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Property Tax Credit Information

To help homeowners deal with large assessment increases on their principal residence, state law has established the Homestead Property Tax Credit.

This tax credit limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Every county

and municipality in Maryland is required to limit taxable assessment increases to 10% or less. Applying for this credit could reduce your property taxes. In order to qualify for this credit, you must be the property owner and must be the primary resident who lives there. This application only has to be filled out one time and is good as long as you live there and meet the requirements.

Example:

Assume that your old assessment was \$100,000 and that your new phased-in assessment for the 1st year is \$120,000. An increase of 10% would re-

sult in an assessment of \$110,000. The difference between \$120,000 and \$110,000 is \$10,000. The tax credit would apply to the taxes due on the \$10,000. If the tax rate was \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed value, the tax credit would be \$104 ($\$10,000 \div 100 \times \1.04).

For questions about the Homestead Tax Credit, email the Homestead unit at sdat.homestead@maryland.gov or you may telephone 1-866-650-8783.

To help homeowners, the State of MD has a program, Homeowner's Property Tax Credit which al-

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UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around July 1, 2024. To avoid having your water turned off, **payment must be received by July 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 facing 2nd street.

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, 2024, and will be due in full by October 25, 2024.



Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

6p.m.
May 2
June 6

Town Council Working Session

6p.m.
May 20
June 17

Planning Commission

6p.m.
May 28
June 25

Planning Commission Working Sessions

6p.m.
May 14
June 11

Historic Review

6p.m.
May 15
June tba

Utility Commission

4p.m.
May 15
June 19

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

May 27—*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 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**

<u>Months of Service</u>	<u>Billing Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>1% Interest Added</u>	<u>Shut Off Date</u>
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

**July—August
ISSUE
DEADLINE
June 10, 2024**



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

May 2024

1—Farmers Market in Downtown Denton. 4-7p.m.
3rd and Market St. lot.
Shop **every Wednesday May—October** for local produce, baked goods, local coffee, eggs, meat, plants, art, and more. Want to be a vendor? Email: dentonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

2—Town Council Meeting
6p.m. at Town office.

3—Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour

5p.m. **Chesapeake Culinary Center. 512 Franklin St. Denton.** \$30 all you can eat. Taco bar, Nacho Bar, pinata, music, margaritas, beer, and more. Visit <https://www.carolineculinaryarts.org/culinary-center-catering>.

10—Cruise-In Car Show
6-8p.m. Downtown Denton. Call Patti's Petals for details. 410-479-4445.

11—Camp Mardela Yard Sale.

301 Deep Shore Rd. Denton 8a.m.-12p.m.

Shop for a cause or rent a space for \$15.00, breakfast for sale too. Find deals and support the camp. Email campmardela@gmail.com or visit www.campmardela.org for more details.

11—Police Unity Cycle Tour
Aprx. 1:30p.m. cyclists from around the country

will ride along 5th Ave. to Market Street for their annual fundraising ride to Washington DC. Bring the family out to waive a flag for your support.

12—Happy Mother's Day!

18—NCHS Prom

20—Town Council Working Session
6p.m. Town office.

29—NCHS Graduation 6p.m.

June 2024



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7—Supper at Sunset
5:30p.m. corner of 3rd and Market Street, downtown

Denton. An outdoor fine dining, 5-course meal presented by local chefs in support of the Downtown Denton Main Street Organization. Local coffee brewers preparing signature cocktails, Arts Council will showcase plein air artists in various locations. Not to be missed. Limited tickets available. Visit www.downtowndenton.com or call 410-924-2328 for ticket information.



14—Cruise-In Car Show
6-8p.m. Downtown Den-

SAVE THE DATE...

caroline SUMMERFEST

AUGUST 16-17, 2024

WWW.CAROLINESUMMERFEST.COM

ton. Call Patti's Petals for details. 410-479-4445.

16 - Father's Day

19—Juneteenth
Town office 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

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 look-

ing 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, and Caroline Co. Tax Office.



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, MAY 03, 2024 5:00 PM
CHESAPEAKE CULINARY CENTER
512 FRANKLIN ST DENTON MD

Cinco de Mayo
HAPPY HOUR

MARGARITAS & BEER
TACO BAR
NACHO BAR
PIÑATA
MUSIC
AND MORE!!!


\$30.00
ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!!

Hot Cars Kill

Please...Don't Leave Kids or Pets In Your Car Unattended

The Results Can Be Deadly

Public Works...



Join us for the 2024

Friday Night Cruise-In

In Historic Downtown Denton

2nd Friday of the month
6p.m.-8p.m. (ish)
200 block of Market Street, Historic Denton, Maryland

May 10 – June 14 – July 12
August 9 – Sept. 13 – Oct. 11

Bring the family out and enjoy Denton's Friday Night Cruise-In!
There will be a DJ spinning oldie, food vendors, and more!
Dedicated to Dean Danielson.

Have a car you would like to display? Contact Patis Petals at (410)-479-4445

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.

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allows credits to be applied to a homeowner's property tax bill if the taxes exceed a fixed percentage of the person's gross income. It sets a limit on the amount of property taxes any homeowner must pay based upon his or her income. A new application must be filled out every year because it is income based. (Applications are available each year in February). In order to be eligible for this credit, you must own the property and be your principal residence where you live at least 6 months of the year, including July 1.

Homeowners who file and qualify by April 15 will

receive the credit directly on their tax bill. Persons who file later, up until the October 1 deadline, will receive any credit due in the form of a revised tax bill. Applicants filing after April 15 are advised not to delay payment of the property tax bill until receipt of the credit if they wish to receive the discount for early payment offered in some subdivisions. A refund check will be issued by the local government if the tax bill was paid before the tax credit was granted. If you have additional questions regarding the Homeowners' Tax Credit, please contact the Department's Homeowners' Tax Credit Pro-

gram at [sd at .at.homeowners@maryland.gov](mailto:sd.at.homeowners@maryland.gov) or 410-767-5900.

The **Renters' Tax Credit Program** provides property tax credits for renters who meet certain requirements. The plan was modeled after, and designed to be similar in principle to, the Homeowners' Tax Credit Program. The concept rests on the reasoning that renters indirectly pay property taxes as part of their rent and thus should have some protection, as do homeowners.

The plan is based upon the relationship between rent and income. If the portion of rent attributable to the assumed property taxes exceeds a fixed

amount in relation to income, **the renter can, under specified conditions, receive a credit of as much as \$1,000. The credit is paid as a direct check from the State of Maryland.**

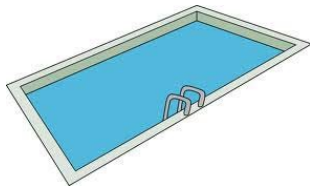
For more information please contact the Department's Renters' Tax Credit Program at [sd at .at.renters@maryland.gov](mailto:sd.at.renters@maryland.gov) or 410-767-5915.

Applications can be filled out online or paper copies printed out. Go to **onestop.gov.md** and go the bottom of the page and click on "Department of Assessments and Taxation".

Planning & Codes...

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 closer 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 St.

Permits

The following are permits issued by the Town of Denton March—April, 2024.

B. Carter, 1108 TRICE MEADOWS CIR, Fence.

D. Foster, 125 S 4TH ST, Driveway.

S. Englehart, 413 WOOD LANE Accessory structure- over 200 sf.

R. Trice, 701 LINCOLN ST DENTON MD, Fence.

R. Shirley, 1140 OSPREY LANE, Fence.

D. Best, 106 EDENTON LANE, Residential building.

J. Baker, 517 GAY ST, Residential building.

K. Feeney, 1212 CATTAIL COMMONS WAY, Fence.

D. Gerhart, 332 MORNING GLORY DR, Pools.

D. Gerhart, 332 MORNING GLORY DR, Accessory structure- over 200 sf.

D. Wroe, 108 N 6TH ST, Residential building.

R. Colindres, 508 CAROLINE ST, HVAC.

S. Lynch, 217 S 3RD ST,

Residential building.

M. Corcoran, 702 MARKET ST, Accessory structure - 200 sf.

M. Simington, 1506 BLUE HERON DR, Residential building.

J. Bowen, 1146 OSPREY LANE, Fence.

A. Perez, 303 MARKET ST, Signs.

L. Harthman, 1000 OLD CAMP ROAD, Mechanical.

R. Saunders, 511 S 2ND ST, Pools.

R. Saunders, 511 S 2ND ST, Fence.

Dunkin Donuts, 601 LEGION ROAD, Signs.

Town of Denton, 225 S 4TH ST, Fence.

R. Saunders, 511 S 2ND ST, Environmental - Tree removal.

D. Walls, 723 GAY ST, Residential building.

M. Wood, 309 FRANKLIN ST, Accessory structure - under 200 sf.

E. Baksh, 100 DENTON PLAZA, Commercial building.

Shop Local Wednesdays
May 1—Oct. 30
3rd and Market St.
4p.m.-7p.m.



Farm Fresh Produce, Meat, Eggs,
Plants, Baked Goods, Coffee,
Artisan Market & More.
dentonfarmersmarket@gmail.com

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.

Main Street & The Artsway...

Yarnstorming at Atkins 2024



Photo taken by Kellen McCluskey of Adkins Arboretum.

The photo depicts knitters and crocheters participating in the first, pre-Yarnstorming Yarn Bee at Adkins Arboretum.

Some of the artists came from as far away as St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Upcoming Fiber Arts Classes

The Fiber Arts Center is pleased to introduce our next quilt exhibitor, **Colette Metcalf**! Colette has been quilting since the 1980's and is a prolific and talented quilter and teacher. She loves to make all types of genres of quilts and is particularly fond of hand embroidery. She is always looking for new techniques to incorporate into her quilting classes.



She presently volunteers at Our Refuge of Sinners Catholic Church and teaches a group called "The Dorchester Samplers". Her absolute passion is to teach beginner quilters and she

enjoys watching her students improve their quilting skills.

Come see this lovely Irish quilter's wonderful quilt display. You'll be in for such a treat! Dates: **March 13 through May 11, 2024** Location: The Fiber

Arts Center, 7 N. 4th St., Denton, MD. 21639

Hours: Weds., Thurs., Fri. and Saturdays, 12-4:00pm. The exhibit is free for all to enjoy.

Improv Star Quilt Class With Alice Kish Date: May

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Denton Main Street

Join us for
SUPPER AT SUNSET

Experience enchanting fine dining and support your local community with a lavish 5-course meal prepared by our skilled downtown chefs. As you indulge, delight in the artwork of plein air artists showcased throughout the venue, creating a truly unique and immersive dining experience

7 June, 2024 | 5:30 Pm
N 3rd St & Market St, Denton, MD 21629

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Adeline's Flower Garden Class

Adelina's Floral Garden Applique Quilt Classes
Dates: **June 21, July 26, Aug. 23, and Sept. 20, 2024** Cost: \$60 Members \$75 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

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4, 2024 Time: 9:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Cost: \$40.00 Members/\$50.00 Non Members Improv Stars Two at a time Improv stars uses a slash and sew technique that makes each set of stars different but alike. Accent strips are inserted and each set shines on its own. This class is a great introduction to improv piecing and the

result is a fun, lively quilt whether you use solids or your favorite prints.

You will get two stars done in class. Bring more sets and strips if you are a fast sewer. Also bring: Sewing machine and supplies, Rotary cutter, and mat, and long ruler.

Please call Kay Butler at 410/829-5136 to register as space is limited.

The Fiber Arts Center Presents a Members Exhibit



It is time to showcase all of the amazing talent of the Fiber Arts Center members! Quilts of all sizes, crocheted or knitted work, needle-point, weaving, etc. will be on display for what promises to be a most beautiful and diverse exhibit!

The exhibit is free and open to the public from

May 22 through July 13, 2024, during our regular days and hours, Weds - Saturdays from 12:00-4:00pm.

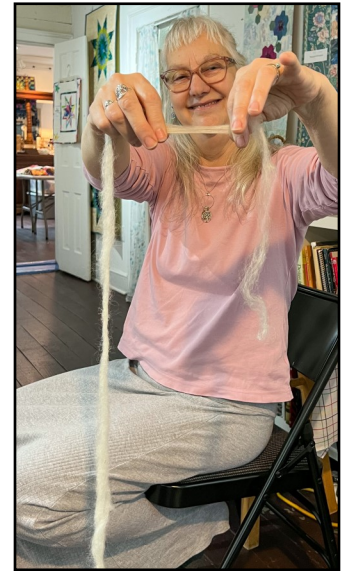
There will be a reception on June 2 from 12:00 - 4:00pm. *Quilt in photograph created by Ruth Uhey.*

The Fiber Arts Center Presents Beginning Wool Spinning

Have you ever thought about making your own yarn? Learn the basics of spinning wool into yarn using a drop spindle in this introductory class.

Instructor Beth Hansen will teach the basics of spinning wool into yarn in this class. Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$30.00 members/\$40.00 non members Supply kits will be available for \$15. If you have a drop spindle, you may bring it.

Please call Kathleen at 443/995-1096 or the office at 443/448-4611 to



sign up or at EventBrite, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/873986646587?aff=oddtcreator>

UPPER SHORE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD & CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE

Job Fair

Thursday

May 16, 2024

2:00-6:00pm

1000 COLLEGE CIRCLE, WYE MILLS, MD 21679
HPAC MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! | FIND YOUR NEXT GREAT OPPORTUNITY

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR JOB SEEKERS.

COME PREPARED WITH
RESUMES & DRESS
PROFESSIONALLY

CANDIDATES OF ALL AGES
& EXPERIENCE LEVELS
INVITED TO ATTEND

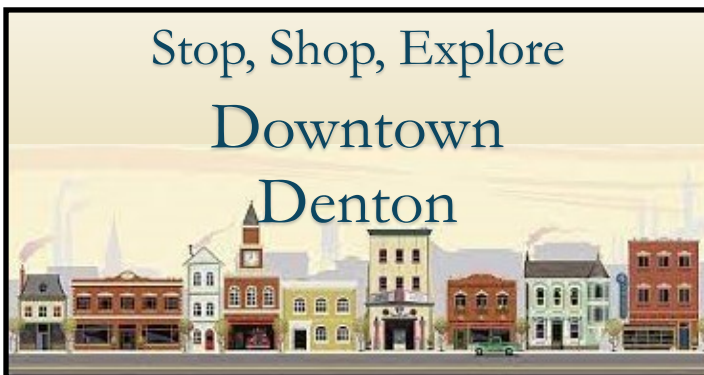
COMPANIES WILL BE
LOOKING TO FILL FT
& PT POSITIONS

BUSINESSES

Please email Debbie Bowden at envistrallc@gmail.com for more information or to register.



CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE CAMPUS
MAP: Scan the QR code using
the camera app on your phone.
<https://bit.ly/CampusMap24>



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first session, we will be focusing on four floral blocks.

If you wish to make a wall-hanging, call Kay for fabric

requirements. Pattern will need to be purchased ahead of time (\$40) and can be obtained from Kay Butler. Any questions? Call Kay: 410-829-5136.

Hexagon Quilt Class July 17



Students will learn how to stitch scrappy hexagons using scraps of fabric. This is a great class for beginners!

Date: July 17, 2024 Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm Cost: Members \$35.00 / Non-

Members \$45.00 Instructor: Alice Engle. Please call Kay Butler at 410/829-5136 or Alice Engle at 410/490-2087 to sign up and for fabric and supply lists.



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To get notifications about town news and meeting agendas.

35 annual

august 16 & 17

Storybook summerfest 2024


FREE family festival

HISTORIC DENTON, MARYLAND 5pm-9pm

live music // food & craft vendors // rec-creations
FRIDAY CAR SHOW • SATURDAY FIREWORKS
 bounce rides // strolling entertainers

Benefiting the non-profit organizations of Caroline County. 410-478-8128 | CarolineSummerfest.com

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



Funded in part by Maryland State Arts Council and the Caroline County Council of Arts. Production support by the Towns of Denton and Caroline County Recreation & Parks.

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, passed 03/07/24, effective 03/17/24.

Ordinance #752– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton adopting new Official Zoning Maps amending Chapter 73, Land Subdivision of the Town Code with respect to Minor Subdivisions. Introduced 02/01/24, passed 03/07/24, effective 03/17/24.

Ordinance #754– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Chapter 128, of the Town Code with respect to cannabis enterprises. Introduced 04/04/24, to be considered on 05/02/24.

Ordinance #755– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the General Fund Budget being adopted for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Introduced 04/04/24, to be considered on 05/02/24.

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.

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.

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