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A bi-monthly newsletter published by the Denton Town Council

## Denton Town News

## 4th Street Park Phase II Begins



Phase II of the renovations to 4th Street Park started in late April and are scheduled to be complete

SAVE THE DATE

Caroline Summerfest

August 18 & 19, 2023

5p.m.-9p.m. Downtown Denton

Visit www.CarolineSummerfest.com

by early May.

During this phase of renovations the tennis court will remain open. The rest of the park will be closed temporarily for the safety of the community.

Phase II includes installation of play equipment that looks like a crab trap, installing new ground cover below the play equipment, and benches.

This project has been funded by grants provided by Maryland's Community Parks & Playground Program.

## **Special Collection Reminder**

**Household Items**: All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays must be called in by 12 noon on Tuesday. 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. Reminder that all mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape.

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.

### UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around June 30, 2023. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by July 25, 2023.** Payments can be made in person Monday -Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, online, by mail, at our drive-thru window, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the left of the front door.

Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. You can also pay by credit card at the office or online. The next utility bill will be mailed around October 1, 2023 and will be due in full by October 25, 2023. Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

<u>6p.m.</u>

May 4 June 1

Town Council Working Session <u>6:p.m.</u>

> May 15 June 26

### Planning Commission 6p.m.

May 30 June 27

Historic Review 6p.m.

> May 17 June 21

### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

May 29—Memorial Day June 19—Juneteenth

### Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address: www.dentonmaryland.com Or find us on Facebook.

## Tax Sale Reminder

The 2022 - 2023 Real Property Tax Sale process will begin soon. If you have not paid your real property taxes, water and sewer billings or any other miscellaneous service charges to the Town of Denton, please do so immediately to avoid losing your property during the Tax Sale process.

All real property taxes were due in full by December 31, 2022 and are to be paid at the Caroline County Tax Office, located in the Caroline County Court House. To verify that your real property taxes have been paid, please call the County Tax office at 410-479-0410. If you want to check to see if you have any other outstanding bills due on your property within the Town of Denton, please contact the Finance Dept. at 410-479-2050.

Town of Denton 2023-2024					
Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date	
January - March	04/01/2023	04/27/2023	04/28/2023	05/06/2023	
April—June	06/28/2023	07/27/2023	07/28/2023	08/06/2023	
July - September	10/01/2023	10/25/2023	10/28/2023	11/07/2023	
October - December	12/31/2023	01/27/2024	01/28/2024	02/06/2024	



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## **Calendar of Events**

## May 2023

3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Denton Farmers Market—Wednesdays 4:30p.m.-6p.m. 3rd and Market St. Lot . Shop local for produce, flowers, plants, farm fresh eggs, artisan items, and more. Sponsored by Downtown Denton Main Street. Contact Bri to be a vendor at dentonfarmersmarket@gmail.com

#### 4—Town Council Meeting

6p.m. 4 N. 2nd Street.

Frettered Community Center Pickleball (Morning and Evening) Wednesdays or Fridays 10a.m.-12p.m. Evenings: Tuesdays 5:30p.m.-8p.m.

### 11—Police Unity Tour

Police staff from around the country cycle through town on their way to DC. Annual ride takes them through downtown Denton at aprox 1p.m. We invite the public to come out and cheer them on down Market Street.

#### 14—Happy Mothers Day

#### 28—Annual Strawberry Chase 5K

There will be costume prizes for the best theme dressed. Water stops and refreshments provided. The course is a flat loop including the town's rail trail and scenic farmland west of Ridgely. Start and finish is at Martin Sutton Park. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. on 4th Street near the skate park and the race starts at 8 a.m. Cost is \$27 through May 26; \$30 after May 26, and \$15 for youth ages 12 and under. Sleepwalker registration are \$25 ("run in your dreams" from the comfort of your home but support the charity effort). No cost for the 200-yard Strawberry Dash for children ages 3-5 at 7:45 a.m. Race starts at 8 a.m.

13—Jazz Fest

12-7p.m. Cow Barn Events site Ridgely. Come out for live music, food, artisans, beer and wine. Tickets available in advance at www.carolinearts.org.

#### 27—Caroline Pride Fest

*3-9p.m. Downtown Denton.* Celebrate diversity in a family friendly atmosphere, food, vendors, music, and more.

#### 29—Memorial Day

The Town Office will be closed today.



- Adkins Arboretum #410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org

-Caroline Co. Arts Council #410-479-1009 www.carolinearts.org

> -Caroline Co. Public Library # 410-479-1343 www.carolib.org

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

-Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) #410-479-1009 www.fiberartscenter.com

#### **1—Caroline Summerfest** Registration deadline

### **1 - Town Council Meeting** 6p.m. 4 N 2nd St.

### 1—NCHS Graduation



**3—Denton Volunteer Fire Dept. Gun Bash**. *12p.m*. Doors open at 12p.m. drawing starts at 1p.m.

#### 3—First Saturday Guided Walk

10a.m.-11a.m. Adkins Arboretum. Explore diverse plant communities on a guided walk led by an docent naturalist. Call 410-634-2847 or visit adkinsarboretum.org.

# **DENTON** FARMERS MARKET

#### 7, 14, 21,28—Denton Farmers Market—Wednesdays

4:30p.m.-6p.m. 3rd and Market St. Lot . Shop local for produce, flowers, plants, farm fresh eggs, artisan items, and more. Sponsored by Downtown Denton Main Street. Contact Bri to be a vendor at dentonfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Ongoing event-My quilting

## June 2023

Journey Exhibit the works of Lisa Fields.

Wed.—Sat. 12p.m.-4p.m. Stop by the Fiber Arts Center in Downtown Denton's Arts-Way district to see the works of Lisa Fields. 7 N 4th Street.

#### 17—Artisans on the Choptank

11a.m.-4p.m. Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane. Denton. Support local artists and small businesses as you shop and dine at this event. Music, DYI Crafts, Craft Beer, flower bar, and more. Hosted by Caroline Chamber. Www.carolinechamber.org for details.

#### 18—Happy Fathers Day

**19—Juneteenth** Town Office Closed.

## Police Department...

## **Bike Safety**

Bicycle safety is very important. Make sure your child always wears a helmet and that it fits properly.

Check the bike to make sure the brakes, reflectors and tires are working properly. Adjust the seat to your child's height.

Teach your child to check for traffic before entering a street or intersection by looking left and right.

Explain the rules of the road to your child. Bicycles

are considered vehicles and must obey the same rules as motorists.

Teach proper hand signals for left and right turn. Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding.



## **Boat Ramp Permit Season**

Boating season is here. Just a reminder, effective April 1, 2009, a permit is required to launch any vessel, via boat trailer, at all Caroline County boat ramps and public landings.

Permits may be purchased for one day use or annual use and vary in price.

A one day pass is \$10. Annual pass fees are \$25. Annual permits are valid only when displayed on the driver's side of the boat trailer tongue, within 12 inches of the hitch. Daily permits must be hung on the inside mirror facing the windshield. Fines for a first offense are \$50, and a second offense is \$100.

Permits are available at the Denton Town Office, Caroline County Recreation and Parks Office, Caroline Co. Planning and Codes Office, Bullocks Deli, Denton Pharmacy, Caroline Co. Tax Office.



### Service Fees for Utility Calls

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

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

\$50.00 fee during normal business hours. \$100.00 fee after normal business hours.

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

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## Public Works...

## Tennis Court Resurfacing



During the month of April the tennis courts located at Wheeler Park were resurfaced and painted with tennis striping and pickleball striping.

Pickleball has become so popular the town wanted to make sure we could provide as many spaces as we could to people that love that game so much. Additional pickleball courts are available at 4th Street park for the public to use. This court also has lighting for the late night games.

Thank you for your patience as we renovated and resurfaced the Wheeler Park court. We hope you enjoy the new playing surface.



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### Tree and Sidewalk Project



The Town of Denton has partnered with Downtown Denton Main Street to renovate the sidewalks on Market Street along with adding electrical for tree lighting and updating the trees with ones that will not buckle the sidewalks.

This has been an ongoing project that started late 2022 until Spring of 2023.

Denton Main Street received grant funds in 2022 to replace the sidewalk pavers on the 200 block of Market Street. While the Town received grant funds to update electrical lines and add electric to light up the trees. The town also used forestation funds to remove and plant new trees on Market Street from 1st to 4th Street. The new trees are designed to root down instead of out. This should reduce the buckling of the sidewalks and pavers and alleviate damage to businesses with foundation issues from the old roots.

Thank you to our residents and visitors for their patience as we have worked to make these Market Street improvements.

We will continue to update the pavers as grant funding becomes available.



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## Planning & Codes...

### Dairy Queen Opens in Denton



Dairy Queen is now open at Denton Plaza. The national chain opened its doors April 25th to a crowd of happy hungry people. They offer indoor and outdoor dining, drive thru, and online ordering to pick up in store.

### Permit Reminder

A reminder from the Housing Department: Before you make improvements to your home, call the Denton Town Office Planning & Codes Department at 410-479-3625 or stop by 4 N. Second Street for permit information. Thank you.

### Swimming Pool Permits

The Town of Denton requires property owners to obtain permits for all swimming pools above 24 inches deep. Accessory swimming pools may occupy a rear or side yard provided they are not located clos-

er than 6 feet to a rear lot line or 10 feet to a side lot line.

Pools are required to be protected by a safety fence or barrier of at least 4 feet in height equipped with a self latching closure mechanism. A walk space of at least 3 feet wide shall be provided between pool walls and fences. Where an aboveground pool structure is used as the protective barrier, the top of the barrier shall be at

> least 4 feet above grade, and the access gate is required to

be secured.

Permits can be obtained at the Town of Denton Office, Department of Planning and Codes, 4 N. Second .

### Permits

The following are permits issued by the Town of Denton February through May 2023. Dairy Queen, 51 Denton Plaza, Bldg Signage T Woomer, 527 N 6th St, Porch Repair MAG Towing, LLC, 921 Market Street, Porch B Stevens, 1105 Daylily Ln, Roof L Korb, 1107 Daylily Ln, Roof Federalsburg Bldrs, 513 Lincoln St, HVAC S Bennett S, 1902 Blue Heron Dr, Handicap Ramp D Washington, 1207 Fairfield Ct, Roof Wm Hucker, 123 Butler Ave, Minor Rehab S Khan, 408 Morning Glory Dr, Patio E Bloor, 305 Lincoln St, Roof R Fletcher, 101 Primrose Ave, Fence R Castro, 613 Market St, Shed B Tabler, 1204 Foster Holly Ct, Driveway Expansion M Khan, 1104 Coursey Ln, Solar Caroline Pride, LLC, 114 Market St - Suite 207, Banner Hertrick Family Auto, 1123 Industrial Parkway, Rehab & Additions N Pagan, 1104 Ruddy Duck Ct, Roof Town of Denton, 501 Gay St, Roof M A Wales, 701 S 2nd St, Accessory Shed J Hoagland, 325 Morning Glory Dr, Patio 10 X 10 K Bobbick, 106 S 6th St, Roof Mallard HOA, 1099 Canvasback Ln, Community Sign Board V Moss, 316 Sydney Ln, Patio 20 x 24 C O'Brien, 1115 Whistling Pine Rd, Roof

R Jones, 140 Butler Dr, Shed 12 x 16 5001 SHR LLC, Denton Plaza II, Fence around generator S Davis, 222 S 3rd St, Fence replacement A Stevanus, 105 Primrose Ave, Fence T Williams, 423 N 6th St, Fence Hammond, 205 N 4th St, Trim replacement L Sorrell, 304 S 3rd St, Re-roof shed Superior Rentals, 318 S 4th St, Roof R Ensor, 327 Morning Glory Dr, Acc Shed 8 x 10 ATC Development, 608 Market St, Rehab V Feltz, 1105 Osprey Ln, Roof J Casamento, 307 Morning Glory, Patio J Bankert, 330 Morning Glory, Patio American Legion, Commerce Dr, Banner M Corcoran, 702 Market St, Roof M Delano, 711 Camp Road, Roof J Kyle Benton, 1209 Tuckahoe Ct, Deck/Steps E Kemp, 110 Sunset Dr, Fence J Merek, 205 S 2nd St, Deck/ Steps A Lane, 1213 Fairfield Ct, Roof V Jennette, 1022 Market St, Fence Watkins, 405 Morning Glory Dr, In ground Pool M Anderson, 113 S 2nd St, Rehab T Thomas, 1108 Coursey Ln, Fence T Catron, 417 N 6th St, Fence Barton, 214 S 1st St, Sunroom Addition J Bass, 1518 Cattail Commons Way, Roof

## Main Street & The Artsway...

## Denton Farmers Market Starts May 3rd



The annual Denton Farmers Market will be held again this year at the corner of 3rd and Market Street in downtown Denton.

This season the farmers market will be held every Wednesday 4:30p.m.-6p.m.

Shop for locally grown produce, plants, flowers, eggs, and more. Artisans and makers will be on hand as well selling their hand-made wares.

The Denton Farmers Market is sponsored by the Downtown Denton Main Street Organization.

For more information or to become a vendor, contact Bri at dentonfarmersmarket@gmail.c om or visit the Denton Main Street website at www.downtowndenton. com.

Come out and support our local farmers and makers, stop in for dinner at our local downtown restaurants, and stop, shop, explore downtown Denton.

## Hutton Lancaster Legacy Quilt Class

The Fiber Arts Center Presents The Hutton Lancaster Legacy Quilt Class Dates: May 5, June 3, July 7 and August 5, Time: 10-2, Cost: \$60 members /\$75 non members We are offering this wonderful 1846-1847 signature album auilt which was made originally by family members and friends of Benjamin and Susanna HuPon, a Quaker couple who lived in Lancas-



ter County, Pennsylvania. The original quilt has 36 applique blocks and

## Upcoming Fiber Arts Class Sunflower Applique Quilt



The original sunflower quilt was made by Caroline M. Carpenter in 1865 who was from Northfield, Vermont. Many years later it was donated to the Shelburne Museum and is often times displayed there for the viewing public. Hoopla Patterns has patterned this beautiful treasure.

The Fiber Arts Center has acquired permission to teach this fabulous quilt. The original was for a poster bed but we will be teaching this to fit a 78" x 84" quilt. Patterns need to be purchased from instructor Kay Butler. **Class Dates**: May 12th & June 9th, 2023 **Time**: 10a.m.-2p.m. **Cost**: \$40(members); \$55 (nonmembers). Cost of pattern: \$20 Instructor: Kay Butler, please call 410/829-5136. We will be focusing on

We will be focusing on the back basting method of hand applique to render this amazing quilt.

Sign ups for this class have already begun, so contact Kay Butler at 410-829-5136 for questions, payment and to get your name on the class roster!

measures 100 inches x 104 inches. We will focus on completing 12 of those applique blocks and will learn the back basting method of hand applique. Contact Kay Butler for details and to register at 410-829-5136. The Fiber Arts Center is the region's premier resource for fiber artists and fiber art enthusiasts. Visit www.fiberartscenter.com for more information and to see their list of classes offered and what current national display is available for public view. The Lone Starburst Wall Hanging Class May 17 & June 14



The Lone Starburst Wall Hanging is a versatile pattern that allows you to try out all different color arrangements. This scrappy sample with vibrant colors outlined with white is dramatic. The wall hanging is approximately 21" X 22" when finished with the cornerstone stars and borders. The cornerstone stars are also paper pieced. The method used to teach this starburst prevents you from needing to remove

the paper when finished! The wall hanging can also be made with a red, white and blue theme. Students need to have some familiarity with paper piecing as well as an advanced beginning level of sewing. Dates: Wednesdays, May 17 and June 14, 2023 Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm Cost: \$30 member/ \$40 non member Instructor: Priscilla Hodge Please call Kay Butler to sign up at 410/829-5136

## Basic Needlepoint Class May 19



Learn the basic needlepoint stitches in this super fun and easy fiber art and make yourself or as a gift, a beautiful pin cushion. Friday, May 19, 12-2:00pm Instructor: Victoria McConnell Cost: \$25.00 members/ \$35.00 non members Kit Fee: \$15.00 Please call Victoria McConnell at 410/253-9716 to sign up for this class.

## Stop, Shop, Explore Downtown Denton



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## MAKE DENTON BLOOM **SPONSOR THE FLOWERS IN DOWNTOWN DENTON**

Your Name/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor/Memory of:\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Email:

Level of sponsorship: Gold Silver Bronze

Amount enclosed:





Includes recognition on plaque with business name or family name

Or donate in honor or in memory of a special person

> Gold: \$75 Silver: \$50 Bronze: \$25

**Make Downtown Denton Bloom** 

**Mail Checks and** completed form to: **Downtown Denton Main Street BY** 5/20/2023

323 Market St Denton, MD 21629 For more info contact 410-924-2328 Mary Hucker director@downtowndenton.com

www.downtowndenton.com

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## Healthy Parks, Healthy People May 2023

Healthy Parks Healthy People is a program designed to encourage physical activity in the beautiful parks of Caroline County. The program is a unique partnership between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local Health Departments and healthcare providers. The overall goal of the program is to increase physical activity for community members in stress-relieving outdoor settings. Exercising outdoors in a beautiful park is a great way to relax and connect with nature. For more information about weekly activities, email Karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov

### Tuesdays and Thursdays Martinak State Park 10:30 AM

Meet at the parking area just past the park office on the left. Walk the paved fitness trail for a 1 mile walk or continue to walk 3 miles! It's easy to exit the walk when you are tired, and there are plenty of places to rest as you build your walking stamina. You will be surprised how easy it is to accomplish your walking goal when you have others to walk with.

### Tuesday Evening Park Rides Martinak or Tuckahoe State Park 5:00 PM

Cycling will begin on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM. These rides will leave from Martinak State Park or Tuckahoe State Park. The rides are approximately 10 to 15 miles at a 10-12 mph pace. Helmets are required and lights are recommended. These rides are guided, and no one is left behind. Email karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov to join the email list. A weekly notice will be sent with ride information.

### **Big Tree Hunt**

Walks to identify big trees will begin again this summer. So far two trees from last year have made it into the Maryland Big Tree Program. Check out the program online at <a href="https://www.mdbigtrees.org">https://www.mdbigtrees.org</a> If you are interested in learning about trees and finding a champion, email <a href="https://www.mdbigtrees.org">karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov</a> to find out the dates and times.

### Memorial Day Weekend

The parks are always a good place to celebrate the holidays! Hiking, picnicking, fishing, and musical performances are happening at Martinak State Park. Follow this link for holiday programing <u>https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/eastern/martinak.aspx</u>

### Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance **#741**– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Official Table of Use Regulations, Appendix VII, in the Denton Town Code Zoning Ordinance and the provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Industrial Uses, Industrial Parks, and Outdoor Storage. Introduced 03/02/23, passed 04/06/23, effective 04/17/23.

Ordinance **#742**– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Denton Town Code Zoning Ordinance and the provisions contained in Chapter 128

of the Denton Town Code with respect to infill and redevelopment, nonconforming lots, and nonconforming structures. Introduced 04/06/23, to be discussed on 05/04/23.

Ordinance #743– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Official Table of Use Regulations, Appendix VII, Denton Town Code Zoning Ordinance and the provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Multifamily Housing and Apartments. Introduced 04/06/23, to be discussed on 05/04/23.

Ordinance #744– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting with amendments the Residential Rental Housing provisions contained in Chapter 98 of the Denton Town Code with Residential Rental Properties. Introduced 04/06/23, to be discussed on 05/04/23.

Ordinance #745– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the budget being adopted for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Introduced 04/06/23, to be discussed on 05/04/23.

Complete copies of all Resolutions and Ordinances may be viewed at the office of the Town of Denton, 4 North Second 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.

### **Attention Settlement Attorneys**

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

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

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