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REMINDER...

State of Maryland & Federal Tax Deadline

April 15th

“The Spot” Opens in Denton



On January 25, His Hope Ministries held a ribbon cutting for The Spot.

Located at 103 Gay Street, The Spot is a prevention program for young adults ages 13-24. It provides a safe, supportive, judgement free environment for recreation and learning.

For more information about this program and programs and support of His Hope Ministries, visit www.hishopeministries.org.

Special Spring Loose Leaf Collection

The Town of Denton will be providing a special spring loose leaf collection service to vacuum up leaves that are left over from the fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their loose-leaf removal service to occur on **Monday April 1, Friday April 5, Monday**

April 8, Friday April 12, Monday April 15, and Friday April 19, Monday April 22, 2024. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Leaf vacuuming will occur on Friday and/or Monday pending workload. It will be necessary to call in your loose-leaf vacuum

pickup request by 12 NOON on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday. We asked that you please only have one pile of leaves, and have it located at the edge of your property, without obstructing sidewalks or roadways, where it can easily be accessed by Public Works.

Bagged leaf collection will still take place on Wednesdays and must be called in to the town office by 12 NOON on Tuesdays.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at 410-479-2050 to request pickup. If calling

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

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

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Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

6p.m.

March 7

April 4

Town Council Working Session

6p.m.

March 18

April 15 (1:00p.m.)

Planning Commission

6p.m.

March 26

April 30

Historic Review

6p.m.

March 20

April 17

Utility Commission

4p.m.

March 20

April 17

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

March 29—Good Friday

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 2023 - 2024 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, 2023, 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 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

**May—June
ISSUE
DEADLINE
April. 10, 2024**



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March 2024

7—Town Council Meeting 6p.m.

10—Daylight Savings Time Set your clock ahead 1 hour.

15-17—We are All About the Green weekend events. Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Caroline County with programs and events the weekend of St. Patrick's Day.

15th—VIP event at Museum of Rural Life,

16th Events in downtown Denton from 11a.m.-4p.m. **17th—Breakfast at the Pub and Carolines.** For more information contact 410-991-8225. Hosted by Caroline Co. Historical Society and friends.

16—St. Paddy's Day 5K Run and 1 mile fun run. *General Fretterd Comm.*

Center 107 S. 4th St. Denton. Hosted by Caroline Co. Rec. & Parks. Bring the family out to run or walk at this annual event. Register online at seashorestriders.com or call 410-479-8120 for more details.

17—Happy St. Patrick's Day

18—Town Council Work-

ing Session 6p.m.

23—Jellybean Jamboree 11a.m. *Chesapeake Culinary School. 512 Franklin St.*

Free family event, cookie decorating, bake sale, music, community resources and more.

31—Happy Easter!

April 2024

4—Town Council Meeting 6p.m.

6—Denton Little League Parade 9a.m. Downtown Denton.

15—Tax Day, Federal and State taxes due today.

15—Town Council Working Session. 1p.m.

22—Town Council Working Session 6p.m.

- 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

FOOD PANTRIES & RESOURCES IN CAROLINE COUNTY

<p>Denton</p> <p>Aaron's Place Every Tuesday, 11:30 am to 3pm Every Wednesday, 9:30am to 3pm 3rd Thursday, 11 am January, March, May, July, September, November</p> <p>Soup Kitchen Tuesday, Noon 443-243-5906</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church Call for appointment 410-924-6404 after 12:15 pm on Sundays after 8 pm on Wednesdays</p> <p>Samaritan House 12 N. 5th St., Denton Wed, Thur, Fri 10 am. - 2 pm Saturday 9 am - Noon 410-479-1251</p> <p>Thinking of You Pantry 9058 Double Hills Road, Denton Every Wednesday, 7 pm</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>Aaron's Place Mobile at Preston Lions Club 114 Williamson St., Preston 4th Wed, 10 am February, April, June, August, October, December</p> <p>LNT Seafood 233 Main St., Preston Everyday, 9 am - 5 pm 410-829-9393</p>	<p>Federalsburg</p> <p>Aaron's Place at Community Civic League 3439 Laurel Grove Road, Federalsburg 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Every Month 4PM to 6PM</p> <p>Mobile Pantry 4th Thursday, 11 am January, March, May, July, September, November</p> <p>Ridgely</p> <p>Martin's House and Barn 14374 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 - 11:30 am Wednesday, 6 - 7:30 pm 410-634-2537</p> <p>Ridgely United Methodist Church 109 Central Avenue, Ridgely Monthly on 2nd & 4th Wed., 2 - 4 pm</p> <p>Goldsboro</p> <p>Giving Grace Goldsboro Fire Hall, 700 Old Line Road 2nd Saturday of each month, 7 am - until food is gone Sponsored by NCCA 410-829-3158</p> <p>DC Center 435 Main Street, Goldsboro Sundays (except 2nd of month) 10 am - 1 pm Sponsored by DC Center</p>	<p>Greensboro</p> <p>Aaron's Place at Town of Greensboro 111 S. Main Street, Greensboro Mondays, 10 am - Noon Monthly, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 5 - 7 pm</p> <p>St Paul United Methodist Church 300 Sunset Ave., Greensboro Thursdays, 10 am - Noon</p> <p>Marydel</p> <p>Aarons Place Mobile at Iglesia de Dios El Buen Camino 18161 Henderson Rd, Marydel 4th Thursdays, 11 am, February, April, June, August, October, December</p> <p>Weekend Backpack Program</p> <p>Food For Learning Caroline County Public Schools 410-479-3261</p> <p>Need Immediate Food Assistance?</p> <p>If you are in need of immediate food assistance please reach out directly to these organizations. Many provide emergency food boxes as well as scheduled pantry events.</p>
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Find out if you are eligible for additional food benefits through SNAP or other supplementary nutrition programs. Call your Community Resource Navigator at 410-463-2723 or email renee.oney@maryland.gov

HOUSING & SHELTER ASSISTANCE IN CAROLINE COUNTY

<p>Maryland Rural Development Corporation 101 Cedar Lane Greensboro, Maryland Mon - Fri, 8:30 - 4:30 pm 410-482-2584 mrdc.net</p>	<p>His Hope Ministries 105 Gay St, Denton, MD Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm 443-448-7297 hishopeministries.org</p>	<p>Martin's House & Barn 14374 Benedictine Lane Ridgely, MD 21660 Mon - Fri, 9 am-5 pm 410-634-2537 martinshouseandbarn.org</p>
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Shelter providers also have emergency food resources available. Resource List Compiled by Caroline Human Services Council. carolinehsc.org
Last Updated 12.04.2023

Police Department...

Red Sand Awareness Project



January was National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Denton Police Officers did their part to fill the proverbial cracks that these people fall through every day.

The Red Sand Project brings attention to the 50 million people worldwide who are being trafficked or living in modern slavery.

For more information, visit www.redsandproject.org.

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, and Caroline Co. Tax Office.



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.

His Hope Ministries Shelter Needs

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| Coffee | Lysol |
| Coffee Creamer | Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| Canned Goods | Clorox Wipes |
| Spaghetti | Bleach |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Dishwashing Detergent |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Kitchen Towels |
| Peanut Butter | Towels, Wash Cloths, Twin Sheets |
| Potato Chips, Cookies, Snacks | Printer Paper |
| Tuna Fish | Razors |
| Oodles N' Noodles | Feminine Hygiene Products |
| Frozen Meats | Alcohol Free Mouthwash |
| Trash Bags | Dental Floss |
| Aluminum Foil | Body Wash |
| Laundry Detergent | Shampoo |
| Dryer Sheets | Conditioner |
| Plastic Bowls with Lids | Deodorant |
| Paper Plates | Toothpaste |
| Plastic Utensils | Gift Cards (Walmart, Food Lion) |
| Paper Towels | 30 Gallon Clear Totes (Guests Belongings) |
| Saran Wrap | Staples Gift Cards (Ink) |
| Toilet Paper | |

FREE FAMILY EVENT!!

SAVE THE DATE

PICTURES & EGG HUNT WITH MR. JELLYBEAN

JELLYBEAN JAMBOREE

COOKIE DECORATING
BAKE SALE
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
MUSIC
AND MORE!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 | 11:00AM
CHESAPEAKE CULINARY CENTER
512 FRANKLIN ST DENTON MD

Public Works...

We Are All About The Green!
A DOWNTOWN DENTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Friday, March 15, 2024
5:00 PM- 8:00 PM
 Historical Society **250th Anniversary** of
 Caroline County VIP Celebration
 \$50 per person

Saturday, March 16, 2024
12:00 PM- 4:00 PM
 Scavenger Hunt FREE for adults& children
Free Family Activities
 Tricycle Races
 Corn Hole Tournaments
 Drum & Dance Circle 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM
 Cooking Classes at Caroline's Sidebar
 Fun craft activities at the Arts Council
Other Activities
 *Oyster Shuck'n at the Pub
 Scavenger Hunt Reception at Caroline's 4:00 PM
 *Fees may apply

Sunday, March 17, 2024
 Breakfast at the Pub 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 Brunch at Caroline's 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Scan QR Code for more information!




Celebrate with us all weekend long!








Town Staff Donate To His Hope Ministries



Pictured above: Lisa Orendorf, Cindy Todd, and Robin Lahne-mann, part of the Denton Town Staff.

In February, members of the Morale Committee delivered donated items to the His Hope Ministries office.

Denton Town Staff have been collecting items in their lobby based on the wish list His Hope Ministries puts out to the public.

This project is part of an ongoing service project town staff can participate

in for the betterment of the community.

We thank the town staff for taking time to donate and deliver the items to His Hope Ministries.

If you would like more information about His Hope Ministries, what they do for the community, and what is on their wish list, please visit

www.HisHopeMinistries.org

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after hours, please leave the requests on the Town Office answering machine under special collections.

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 in with the leaves (like bottles, cans, flow-

erpots, gloves, ashes, pet waste or other trash)

- Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs or other debris will not be picked up

Phone in your pickup request to the Town Office at 410-479-2050 by Thursday to be picked up by Monday.

All pickups will be done by request/appointment only.

Loose leaf pickups will occur from April 1 through April 22, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.

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.

Planning & Codes...

Bay Restoration Fund Exemption Procedures

The Town of Denton has established a program to exempt certain owner-occupied residential properties from the Bay Restoration Fee based on substantial financial hardship. In order to qualify for this exemption, the applicant must meet at least (2) two of the following criteria:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy.
- Receiving public assistance – supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps.
- Receiving veterans or social security disability benefits.

Meeting the income criteria below:

Must supply proof of household's gross income received in the 30 days prior to the date you sign this application – bank statements, pay subs, etc.

Income Eligibility Limits*

Effective July 1, 2023– June

30, 2024.

Household Size Monthly Income Is Less than:

1	\$3,547
2	\$4,639
3	\$5,730
4	\$6,822
5	\$7,913
6	\$9,005
7	\$9,209
8	\$9,414

For each additional person \$ 205

Income limits established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Programs www.dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/how-do-you-apply.

Applications can be found on the Town of Denton website at www.dentonmaryland.com or call the office at 410-479-2050 and ask for Joanna Reedy in Finance.

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Permits

- 12/20/2023, R Brown/Sunrun, 1201 Foster Holly RD, Solar.
- 12/21/2023, Fultz Electric/J Wienhold, 401 Morning Glory Dr, EV Charger.
- 12/28/2023, C Schall/Canales Service, 101 S 7th St, Roof.
- 1/2/2024, R George, Channel-Marker, 613 S 5TH AVE, Repair/ Rehab.
- 1/9/2024, B Gascot, Economy Rest, 401 SYDNEY LANE, Re-roof.
- 1/10/2024, J Dillon, Canopy Tree, 329 S 2ND ST, Tree Removal.
- 1/10/2024, Yunes Alrahaimi, 862 S 5TH AVE, Remodel.
- 1/10/2024, Yunes Alrahaimi, Philip Young MGR 862 S 5TH AVE, New Business.
- 1/11/2024, Carol Clendaniel, 511 FRANKLIN ST, Re-roof.
- 1/16/2024, W Tabler, 1204 FOSTER HOLLY CT, Tree Removal.
- 1/24/2024, Aura Ledezma, Liberty Tax, 601 N 6TH ST, Site Review.
- 1/25/2024, Heather Yoc-Sant, Bret Davis, 322 MARKET STREET, Site Review.
- 1/25/2024, Mark Natterman, Dunkin D, 601 LEGION ROAD, Demolition.
- 1/26/2024, Guadalupe Galindo, 407 MARKET ST, Remodel.
- 1/29/2024, Marvin Morales, 1115 OSPREY LANE, Patio.
- 1/30/2024, Brenneman/Forrest Fence, 1106 CAT-TAIL COMMONS WAY, Fence.
- 1/30/2024, Christina Lee, Sunrun Solar, 1107 COURSEY LANE, Solar.
- 1/31/2024, Ayowale, Economy Rest, 320 SYDNEY LANE, Re-roof.
- 1/31/2024, Matt Riddleburger, 513 S 5TH AVE, Remodel.
- 2/2/2024, Jeff Oertly, Jason Edwards 301 FRANKLIN ST Repair.
- 2/2/2024, Keith Bilbrough, 509 MARKET ST, Repair.
- 2/6/2024, Bargain Bev, Neil Jones, 100 FRANKLIN ST, Addition.
- 2/8/2024, Woomer, Chesapeake Rem, 527 N 6TH ST, Re-roof.
- 2/8/2024, Jason Bailey, Chesapeake Rem, 1166 OSPREY LANE, Re-roof.
- 2/9/2024, Parker, Mid-Shore Ext, 315 ACADEMY AVE, Re-roof.

Permit Reminder

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.



www.dentonmaryland.com/resident/denton-newsletters

Join our mailing list

To get notifications about town news and meeting agendas.

Main Street & The Artsway...

Upcoming Fiber Arts Classes



Basic Needlepoint Class

Learn the basic needlepoint stitches in this super fun and easy fiber art class. Dates: **March 14 and March 28, 2024**. Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm. 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.



Celtic Cross Table Runner Class

May the luck o' the Irish be with you when you make this delightful quilt project!. The table runner is perfect for your St. Patty's Day celebrations, or it could be a door decoration for that fun holiday. Dates: **Feb. 9 and March 15, 2024**

Time: 10-2 Cost: \$40/\$50 Instructor: Kay Butler (Please call Kay at 410/829-5136 to sign up) Class supplies are on the website at www.fiberartscenter.com.



Needlepoint 202

Dates: **March 14 and March 28, 2024** Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members Instructor: Victoria McConnell (410-253-9716) if you have questions. Class Description: Sessions continuation of Fall Sampler class. If you are a new Needlepoint Sampler student, you must have already taken beginning Needlepoint 1 and 2, or talk to Victoria. Limit of 8 students. \$15 Kit fee payable to instructor in class. Please call Victoria McConnell at 410/253-9716 to sign up for this class.

Denton Main Street Hires New Director

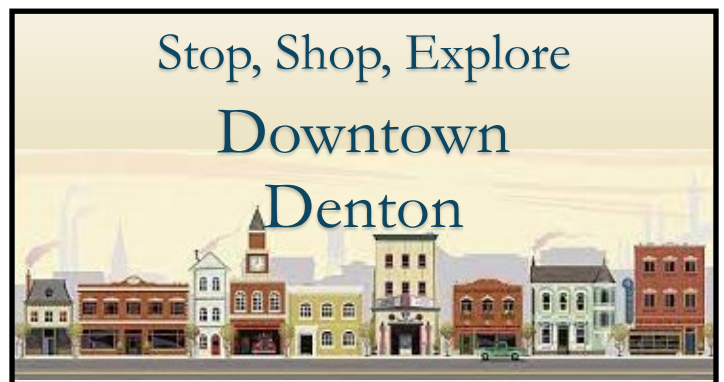


Pictured left to right: Mayor Abigail McNinch, DDMS Director Jessica Willoughby, and DDMS President Paula Wright.

At the February 1, 2024 Denton Town Council meeting, Paula Wright, Main Street President, introduced the Town Council to their newly hired Main Street Director, Jessica Willoughby.

Jessica previously worked for the Caroline Co. Chamber

of Commerce. She is a local with many contacts and looks forward to working with the downtown businesses and organizations for the betterment of the downtown business community.



The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore is the region's premier resource for fiber artists and fiber art enthusiasts. Whether to visit, shop, learn, connect or find inspiration, we encour-

age you to check in often, and contribute if you can.

The Fiber Arts Center is located at 7 N 4th St. Denton. Please visit them online at www.fiberarts.com or

16th Annual



St. Patrick's Day 5K Run & 1-Mile Fun Run

Saturday, March 16, 2024

General James F. Fretterd Community Center
107 South 4th Street, Denton, MD

DARE TO WEAR
YOUR ST. PATRICK'S
DAY SPIRIT!

All net proceeds benefit youth registration
financial aid fund for programs produced
by Caroline County Recreation & Parks.



Save time and register online



EVENT FEATURES

Early registration discounts
through Friday, February 23

Chip Course Timing and finish
line coordination by Tim Bamforth
and Seashore Striders

Tech Performance T's guaranteed
for all early registrants.

Awards for Overall and Masters
Champions and top three finishers
in 15 age groups for 5K

RACE REGISTRATION

On line via seashorestriders.com
through Friday, March 15 at 3 pm.

Via Mail Same dates and times
apply for mail-in or direct delivery
of race registration to Fretterd
Center/CCRP Office Headquarters
107 S. 4th St., Denton, MD 21629

Registration capped at 250 People.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Flat, gently graded out and back
course through scenic residential
neighborhoods to local
Elementary School.

Event Production Partners:





Caroline County Historical Society VIP 250th Anniversary Celebration Of Caroline County

Friday, March 15, 2024
5:00-8:00pm

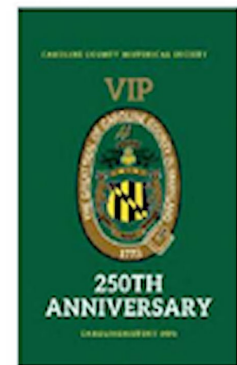
Museum of Rural Life
16 N. Second Street
Denton, Md



Program – Melville’s Landing / Barwick Inn
Site of Caroline County’s First Court
March 15, 1774

Guest Speaker - Julie Markin
Director of Washington
College Archaeology
Chestertown, MD

Recent Dig



VIP Lanyard

Refreshments to include Guinness, Wine and Hors d’oeuvres plus a coin token redeemable at a participating downtown Denton business 15-17 March. You will receive a VIP lanyard at the door upon arrival.

Taste of Denton – Food Provided by Following Local Downtown Denton



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To Pay Scan Here

We Are All About
The Green!
A DOWNTOWN DENTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY
WEEKEND CELEBRATION

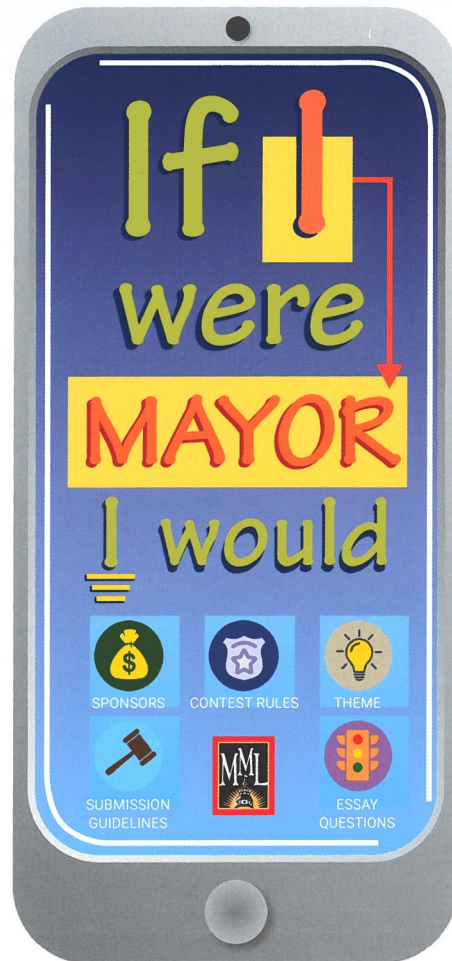


For More Information Contact Cathy or Rick Schwab
410-991-8225 rrshondo@aol.com

If you were mayor,
what would you do?

Encourage more
recycling  

Make our playgrounds
safe for everyone



#NoMorePotholes

Build more parks
and playgrounds

Make summer
breaks longer!!!!



Inspiring Leadership in your City/Town/Community

Imagine your town is like a big team and the mayor is the captain. It takes an entire team to be successful. The mayor's job is not only to make important decisions, but also to inspire other people in the town to be leaders too. There are a few ways that elected officials inspire leadership in others:

- They listen to the people in the town. This shows that they care about what everyone has to say.
- Sometimes they plan projects that everyone can participate in, like cleaning up a park or helping people who need it. When the mayor rolls up their sleeves and works hard, it shows that leaders are willing to do the work, and it makes others want to help too.
- Elected officials also celebrate the cool things that make a town/community special. Whether it's a fun festival or a parade to honor the community, the mayor helps keep these things alive. This reminds everyone of the great things about your town and why they want to be leaders in it.
- Finally, good officials make choices that are good for the whole town, not just a few people.

So, a mayor inspires leadership by listening, encouraging, working together, celebrating, and being honest and fair. Think about your city/town/community and the leaders you see.



If you were Mayor...

1. What would you do to inspire leadership in your city/town/community?
2. Describe a project you would undertake to make others want to help make the city/town/community better



Submission Guidelines

We are pleased that you and your students remain interested in participating in MML's essay contest. It's an easy and fun activity to help students understand the government closest to the people. Each year we receive thousands of entries. Unfortunately, some essays are disqualified because instructions and rules were not followed. Full submission guidelines, FAQ and digital entry form are found at mdmunicipal.org/2024-Essay.

- Complete the digital essay form entirely
- Each teacher must submit a digital entry form. No group forms or multiple teachers per form.
- You will receive access to a shareable Dropbox folder specific to your school's Maryland Municipal League District
- All essays must be combined into a single file
- Number each essay at top of page
- Word documents or PDF files only
- Handwritten essays may be scanned or sent via jpeg, as long as the scan/photo are combined into a single PDF file
- Name the combined essay file in the following manner
 - School Name(dot)Teacher's Last Name(dot)Number of Essays within file
 - EXAMPLE: FarmElementary.Mason.25
- Upload file into Dropbox Folder
- **NEW INFORMATION:** In late April, eleven regional winners along with their parents and teacher will be recognized during an awards ceremony.
- Only regional winners are notified directly.



Contest Rules

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2023-24 school year.

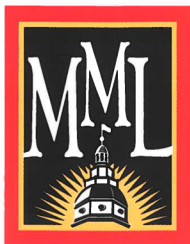
- **All essays must be returned via digital method. Mailed entries will not be accepted.**
 - All essays must begin with the opening line: **"If I Were Mayor, I Would..."**
 - Essays may not exceed 275 words.
 - Only one essay may be submitted per student.
 - Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.
 - Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays.
- **NEW DEADLINE:** Essays must be received no later than March 8, 2024
- Winners will be notified by early April. Runners up will be notified by mid-May.
 - Check mdmunicipal.org/mayors-essay-contest for a full list of finalists (winning student) and semi-finalists anytime late April.



This year's winners will receive:

- Cash Prize
- Governor's Citation

All entry forms must be submitted online at mdmunicipal.org/2024-Essay



Maryland Municipal League

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) founded in 1936, represents 160 of Maryland's local governments. A voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training, and the dissemination of information to its members.



Sponsors



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FORMS:

Complete the Bay Restoration Fee hardship exempt application form.

Check all boxes that apply. You must check at least two (2) boxes to qualify for an exemption.

Verification of any exemption criteria (proof of assistance, proof of income, etc.) must be presented with the completed application.

Sign and date the form and submit it with the verification document to Town of Denton, Attn: Clerk-Treasurer, 4 N. Second St., Denton, MD 21629.

Renewal applications shall be received by May 30th of each year.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Copy of tax bill.
- Proof the applicant is the owner and resides at the property.
- copy of energy bill.
- Copy of other documentation about receiving one of the above benefits.

EXEMPTION TIME-PERIOD:

Maximum of one year based on fiscal year July 1st through June 30th.

Applicants must request exemption renewal.

SAVE THE DATE...

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST

AUGUST 16-17, 2024

BOOTH APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL AT

WWW.CAROLINESUMMERFEST.COM

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4 N. Second St.
Denton, MD 21629



ATTENTION OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY OWNERS: YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FROM PAYING THE STATE OF MARYLAND'S BAY RESTORATION FEE (BRF)

Bay Restoration Fund Facts

In 2004, the State of Maryland took a major step to protect our waterways through the enactment of the Bay Restoration Fund (Senate Bill-320). The purpose of the bill was to create a dedicated fund to improve the environment and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. Through an environmental surcharge fee, this fund is used to upgrade wastewater treatment plants, upgrade septic systems in the critical area, and implement cover crops on agricultural land. Approximate annual fee to the user \$30.00. SB320 also required all Municipalities to bill all properties through their Utility Billing and transmit the funds to the State.

During the 2012 State of Maryland Legislative Session came the adoption of Senate Bill 240, doubling the BRF. Effective July 1, 2012, the BRF was doubled for all property owners. For most, the fee is now \$60.00 a year. The Town of Denton began billing the new fees on the Utility Bills issued on Oct. 1, 2012, (for the July 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2012 billing cycle).

Single Family Residential Home Owners - saw a quarterly increase from \$7.50 per quarter to \$15.00 per quarter; annual increase from \$30.00 to \$60.00.

Non-Residential/Commercial Owners – the BRF is based on the number of EDU's and the total average daily water consumption. Minimum BRF will be \$15.00 per quarter/\$60.00 for a year.

BRF Exemption Plan – With the implementation of House Bill #446, another bill was adopted during the 2012 legislative session in which Municipalities are now required to establish a BRF Exemption Plan.

As a result, on February 7, 2013, The Denton Town Council took action and adopted Resolution #778, establishing a BRF Exemption Plan and Application.

If you own property within the Denton Town limits and it is your primary place of residence, visit www.dentonmaryland.com to read more about the BRF Exemption Plan to see if you **qualify** for an exemption from paying the State of Maryland's Bay Restoration Fee.

Applications can be found on the Town of Denton Website at www.dentonmaryland.com or stop by the Denton Town Office at 4 N. Second Street to pick up a copy or call 410-479-2050 to request to have a copy mailed to you.

For additional information about the State of Maryland Bay Restoration Fund visit the Maryland Department of the Environment website at: www.mde.state.md.us.

Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #751– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Chapter 73, Land Subdivision of the Town Code with Respect to Minor Subdivisions. Introduced 02/01/24, to be considered on 03/07/24.

Ordinance #752– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting new Official Zoning Maps 01 and 02 for the Town of Denton. Introduced 02/01/24, to be considered on 03/07/24.

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.