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Happy New Year! From all of us at the Town of Denton

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2024. To avoid having your water turned off **payment must be received by January 25, 2024.** 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 April 1, 2024 and will be due in full by April 25, 2024.

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Denton Town News

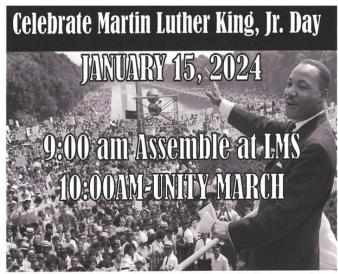
Abigail McNinch Sworn Into Office January 4



Pictured above: Abigail McNinch and Karen Monteith, Director of Finance.

At the January 4, 2024 Town Council meeting, Abigail McNinch was sworn into office for an additional 5-year term. She was also voted in by the Council as Mayor for 2024.

Her term expires on December 31, 2028.



In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, The Lockerman Schools Association will be hosting the 12th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day Unity March/Day of Service. Assemble at 9:00 a.m. at Lockerman Middle School. March to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at the Caroline County Courthouse on Market Street. After the March/ "I Have a Dream Speech" bag lunches will be distributed to everyone. To date mask(s) are optional, we will make the adjustments to this as required by Maryland/CDC/Caroline County updates. **Our Community Service Project is in partnership with His Hope Ministries**. We are asking everyone to help and bring donations of: paper products, cleaning supplies, trash bags, soap, shampoo, nonperishable items and canned goods **FOR INFORMATION CONTACT :**

Wanda Molock (410-829-7338); wanderful12001@yahoo.com, Janet Fountain (410-829-2844); janetfountain@aol.com

THIS DAY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING:

Lockerman Schools Association, WalMart, Town of Denton, County Commissioners, Union Bethel AME Church, Caroline County NAACP, Metro-Zion United Methodist Church Ministries, Zion United Methodist Church United Women of Faith, Denton Church of Free SDA, New Beginnings UMC, Abrams Memorial Church, Allens AME Church, Bell's AME Church, Delmarva Power/Pepco, YMCA, Lockerman Middle School, CC BOE, Buffalo Soldiers MD Eastern Shore

Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings 6p.m.

> January 4 February 1

Town Council Working Session <u>6:00p.m.</u>

> January 22 February 26

Planning Commission 6p.m.

> January 30 February 27

Historic Review 6p.m.

> January 17 February 21

Utility Commission 4p.m.

> January 24 February 21

<u>Town Holidays</u> The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

> January 1, 15 February 19

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.

2023 HOLIDAY PARADE TROPHY WINNERS

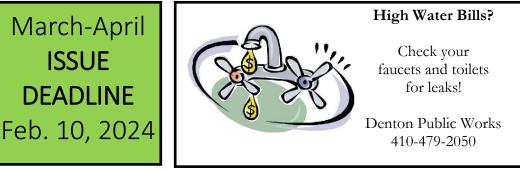
Grace Upon Grace Dance Studio Denton VFC Lockerman Middle School Marching Band Schaefer Farms Pure Country Rough Riders Bill Towers—1931 John Deere Skylar Blunt—4H Queen Chesapeake Culinary Center

Congratulations to all the winners!

Trophies will be available in a few weeks. Town staff will contact all winners to coordinate pickup. Thank you for your participation.

Town of Denton 2024-2025 Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
January - March	04/01/2024	04/27/2024	04/28/2024	05/06/2024
April—June	06/28/2024	07/27/2024	07/28/2024	08/06/2024
July - September	10/01/2024	10/25/2024	10/28/2024	11/07/2024
October - December	12/31/2024	01/27/2025	01/28/2025	02/06/2025



Calendar of Events

January 2024

February 2024

1—Happy New Year!

4—Town Council Meeting *6p.m.*

6—First Saturday Guided Walk

Adkins Arboretum, 10a.m.-11a.m. Visit www.adkinsArboretum.org or call 410-634-2847 ext 0 for more details.

15— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day March

9a.m. meet at Lockerman Middle School, pre-event, then march to county courthouse steps.

15-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Day—Town office closed

5 & 18—Beginning Needlepoint Class 10a.m.-12p.m. *Fiber Arts Center 7 N. 4th St.* Learn the Half Cross stitch and the Tent Stich. \$25 and \$15 for supplies. Call Victoria at 410-253-9716 to register and for details.

18—Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 6*p.m. St. Lukes Church* Bring the family out to dinner and support the Cub Scout Pack 265. \$15 per ticket. 6-8*p.m.* Eat in or take out.

19—Adkins Botanical Art Class *10a.m.-1p.m.*



12610 Eveland Rd. Learn to capture the nuances of plants with our Color Pencil 1 Techniques class. Led by Sarah Saltus it focuses on color application and theory. To register call 410-634-2847.

20—Stringer Star Quilt Class

9:30-a.m.-3:30p.m. Fiber Arts Center, 7 N. 4th St. This quilt is based on a 1930s 5-pointed star from Texas. We will use scraps to create this quilt. \$40/members, \$50/non-members. Contact Kathleen to register or for details: info@fiberartscenter.com



22—Town Council Working Session 6p.m.

This meeting is open to the public, in person and online. Visit

www.dentonmaryland.com/ag enda for the link.

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10—Gnome Sweet Gnome: A Valentine's Paint Night

5:30p.m.-7p.m. 401 Market St. A whimsical evening of artistic enchantment. Limited space available. Pre-register at www.carolinearts.org.

14—Happy Valentine's Day!



26- Working Session

6p.m. This meeting is open to the public, in person and online. Visit www.dentonmaryland.com/a genda for the link.



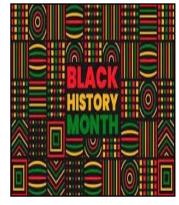
18—Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance, 17th Annual.

2 sessions: 4:30-5:30p.m. and 6-7p.m. Fretterd Community Center, \$40 per couple, \$5 each additional young lady. Escort your princess to this special evening full of smiles, dancing, and lots of fun. Games, refreshments, and music. Photos booth and souvenir photo. Register by Feb 9th at www.carolinemd.org/152/Re creation or call 410-479-8120.

24—Black History & Arts

Celebration 11a.m.-3p.m. Foundry Building 401 Market St. Denton.

Free. Live music, cart, food, hoops, art exhibits, poetry readings, fun for the family.



- 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

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Police Department...

Denton PD Welcomes Two New Recruits

The Denton Police Department welcomed two new employees to their team in December. will begin their entry level training at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy on January 3, 2024.

Recruit Jamison Barnett and Clayton "Roger" Shirkey

Town Staff Give Back to the Community



Town staff and their families participated in the annual NUTS Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway.

Thank you to everyone that came out to help the community.



New Denton Police Recruit Graduated in December



Pictured left to right: Mayor McNinch, Town Administrator Scott Getchell, Patrolman Mathew Viramontes, Jamie Secrist, Jerry Stivers, and Chief Bacorn.

The newest member of the Denton Police Department, Patrolman Mathew Viramontes, graduated from the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy December 18, 2023.

Welcome to the Denton family, we look forward to working with you.

Denton PD Cram The Cruiser



During the month of December, members of the Denton Police Dept. participated in the Toys for Tots collection and their year-round Cram the Cruiser event.

Thank you to Walmart for allowing Denton PD to

use their parking lot as a collection site and a special thank you to the pubic for all of the donations this year.



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Public Works...

Free Christmas Tree Pick Up

Need to get rid of your live Christmas tree? Denton Public Works is happy to remove your tree for you for free.

Make sure all ornaments, lights, decorations , etc are removed from the tree and place at the curb.



Christmas tree removal will be on Wednesday's. Call the Town office at 410-479-2050 to schedule your free tree pickup no later thn 12p.m. on Tuesdays.

SNOW PLOW POLICY INFORMATION

Planning for a winter storm event can be difficult. The variations in rate of snowfall, moisture content, air/ surface temperatures, time of day, and wind velocity make each storm unique.

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and describe the Town's snow plowing and sanding priorities and the level of service that is intended to be provided by Town forces. The Town does not guarantee that streets will be free of snow and ice after plowing and/or sanding. Bare, dry pavement should not be expected. The Town will attempt to maintain adequate traction for vehicles properly equipped for winter driving conditions.

It is the goal of this effort to establish general policies and procedures that help make travel within the Town as safe as possible and to minimize economic hardship.

Visit http://www.dentonpublicworks.com/streets/ snow-plowing- policy.asp for the list of street priority.

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.

<u>Yard Waste</u>: 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.

Helpful Winter Weather Tips

Here are some helpful tips to keep you and your home comfortable during this winter season.

To keep your pipes from freezing, turn off all outside spigots and insulate the pipes to protect them from the freezing temperatures.

To prevent water damage in your home, so you don't experience a burst pipe, locate all the water shut off valves. Don't wait for someone else to turn it off. The delay could cause major water damage.

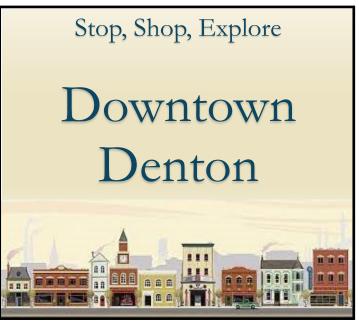
As far as snow removal in the town, streets will not be plowed unless there is a 2-inch accumulation. The snow removal equipment cannot withstand clearing the street for a trace of snow.

When shoveling out your driveway, pile the snow in your yard not in the streets and always pile it to the left side of your driveway. This prevents the snow from being pushed back in your driveway from the plow trucks.

During snow storms, park as many cars as you can in the driveway to make snow removal easier. It may also prevent your vehicle from being damaged by other vehicles on the roads.

EMERGENCY ROUTES are a priority when removing snow. Secondary roads and alleys are last. You must be patient; the crews will get to your area as soon as possible.

Lastly, your safety and the safety of our snow removal crews are our number one concern. Let's do all we can to keep everyone out of harm's way.



Planning & Codes...

Code Enforcement Officer Week Celebrated October 9-13



Pictured above: Bill Clemens, Julius Horton, and David Renshaw of the Planning and Codes Dept.

Code enforcement is not an easy job. We are blessed to have three people with the right set of skills and temperament for this kind of work. The Town Council and Staff, wishes to express our appreciation for

David Renshaw, Bill Clemens, and Julius Horton!

Thank you for all you do for the citizens and businesses in the Town of Denton!

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.

Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between November and December 2023:

10/20/2023 J Todd / Economy Restoration 222 S 2nd St Siding. 10/20/2023 Deci Arce/Economy Restoration101 S 5th Ave Roof.

10/25/2023 Andrew & Ashley Parr 524 Market St Fence. 10/30/2023 Anthony Gomes

1215 Painted Fern Rd. Roof. 10/30/2023 C C Council of Arts 401 Market St Railings.

10/31/2023 David Alejandro Larios 110 N 5th St. Fence.

11/1/2023 Ray's Elec 117 S 5th Ave Mechanical/ Mini Split.

11/2/2023 M Duncan/ G Adams. 1243 Painted Fern Fence. **11/3/2023** Blouch/ Chesapeake Rem 711 Gay St. Roof.

11/3/2023 M Roberts / Chesapeake Rem 1135 Osprey Ln. Roof.

11/3/2023 A Roberts / Chesapeake Rem 1154 Osprey Ln Roof

11/3/2023 A Mahon / Chesapeake Rem 1162 Osprey Ln Roof

11/6/2023 J Bunce / Economy 329 Sydney Ln Roof

11/8/2023 Strato Holdings / Dunkin 601 Legion Rd Minor Renovation-Drive Thru

11/8/2023 The Gray Stone 101 N 6th St Accessory Bldg 12x12 **11/9/2023** M Morales/ Moe Herrero 1115 Osprey Ln Fence **11/9/2023** W Lewis/ Economy Restoration 1217 Fairfield Ct Roof

11/13/2023 B Foster/ Forrest Fence 1208 Painted Fern Fence 11/13/2023 A Gomes/ Forrest Fence 1215 Painted Fern Fence 11/14/2023 Denton Volunteer Fire Co / Breeding 400 S 5th Ave Demolish Storage Building 11/15/2023 A Gomes/ TJ Farms 1215 Painted Fern Rd ShedUnder 200 sf

11/15/2023 J Vorwald/ B Korisher 1229 Fairfield Ct Shed- Under 200 sf

11/15/2023 Economy Restoration LLC/V Smolich 322 Sydney Ln Roof

11/16/2023 N Garland/ Chris Jordan Ext 1168 Osprey Ln Roof

11/16/2023 Miracle of Concrete 85 Engerman Ave Fence

11/17/2023 Potomac Foods / Burger King 604 N 6th St Renovation

 11/20/2023 E Velasquez
 417

 Lincoln St Accessory Shed 12x16
 11/22/2023

 11/22/2023 Channel Marker 508
 Kerr Ave Minor Rehab

11/27/2023 Juneross & Milrose Claro 321 Morning Glory Dr. Shed 12 x 16

11/27/2023 Denton Auto Care & Tire, LLC 1109 Industrial Parkway 5' x 10' Sign (recovering existing) **11/28/2023** D Huer 1105 Park Lane Demo 30 x 50

11/29/2023 G. Muir 319 S Second Street Fence

11/30/2023 E Cifuentes Bamaca 106 N 6th St Roof

12/4/2023 W Jarrell / Chesapeake Remod 1126 Osprey Ln Roof

12/4/2023 Son Tu / Chesapeake Remod 1144 Osprey Ln Roof

12/6/2023 Phillips Sign Inc./ Blue Crab Carwash 513 S 5th Ave Sign (s)

12/6/2023 A R Buildrers 608 High St Four Plex

12/6/2023 Economy Restoration LLC/J. Smith 310 S 4th Street Roof

12/11/2023 Gelfand/ Marasun 715 Market Street Roof- Window/doors

12/12/2023 Claro/ Long Fence 321 Morning Glory Dr. Fence

12/20/2023 R Brown/ Sunrun 1201 Foster Holly RD Solar

12/21/2023 Fultz Electric/J Wienhold 401 Morning Glory Dr EV Charger.

Main Street & The Artsway...

Main Street Recognition



At the January 4, 2024 Town Council Meeting, Paula Wright, President of the Denton Main Street organization, was recognized for going above and beyond to create a magical Christmas experience for everyone during the Christkindlmarkt December 7th.

The Council Citation was presented by Councilman Dallas Lister (pictured above).



Upcoming Fiber Arts Classes

Beginner Hand Quilting Class - January 6, 2024

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10 am – 1 pm \$35 Member, \$45 Non Member (includes pattern and instructions).

Let's start the new year by learning a new sewing skill of yesteryear, fine hand quilting! This class will broaden your horizons as you begin a new adventure in quilting! There's much to be learned including the use of proper tools, basting and quilting stitches, types of batting, thimbles, marking tools, thread, hoops and frames as you stitch a lovely 18" whole.

Contact Kay at 410-829-5136 for the supply list and registration.

Beginning Needlepoint



(2 hour sessions) Jan 5, and Jan. 18, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Session 1 You will learn the Half Cross stitch and

the Tent (Continental) Stitch by making two coasters on plastic canvas and then start on a needlepoint canvas bookmark.

Session 2 You will learn the Basketweave Stitch, making another plastic canvas coaster, finish the bookmark and start on a 4" X 4" needlepoint. Cost is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non members.

Supplies are \$15 payable to instructor Victoria McConnell. Limit 8 students Please bring small scissors. Contact Victoria 410-253-9716 to sign up.

Adelina's Floral Garden Applique Quilt Classes



Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 22, April 26, 2024 Cost: \$60 Members \$70 Non Members Time: 10-2 Instructor: Kay Butler.

Adelina's Flower Garden is a mid-nineteenth century New York appliqued quilt with a folk art appearance to the blocks. You will have the opportunity to create this lovely quilt as we delve into the world of back basting applique. The floral quilt contains 12 applique blocks each measuring 22 inches square. For the first session, we will be focusing on four floral blocks.

For supply list and to register, call Kay 410-829-5136.

Stringed Star Quilt Class

January 20, 2024 Time: 9:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Cost:



\$40/Members. \$50/Non members Instructor: Alice Kish. This quilt is based on a 1930s 5 pointed star from Texas.

In the 1930s every scrap of fabric commonly called "strings" was used to create quilts. We will learn in class the techniques used to create string quilts and the layout for the completion of this large quilt or using the techniques for a smaller version. For the class supply list and to register, call 410-443-4611.



Beginning Crochet Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, March 27 Cost: \$40 Members/\$50 Non Members Time: 10:00 - 12:00pm

In this beginner crochet class, instructor Helen Ruiz will be teaching a combination of crochet stitches to form patterns. Students will quickly advance to complete a project of their own choosing. This class is filling up fast so be sure to contact Kay Butler (410-829-5136) to sign up today.

The Fiber Arts Center Presents WPA Reproduction Quilts Project Show

January 17-March 9, 2024

Free and Open to the Public

Hours: Wednesday—Saturday

Time: 12p.m.- 4p.m.

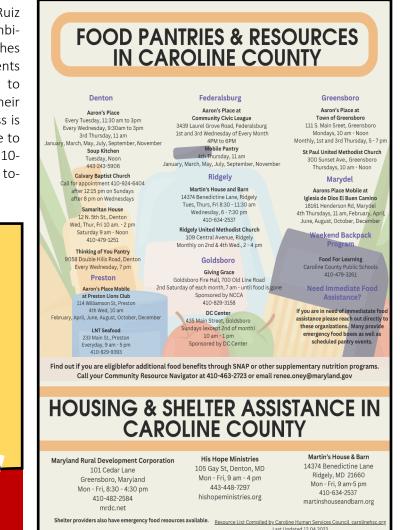
Fiber Arts Center 7 N. 4th St. Denton, Maryland.

His Hope Ministries Shelter Needs

Coffee Coffee Creamer Canned Goods Spaghetti Spaghetti Sauce Macaroni and Cheese Peanut Butter Potato Chips, Cookies, Snacks Tuna Fish Oodles N' Noodles Frozen Meats Trash Bags Aluminum Foil Laundry Detergent Drver Sheets Plastic Bowls with Lids Paper Plates **Plastic Utensils** Paper Towels Saran Wrap Toilet Paper

Lvsol Toilet Bowel Cleaner Clorox Wipes Bleach **Dishwashing Detergent** Kitchen Towels Towels, Wash Cloths, Twin Sheets Printer Paper Razors Feminine Hygiene Products Alcohol Free Mouthwash **Dental Floss** Body Wash Shampoo Conditioner Deodorant Toothpaste Gift Cards (Walmart, Food Lion) 30 Gallon Clear Totes(Guests Belongings) Staples Gift Cards (Ink)

Call 443-448-7297 for more information.



Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #749– An Ordinance to amend the Town of Denton Building Code provisions contained in Chapter 38 of the Denton Town Code with respect to Sprinklers in Building Construction. Introduced 10/05/23, passed 11/02/23, effective 11/09/23.

Ordinance #750– 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 Multifamily Housing and Apartments. Introduced 11/02/23, passed 12/11/23, effective 12/21/23. **Resolution #896**– A Resolution of the Town of Denton to adopt the Town of Denton 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Adopted 12/11/23.

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.

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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 POSSIBLE ARREST. PLEASE CONTACT THE DENTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. AT 410-479-2050 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SERVICE.

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 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 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 charge 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.