of the Town limits. Councilman Gregory asked that staff send a letter advising that the matter is outside of the Town's jurisdiction.

The Mayor entertained a motion to close the meeting.

The Town Administrator asked for the shirt sizes for the Council members for the MML convention. At 9:32 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Councilman Porter,

Staff asked to give clarifications on why the Pearson Road project partners were unable to keep the June 4, working session. Councilman Branson advised that he was not interested in rescinding his motion. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

passing unanimously.

Jennifer Shull
Dir. of Housing & Com. Dev.

July 9, 2007 Regular Meeting

At 6:55 PM Mayor Foster announced that the meeting was being relocated to the basement of the Denton Police Dept. and will begin around 7:15 PM.

Mayor Foster called the meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:12 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

<u>Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication</u>

None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

<u>Unfinished Business</u> <u>Agenda #1 FY-2008 Budget</u>

The Council previously adopted the General Fund Budget at their June 4, 2007 meeting. The Highway, Water and Sewer Fund Budget reflecting the changes to the salary to with a 5% Livability Wage was brought before the Council for consideration of adoption.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt the highway, water and sewer fund budgets as presented, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 Denton Tourism

The Town of Denton has presently appropriated funds towards tourism initiatives, with the Caroline Economic Development Corporation. Denton's Tourism initiatives will then be facilitated under the auspices of the CEDC.

Mr. JOK Walsh and Ms. Natalie Chabot were present and held discussion with the Council regarding merging the Town and County Tourism programs and funding resources. Memorandum of agreement with the County for Hotel Tax Revenues and a memorandum of agreement with the Caroline Economic Development for the Tourism Initiative were reviewed. Councilman Gregory pointed out some corrections in section 3A & 3B of the hotel tax MOU.

Councilman Branson made a motion to allow the 10% increase in hotel tax to the Caroline County Economic Development for one year, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed with Councilman Clendaniel abstaining.

Councilman Branson made a motion with the corrections of 90% in section 3A and 10% in section 3B to adopt the Hotel Rental Tax MOU through Dec. 31, 2010, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 Caroline County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. John Nussear was present to discuss an application for membership with the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce. The annual membership fee would be \$228. Councilman Branson made a motion to join the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed with Councilman Clendaniel abstaining.

<u>Agenda #4 Pritchett Farms Planned</u> <u>Neighborhood</u>

Bill Maloney, owner and developer, of Pritchett Farms on Foy Road previously met with the Town Council in a working session to discuss his project. As part of the PN process a referral to the Planning Commission is needed from the Town Council. Mr. Tristan Stewart, Mr. John Maynard and Mr. Maloney provided an overview of the PN and requested a referral based on the Council's

determination that this concept is

consistent with the Comprehensive

Plan per the ordinance.

Councilman Branson made a motion to refer to the Planning Commission with awareness of the Council questions regarding the, DRRA, effect on roads, schools and EMS Emergency Services. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Gregory voting against.

<u>Agenda #5 - Pearson Road LLC</u> <u>Planned Neighborhood</u>

Mr. John Moynahan, Project Planner, and Bob Ciprietti, Developer, came before the Council to provide an update on their project on Market and Pearson Road. A preliminary school impact study and threatened species study has been done. The project will have about 119 units with a variety of street escapes, open space and the intent is to integrate into the existing town.

Melissa Kelly was present and gave a brief overview of the studies.

Mr. Tolbert Rowe serves on the Caroline County Board of Education, spoke advising that presently the County is seeing about .5 kids per unit enrolling into the school system. At this time there has been zero impact on the high school, very little impact on the middle school, most of the impact is at the elementary level. What is unknown is the amount of pre-school age children that are moving into the area that have not enrolled into the school system.

Councilman Clendaniel made a

motion to send this to the Planning Commission, with the Council's reservations that were expressed in the prior agenda item, seconded by Councilman Porter. Further discussion was held in which Mrs. Doris Walls, Chairperson for the Denton Planning Commission advised that more in depth impact studies will be required as part of the PN process which will answer most of these concern. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #6 West Denton

Representatives for the West Denton project were present at the Denton Town Council May 7th meeting. They provided a written follow up letter requesting the opportunity to schedule a date to meet with the Council.

The Town Administrator was asked to set up a joint meeting with the County on the comprehensive plan and growth.

New Business

Agenda #1 Denton Architectural Pattern Book

The Denton Planning Commission has made a recommendation that the Town Council adopt the Pattern Book and the accompanying matrix that identifies how the pattern book would be applied. Work sessions with the public, business owners, builders and community leaders were held since last summer to create input and support for the pattern book. Funding for the pattern book came from a grant from DNR Coastal Communities Initiative, and fees collected from developers. Funding for the printing and distribution of the book to the community at no charge has come in the form of a grant from the Chesapeake Bay

Staff advised the Town Council that this was being provided to them for review and suggested that a meeting be set up with the Planning Commission for further discussion. Staff was asked to schedule a meeting with the Planning Commission.

<u>Agenda #2 Denton Comprehensive</u> <u>Plan 2007</u>

The Denton Planning Commission is providing the Denton Town Council with a copy of the final draft of the

2007 Denton Comprehensive Plan. Staff was asked to schedule a meeting with the Planning Commission to review.

Mr. Tolbert Rowe of the Caroline Co. Board of Ed asked for a copy to be provided to the BOE to incorporate the impact on the school system.

<u>Agenda #3 Sharp Road Annexation</u> <u>Request</u>

A petition requesting annexation has been received from the property owners on Lupine Lane and Sharp Road. These properties are adjacent to the Denton Elementary School, and a vacant parcel owned by Chris Coile, both of which are within the town limits. The properties along Sharp and Lupine are owner occupied, and each is improved with a single family dwelling on well/ septic. A referral to the Planning Commission for a recommendation, and referral to the Town Attorney to determine legal sufficiency of the application was requested.

Mrs. Cindy McCann, representative for the Property Owners, was present. Mr. Chris Coile the applicant provided an overview of the future of the area to be annexed.

Councilman Porter made a motion to refer to the Planning Commission and the Town Attorney for recommendations, seconded by Councilman Branson, the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Clendaniel voting against.

Agenda #4 Deed of Road Dedication/ Mallard Landing Phase I

Mallard Homes has completed all infrastructure improvement requirements set forth in the Public Works Agreement for Mallard Landing Phase I dated June 24, 2003. The Public Works Director was present and requested the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Deed of Road Dedication. The Town Attorney has approved the deed.

Councilman Branson asked for clarification on the Town taking over the roads. The Town Administrator talked about special tax districts to cover road repairs. Mrs. Brynja Booth, Town Attorney explained the difference in a subdivision by right versus a

planned neighborhood and DRRA (developer rights and responsibilities agreements).

Councilman Gregory raised concerns as to why the Town would consider taking on roads when it is difficult to have the funding to take care of the existing streets. The Town Attorney advised the Council can adopt special taxes for certain areas, however this particular project has existing public works agreements and they have met the obligations requested of them in this agreement.

Councilman Branson made a motion to accept the Mallard Landing Phase I section of the road, seconded by Councilman Porter, the *motion passed 4-1 with Councilman* Gregory voting against.

Discussion was held on how to avoid taking over maintenance on future projects with out additional funding from the developer.

Agenda #5 Crouse Park Phase 1B Consideration of Award

The Denton Development Corporation submitted a request for Bid Acceptance for Crouse Park Phase IB to the Town Council for consideration of award.

Mr. Ellis Davidson of the DDC was present and discussed the project with the Council.

Councilman Clendaniel asked about the basketball courts and was advised that staff had contacted the County recreation department about their relocation. Staff will follow back up with the County on this.

Councilman Branson asked about considering a charge for boat ramp permit fee, and Councilman Clendaniel advised that the County is already considering this.

Councilman Porter had to leave the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Councilman Branson made a motion to award the Crouse Park Phase I bid to Dissen & Juhn, seconded by Councilman Gregory. Further discussion was held about the basketball courts in which Councilman Gregory provided an overview of the decision to remove the basketball court with the intent to relocate somewhere else in town. The motion passed unanimously 4meeting).

<u> Agenda #6 DPW Vehicle</u> **Purchases**

The Public Works Department requested approval from the Council to order two new ½ ton pickup trucks from Norris Ford, holder of the Maryland State Contract for these vehicles. Funds are appropriated in the FY08 budgets for this purchase. The total cost for these vehicles is \$25,594 and will be split between funds in the following manner: General Fund = \$9,750.00, Highway Fund = \$3,250.00, WaterFund = \$3,250.00, Sewer Fund = \$9,344.00.

Councilman Branson made a motion to allow Public Works to buy these two vehicles, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #7 DPD Vehicle **Purchases**

The Police Department requested authorization from the Council to purchase 2 Ford patrol cars from Southwest Public Safety in Texas, and to secure the financing for these cars. The loan will be awarded to the lowest bid. These vehicles will replace current vehicles that are no longer suitable for service. The new vehicles will include new electronic equipment to upgrade old equipment. We have purchased these types of vehicles from this same company in the past with success.

Councilman Branson made a motion to allow the Police Dept. to purchase the cars at \$15,000 each with financing and not to exceed this proposal, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Denton Little League Water Usage

For the water billing quarter for April – June, the Little League irrigation meter usage was extremely high due to watering of the fields. This item was taken before the Council to provide awareness and to allow discussion since the Town currently pays for the water usage for the Little League out of the General Fund - Parks Budget. The cost for this particular billing quarter exceeded the total budgeted for all of the Little League's accounts combined.

0 (Councilman Porter had left the Former Little League President Mr. Gene Robbins was present. Councilman Branson recommended that the Council continue to pay for the water usage for the concession stands but consider setting a limit on the irrigation. The Little League was asked to come up with a recommendation of what the annual usage allotment should be.

> Councilman Branson made a motion to develop a memorandum of understanding, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel; the motion was amended to do an agreement informally. Further discussion was held in which Mr. Robbins asked if they could have a shallow well. Concerns were raised about having a new well in town but advised that they have to work with the Utility Commission to see if it is allowed. If allowed they would have to seek approval from the Town Council and the Caroline County Health Dept. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Executive Session

Councilman Gregory made a motion at 9:56 PM to hold an executive session to discuss a police officer personnel matter, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Councilman Porter was absent but the rest of the Council members were present during this session. The Town Attorney, Mrs. Brynja Booth and staff Terry Fearins, Rodney Cox and Karen Monteith were also present.

At 10:40 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken, just discussion of personnel issue and received legal advice on LEOBR.

Councilman Branson made a motion to relocate future Town Council meeting to the Police Dept., seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

With no further discussion the Councilman Branson made a motion to close the meeting at 10:42 PM, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith Clerk-Treasurer

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September Classes

1st - Yoga Class - 9:30 -10:30 six weeks for \$45 -

let Helen Spinelli teach you to relax, de-stress and get toned with Yoga.

4th - Spanish Class - 6-7 pm Beginner, 7-8 pm Intermediate – six weeks for \$60.

13th - Reiki Share - Open to everyone – 7 pm – Donations accepted.

14th – Open Reading 7 pm - Open to readers and listeners alike, read your own works or your favorites. Emcee for the evening is John Elsberg, editor and writer of BOGG Magazine. Reception following the read-

15th -Artist Show and Sale 11 am - Painter Kurt Plinke will be showing and selling his beautiful paintings at the Greensborough Trading Co. Come meet the artist and watch him work.

20th – Wine Tasting – 7pm -\$20 includes a small plate. St. Michaels Winery will be pouring their wines for everyone to sample.

22nd – Stained Glass Workshop - \$20 - 1 pm until finished. Students will be making a Seascape made with beveled glass. So save your beach glass, shells and goodies.

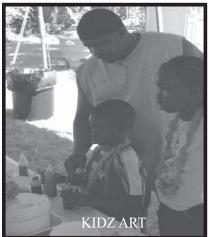
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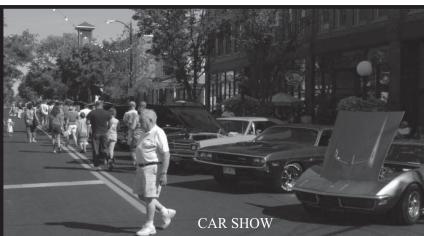
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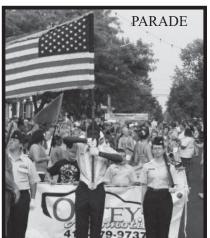










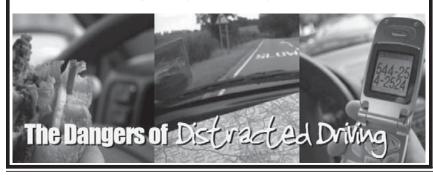


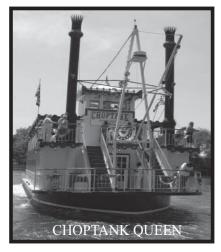
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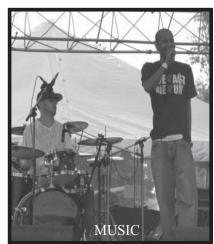
Pay Attention. The single biggest improvement that you can make is to be aware of the problem. Your commute is not the time to apply makeup, shave, or read the newspaper. Activities such as these take your eyes off the road and put other drivers in danger.

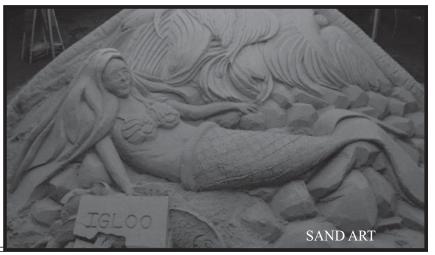
Use your cell phone or wireless device wisely. At 60 miles an hour, if you take your mind off the road to answer a call or dial a number, your car will travel 88 feet per second without you in control of it! Always assess the current traffic situation before making or receiving any calls. Don't answer or dial the phone when driving at high speeds on highways or when driving in hazardous conditions. The safest time to use a cell phone while driving is when you are stopped.

There are more than 44,000 crashes each year in Maryland in which distracted driving is a contributing factor. More than 60% of these crashes result in injuries or one or more deaths. Driving a car is serious business. The Maryland State Highway Administration reminds motorists to pay full attention at all times when driving on Maryland's roadways.









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items removed. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Dept. at 410-479-1414.

Date: 06/28/2007

Classification: Burglary 2nd Degree/

General

Location: 800 block Crystal Ave. The Denton Police are investigating an attempted burglary. Police were contacted by Rick Breeding of Breeding Excavation in reference to person(s) unknown had thrown an object through the front door glass of his business. Nothing was taken from the business. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police

Dept. at 410-479-1414. Date: 06/29/2007

Classification: Assault 1st Degree Location: 200 block Caroline

Apartments

The Denton Police Dept. arrested Leshane A. Watkins, 30, of Denton on June 29, 2007 for 1st Degree assault. Watkins allegedly struck Gary L. Ruhl, 47, also of Denton in the head several times with a claw hammer. Watkins was charged with one count each of 1st and 2nd Degree assault and released on \$10,000

unsecured bond. Date: 07/01/2007

Classification: Rape 2nd Degree Location: 500 block Riverview

Gardens

Denton Police arrested Tabarie Johnson, 18, of Denton and Antwan Sewell, 18 of Rhodesdale, for sex offenses. It was reported to police that a girl, who is under fourteen years of age and four or more years younger than the suspects, from Denton, engaged in sexual activity with both men in the area of Riverview Gardens. Both men were taken into custody without incident on July 3, 2007 and charged with 2nd degree rape, 2nd and 4th degree sex offenses and 2nd degree assault. Both Johnson and Sewell were ordered held at the Caroline Detention Center on \$20,000 bail.

Date: 07/08/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500 Location: 1100 block Market St. The Denton Police is investigating the damage of several mailboxes along the 1300 block of Market St. It was reported that person(s) by unknown means knocked down three mailboxes. Total damage is estimated at \$100.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/08/2007

Classification: Theft over \$500 Location: 100 block Sunset Dr.

Someone stole a Dell laptop computer from a vehicle that was parked at 145 Sunset Ave. Police are asking anyone with information to contact Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/14/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500

Location: 100 block Edenton Lane The Denton Police Department received a report referencing a stolen dog. It was later learned that the dog was not stolen but had wandered off. The dog in question is a male Pug, answering to the name of Jax. Jax was last seen in the Edenton Lane area on 07/12/07. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/15/2007 Classification: Robbery Location: 500 block Market St.

Denton Police arrested Tymor Horne, 19, of Chestertown, for robbery. It was reported to police that a 16 year old male of Denton was at the Royal Farm Store when a male, later identified as Horne, approached the 16 year old and stated that the 16 year old owed Horne money. The 16 year old refused to give Horne money and Horne allegedly revealed a handgun that was concealed on his person. The 16 year old then gave Horne \$10.00 in cash and left the area. Horne was apprehended a short time later but no weapon was found. Horne was charged with one count of robbery and ordered held on \$3,000.00 bail by a court commissioner.

Date: 07/15/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$100 Location: 1900 block Blue Heron

Dr

Denton Police are investigating a theft and MDOP. Lawrence Thompson

reported that person(s) unknown removed two red in color (one 5 gallon and one 1 gallon) fuel cans from his residence. Thompson also reported that the suspects attempted to lift the seat on his 1985 Suzuki motorcycle causing damage to the seat. Value of the cans is \$23.00 and estimated damage to the seat is \$350.00. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/16/2007

Classification: Theft less than \$500

Location: Wheeler Park

The Denton Police received a report that the two signs on the tennis court fence at Wheeler Park had been removed by unknown person(s). If anyone has any information reference this theft please contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414,

Date: 07/16/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500 Location: 200 block S Fourth St.

The Denton Police Dept. is investigating an incident of MDOP that occurred sometime between Friday July 13 and Monday July 16 at the Denton Child Development Center, 222 S. Fourth St., Denton. An unknown person or persons dug a 3'x2' hole in the sand play area, and placed sharp, pointed twigs in the bottom of the hole pointed upright. Anyone with any information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/17/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500 Location: 200 block N Third St.

Denton Police are investigating the theft of a gas range. It was reported to police that person(s) unknown removed a new Tappan, white in color, gas range from the rear porch of an apartment. The range is valued at \$298.00. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to contact the Denton Police at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/23/2007

Classification: MDOP under \$500 Location: 400 block Gay St.

The Denton Police Department is investigating an incident of

vandalism that occurred sometime between July 19 and 23, 2007 at 414 Gay St., Denton (Caroline County Board of Education). An unknown person bent the flag on the side of the mailbox causing about \$50 damage. An investigation is ongoing.

Date: 07/23/2007

Classification: MDOP Under \$500 Location: 200 block S. Third St.

On 07/23/07 the Denton Police Department took a report of damage to a vehicle. The vehicle was parked at the District Court Building and a unknown substance was thrown on the vehicle. Anyone with any information referencing this incident is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414.

Date: 07/25/2007

Classification: Theft Under \$500 Location: 100 block Market St.

On July 25, 2007 Barbara Munson reported the theft of a Mongoose Mountain Bike chrome in color. The bike has no brakes and is approximately 4 years old. The bike was stolen from the Caroline County Library while the rider was inside. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department at 410-479-1414. Citizens are reminded to always try to secure bikes when not in use or stored outside.

Date: 07/26/2007

Classification: Theft: \$500 Plus

Value

Location: 1200 block Double Hill Rd.

The Denton Police Department is investigating the theft of a tailgate from a green Ford F250 pick up truck. The theft was reported by Denton Quick Lane on Route 404 and Double Hills Rd. The incident occurred sometime overnight. The tailgate is valued at \$1,000. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Denton Police Department 410-479-1414.



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tourism and hospitality industry for 20 years. She currently serves on the Maryland Life Magazine, Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy boards.

Hired last year as a parttime tourism coordinator for the town, Kathy Mackel brings years of experience in special events planning, fundraising, managing volunteers and promoting heritage tourism to the team. She will continue to coordinate and develop existing events and special projects. Ms. Mackel currently serves on the boards of the Caroline County Historical Society, the Choptank River Yacht Club Women's Auxiliary, and is Chairman of Denton's Historic Architectural Review Board.

The new combined tourism program will concentrate on the interesting aspects that will establish the county as a true tourist destination. Chabot says "Caroline is a small community and obviously putting your resources together, your expertise and enthusiasm is very important to maximize the impact." Mackel agrees and sees Denton as a

future desirable destination place, but realizes to get there, an experienced professional is needed to guide the effort. JOK Walsh, Director of the Caroline Economic Development Corporation, supported the merge as an effective strategy of combining the two programs.

The Caroline Office of Tourism has launched an aggressive marketing campaign that includes print advertising, internet advertising, distributing brochures, and promoting story ideas to travel writers and regional publications. Visitors are seeking unique getaways to have an experience they can't get somewhere else. Caroline County is unique, offering small town charm, warm hospitality and a relaxing pace that residents in metropolitan areas are looking for within a short drive.

The Town of Denton is appropriately directing the dollars that are brought in by visitors back into tourism development. They see their decision as a positive one of reinvestment, as the most recent report from the State Office of Tourism shows that for every dollar spent in tourism, there is a \$34 return in Maryland.

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 siturations 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.



RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE

Sponsored by the Caroline County Health Department



\$5 fee per animal

Date & Time

Location of clinic

September 11, 2007 5pm-7pm **Health & Public Services Building** parking lot 403 S 7th 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 to pre-register.

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 PM the fee is \$100.00. Forms are available to use when requesting information. Any questions, please call the Town of Denton at (410) 479-2050.

the downtown district will build value in your residential properties, encourage higher standards in schools, and create great businesses, equaling a better quality of life.

If you live or work in Denton and are interested in the revitalization efforts of the Main Street Program, serving on one of the committees listed will be rewarding.

The Design Committee is working to improve the downtown's physical appearance, which includes buildings, sidewalks, streetlights, signage, window displays, parking, and more. Examples of ideal volunteers for this committee would be architects, artists, realtors, marketing major students and anyone who would be a strong motivator for planning these types of projects.

The Promotion Committee is working on image development through business & community events, drawing the community to the downtown area. The volunteers will work to make the community feel good about the downtown area, which will also attract new retailers. Special

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

The Economic Restructuring Committee of 5 to 10 volunteers will work to find out what consumers want and like in downtown Denton through market studies and surveys. Volunteers will meet with business and property owners in Denton. Another goal of the ERC will be to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the downtown area and to bring businesses back. The committee will ensure that every building and lot is utilized in the best way possible. Ideal candidates for the ERC will be developers, marketing professionals, realtors, teachers, mathematicians, and writers.

The Organization Committee will plan

and conduct annual fund-raising activities for the program; organize and conduct an annual nomination program for the board of directors; organize and conduct a membership drive; help the Design, Promotion, and Economic Restructuring Committees recruit new members; promote the development of a strong volunteer network; encourage leadership development within the program, and work with the Board of Directors to acquaint new board and committee members with the program's goals, activities, policies and procedures.

We are emphasizing the need for volunteers of the Organization Committee. This committee is crucial to maintaining an effective Main Street Program.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this exciting program by serving on a committee should contact the Main Street Office immediately.

Call Linda Red fern Socks, Main Street Manager at 410-479-4315 or email: <u>linda@downtowndenton.com</u>.

Community Arts Block Party!



Celebrate the arts with live entertainment, kids activities, BBQ food, beer, wine and lots of fun for the whole family!

Enjoy Chris English performing his authentic style of traditional and acoustic blues!



A fundraising event supporting the restoration of the historic *Wilson's Foundry Dwelling*, 401 Market Street, Denton - future home of your new Arts Center and Community Art Gallery!

Saturday September 15, 2007 5pm- 9pm Market Street, Denton between 4th and 5th St.

\$10 in advance, \$15 at door, \$5 children ages 5-14, 4&under- free Tickets available at the CCCA office.





For tickets and more information contact Marina at 410-479-1009, e-mail ccartscouncil@verizon.net, or visit www.carolinearts.org

Caroline Co. Council of Arts CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 15th- *Block Party* 5pm-9pm.

Market Street, Denton between 4th and 5th Streets. \$10 advance, \$15 at door, \$5 children 5-14, Free children under 4. Celebrate the arts with live entertainment, kids activities, food, drink, and lots of fun for the whole family. Proceeds benefit the Community Arts Center project.

October 6th-2nd Annual Celtic Gathering.

4pm, 119 Gay Street, Denton \$32 admission. For the price of an evening out come enjoy the foods, spirits and music of Scotland and Ireland in a charming historical setting.

October 20th- 2nd Story Live Concert-The Kennedy's. 7:30pm Denton Library, 100 Market St. Admission \$10, Students \$5, \$1 discount for CCCA supporting members. Their tight harmonies and their chemistry have carved them their own niche in the studio and onstage. Eight CD's and half a million miles of touring later, the Kennedy's enjoy loyal followings in both the guitar camp and the singer-songwriter set.

Update on Ordinances and Resolutions

authorizing the Town of Denton to purchase two 2005 Ford Crown Victorias for the Denton Police Department with financing from Denton Bank & Trust in the amount of \$30,000 at 4.58% was adopted 8/6/07.

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may

Resolution #696 - A resolution 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.

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Special Collection Reminder

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

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

Leave a message after normal business hours.

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VOTER REGISTRATION FOR ELECTIONS TOWN OF DENTON

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

Every person who is a citizen of the United States, is at least eighteen (18) years of age, has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty (30) days preceding any Town election, and is registered with the Board of Elections Supervisors for Caroline County, and registered in accordance with the provisions of this charter and town ordinances shall be a qualified voter of the Town. Transfers may be granted by the registration officials from one ward to another in said Town. No person shall be entitled to register on Election Day. Every qualified voter of the town shall be entitled to vote at any or all elections.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The last date to register to vote in the Town of Denton November 6, 2007 election is Friday, October 5, 2007.

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

> Town of Denton Board of Supervisors of Elections

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