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Denton Town News

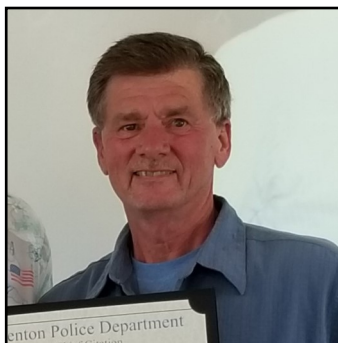
July—August 2024

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Donald Mulrine Retires after 14 Years of Service



On June 7, 2024, the town staff threw a retirement party for Don Mulrine at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor and Heritage Center. He was the Town Administrator from 2010-2022 and Project Manager from 2022-2024.

Don worked on many projects during his time with the town. He managed the renovation of the Chesapeake Culinary School, Mi-

croenterprise Center at 323 Market St., the completion of the Artsway Pathway project, and Wharves of Choptank Visitor and Heritage Center.

It was his vision to move the town office from the old firehouse building at Gay and 3rd St. to its current location on 2nd and Market at the old bank building.

He has worked Caroline Summerfest, holiday parades, car shows, and road rallies. He helped get the annual Police Unity Tour to stop in Denton and ride through the downtown. A fun tradition we have all enjoyed.

Don built a networking bridge between Denton and Caroline County and the Maryland State House.

He has been instrumental to the progress in Denton and he will be missed.

We thank Don for his hard work these last 14 years and wish him well on his future endeavors.

35th Annual Caroline Summerfest



August 16 & 17, 2024

5p.m.-9p.m.
Downtown Denton
Visit www.CarolineSummerfest.com
For details.

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.

Grass Cutting Season is Upon Us



Please remember to keep your lawn trimmed to **6 inches or shorter.**

This reduces rodent and insect infestations.

To avoid clogged drains, keep grass clippings out of the streets.

Thank you,
Denton Planning and Codes Dept.

Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

6p.m.
July 11
August 1

Town Council Working Session

6p.m.
July 15 (*Cancelled*)

Planning Commission

6p.m.
July 30
August 27

Planning Commission Working Sessions

6p.m.
July 9
August 13

Historic Review

6p.m.
July 17
August 21

Utility Commission

4p.m.
July 17
August 21

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

July 4
August 19

Trash Pickup

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

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

Youth Bicycle Safety Reminder

Tips for Safe Bicycling

1. Wear a helmet with a hard shell.
2. Ride with traffic and on the right side of road.
3. Don't carry passengers on your bike.
4. Signal other bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians.
5. Ride a bike that is the right size for you and has:
 - Bell or horn
 - White headlight
 - Rear reflector
 - Wheel reflectors



MDOT MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION roads.maryland.gov

6. Obey all signs and signals.
7. Stay alert for cars leaving driveways and open car doors.
8. Watch out for:
 - Storm drains
 - Loose gravel
 - Leaves
 - Animals
9. Be cautious on wet pavement.
10. Wear bright and reflective clothing.



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2024-2025 Town of Denton Utility Billing Schedule

<u>Months of Service</u>	<u>Billing Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>1% Interest Added</u>	<u>Shut Off Date</u>
July - September	09/30/2024	10/25/2024	10/28/2024	11/12/2024
October - December	12/30/2024	01/27/2025	01/28/2025	02/11/2025
January - March	03/31/2025	04/25/2025	04/28/2025	05/13/2025
April - June	06/30/2025	07/25/2025	07/28/2025	08/08/2025

Sept.—Oct.
**ISSUE
DEADLINE**
August 10,
2024



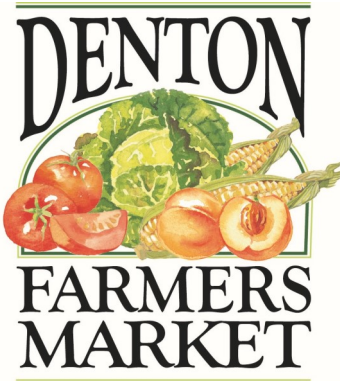
High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

July 2024



Farmers Market Wednesdays 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: denton-farmersmarket@gmail.com

12—Friday Night Cruise-In Car Show, 6-8p.m. Downtown Denton. Call Denton Police Dept. for details. 410-479-1414.

18—Third Thursday 6-9p.m. 200 block of Market St. Bring the family out to play in the corn hole tournament, stop by and

pick up dinner at one of our local restaurants, shop extended hours at our unique downtown shops.

19—Burgers & Blues
 At the Chesapeake Culinary School, 512 Franklin St. Denton. All you can eat burgers, mac n cheese, sausage, chicken, coleslaw and more. Live entertainment, beer, and wine. Fundraiser for the Chesapeake Culinary school. Visit

www.chesapeakeculinaryarts.org for details and to purchase tickets.

20—NAP Day Invitational Volume 3

Sharp Road Park, 320 Sharp Road, Denton.

A community basketball tournament ages 7-17. Starts at 11a.m., basketball, vendors, food, and more. Be there early to sign up or contact www.notaphase634.com for more details.

August 2024



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7-10 Caroline/Dorchester County Fair
 Caroline Co. 4-H Park 8230

Detour Rd. Denton.
 Bring the family out to the annual county fair, rides, food, animals, live entertainment, exhibits, fun!
 Visit www.carlinedorchestercountyfair.com for more details.



9—Friday Night Cruise-In Car Show 6-8p.m. Downtown Denton. Call Denton Police Dept. for details. 410-479-1414.



16-17 Caroline Summer-fest, 35th Annual.

Downtown Denton.
 Bring the family to this free festival with live music, games, fire truck rides, dunk booth, community and food vendors, Friday car show, Saturday fireworks, kids art activities and more. Around the Caroline County courthouse. Visit www.carolinesummerfest.com for details and entertainment schedule.
 This year's theme "Storybook Caroline"



- 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...

Denton PD Graduate Two



Pictured above (L-R): Mayor Abigail McNinch, Sgt. Jerry Stivers, Lt. Jamie Secrist, Deputy Chief, Patrolman Shirkey, Patrolman Barnett, Chief George Bacorn, and Town Administrator Scott Getchell.

The Denton Police Dept. would like to welcome Patrolmen Jamison Barnett and Roger Shirkey to the Denton Police Department.

Patrolmen Barnett and Shirkey completed an intense 24-week entry level police training academy at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy. They both graduated recently in a ceremony

at the Ocean City Convention Center.

Now they will begin a structured field training program, working with a certified field trainer, over the next several weeks.

If you happen to see Patrolman Barnett or Patrolman Shirkey while they are on patrol, please take a moment to say hello.

Police Unity Tour Day—May 11th



On Saturday, May 11, 2024, hundreds of cyclists riding from New Jersey to DC made a stop in Denton for lunch during the annual Police Unity Tour Event.

For many years, these cyclists stop at the Denton Volunteer Fire Dept. to have lunch, provided by the Chesapeake Culinary School, before they continue their journey to

Washington DC for their annual fundraising ride that ends at the Police Memorial Museum in DC.

The town always enjoys hosting this group and looks forward to many more lunch stops with them in the future.

For more information about this organization, please visit

<https://www.policeunitytourchap2.net>

BURGERS & BLUES



Save the Date

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024

6PM

CHESAPEAKE CULINARY CENTER
512 FRANKLIN ST DENTON MD

\$40.00

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

BURGERS, MACARONI AND CHEESE,
SAUSAGES, CHICKEN, COLESLAW AND MORE

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

DESSERTS

BEER & WINE

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.

Public Works...

Tips for Saving Water Outside



FORTY PERCENT OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLD WATER SUPPLY IS USED OUTSIDE THE HOME!

Maryland's water resources are daily sprinkled, squirted, dripped, gushed, and often wasted outside the home.

Follow these tips to reduce water use outdoors:

Landscape Irrigation-
Install efficient irrigation systems such as drip irrigation, soil soakers, and efficient sprinkler systems.

Set sprinklers for lawn and garden only, don't water the street or sidewalk.

Water the lawn only when the ground is dry and preferably no more than once a week: The amount of water used by a sprinkler in one hour is equal to the daily water needs of a family of four.

Water during the coolest part of the day and never water on windy days: As much as 30% of water used can be lost to evaporation by watering lawn during midday.

Pull weeds to decrease competition for water.

Increase mowing height to 2-3 inches and apply mulch to both reduce evaporation and prevent weed growth.

Limit grass areas and use trees, shrubs, and other plants that require less water to landscape your yard: Grass turf requires 30-50% more water than shrubs and other ground-cover.

Other Outdoor Use-
Repair or replace leaking hoses and sprinklers. Always use an automatic shut-off nozzle on hoses.

Use a broom rather than a hose to clean decks, sidewalks, and other paved areas: 5 minutes of running the hose uses 25 gallons of water!

Use a bucket of suds to wash a car or bicycle, then rinse quickly with a hose.

Collect rainwater for reuse in the garden whenever possible.

Cover pools to prevent evaporation. An average uncovered pool loses about an inch of water a week because of evaporation.

<https://dentonpublicworks.com/water/tips-for-saving-water-outside-the-home/>

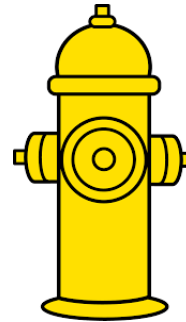
Hydrant Flushing Began June 27th

The Town of Denton will be performing routine 6-month hydrant flushing and inspections starting June 27 and will go through the month of July. During this time, residents may notice a temporary drop in water pressure or puddling or water

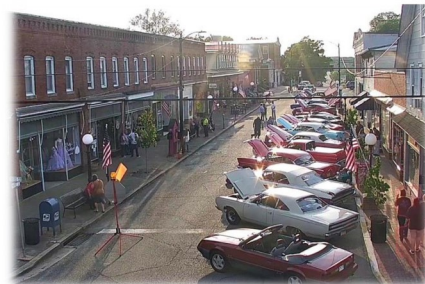
flowing in the streets.

This is done to ensure functionality of the fire hydrants as well as to maintain water quality.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 410-479-5446



Friday Night Cruise-In



Join us for the **2024**
In Historic Downtown Denton

2nd Friday of the month
6p.m.-8p.m.

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 Patti at (410)-479-1414

Sponsored by Denton Police Dept.

Each Month Collecting non-perishable food for the Denton PD Gram the Cruiser Program.

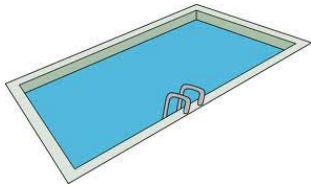
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Available on Page 14

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 is a list of permits from May—June 2024.

05/10/24 B-2024-114

Keith Bilbrough 712 MARKET ST Rehab a single family house

05/14/24 T-2024-116 Jamie Johansen 920 GAY ST Tree removal

05/14/24 B-2024-117 Catherine Spence 304 S 5TH AVE Demo garage

05/15/24 B-2024-118 Lauren Bartkowski 306 SYDNEY LANE Replace roofing materials

05/16/24 T-2024-119 Brandon Bobbick 119 EDENTON LANE Tree removal

05/17/24 B-2024-120 Angela Walker 323 MORNING GLORY DR Finish Sky Basement

05/19/24 B-2024-121 Daniel Vance 215 MARYLAND AVE Converting existing garage

05/20/24 B-2024-122 Robert Zullo 9571 LEGION ROAD Demolish/Remove house trailer

05/21/24 B-2024-123 Florence Doherty 109 RIVERTON AVE Steps-deck

05/28/24 B-2024-124 Berkow 317 S 2ND ST Roof replacement

05/28/24 B-2024-125 T Corsey ROOF REPLACEMENT Roof replacement

05/29/24 B-2024-126 Town of Denton 9 N 4TH ST Demo 2nd floor

05/30/24 B-2024-128 An-

thony Gomes 1215 PAINTED FERN ROAD Build a new deck

05/30/24 B-2024-127 Fayette Downes 403 LINCOLN ST Repair roof.

06/04/24 B-2024-129 Scott Wartman 1150 OSPREY LANE Re-roof

06/05/24 F-2024-130 Guadalupe Galindo 407 MARKET ST Fence
06/05/24 T-2024-131 Dale and Brenda Phillips 1208 TUCKAHOE CT Tree removal

06/05/24 B-2024-132 Duane Boswell 1506 CATTAIL COMMONS Screened Porch and Deck addit

06/06/24 B-2024-133 Gloria Linsalata 323 S 2ND ST Water heater

06/06/24 B-2024-134 Andy Irvine 205 S 5TH AVE Re-roof house

06/10/24 B-2024-135 Dean Nohe 206 S 7TH ST Reshingle roof. Remodel

06/10/24 B-2024-136 Caitlin Nicodemi 1021 GAY ST Shed

06/10/24 B-2024-137 Ursula Encarnacion 707 MARKET ST Rehab house and repair fire damage

06/13/24 B-2024-138 Jersey Mikes 35 DENTON PLAZA Install HVAC.

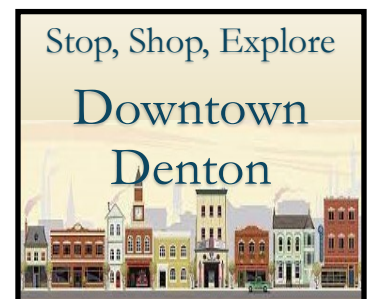
Shop Local Wednesdays
May 1—Oct. 30
3rd and Market St.
4p.m.-7p.m.

DENTON

2024 Season!

FARMERS MARKET

Farm Fresh Produce, Meat, Eggs,
Plants, Baked Goods, Coffee,
Artisan Market & More.
Vendors Wanted!
Email dentonfarmersmarket@gmail.com or
visit www.DowntownDenton.com
for more details.



Main Street & The Artsway...

Record Breaking Ticket Sales for the Spring Supper at Sunset



Downtown Denton Main Street held their annual Supper at Sunset on June 7, 2024. This spring fundraiser was held at the Community

Demonstration Garden and the lot at 3rd and Market St.

Patrons dined on courses created by Caro-

line's in Denton, Earth Tones Café, Craft Bakery Café, Nights Kitchen Coffee, and Chesapeake Culinary School.

Volunteers served guests appetizers in the garden followed by a sit-down meal at the 3rd street lot.

The event had a record attendance of 90 people and had perfect weather for this outside dining event.

For more information about the Downtown Denton Main Street Organization, visit <https://www.downtowndenton.com>.



Upcoming Fiber Arts Classes



The Fiber Arts Center will be offering **The Wonky Star Quilt Class** Date: **July 13, 2024** Time: 9:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Cost: \$40 Members / \$50 Non-Members Instructor: Alice Kish Students will learn to make improv stars of various sizes using mainly scraps. This is a great class for beginners!

Call Kay Butler for detailed class information and to sign up 410-829-5136 and call Alice for additional class questions (410-253-



2330).

Star Embroidery – Stumpwork with Pat Christ – 3 hour workshop **August 1** Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm Cost: \$45.00 Members. \$55.00 Non-Members Kit Cost: \$20.00 In addition to being creative the Pennsylvania Germans were also thrifty. “Star Embroidery”, or as the Pennsylvania Germans refer to as “Stumpwork”, has been in existence over 120 years. This type of wool embroidery was generally done

on closely woven fabrics that were being recycled from worn clothes or household items.

Leftover yarn from other projects was used with a tin star pattern that was made by the local tin-smith. You will be making a “Star Embroidery” block in class while learning the interesting technique of “Stumpwork.”

This block can be used to create a pin cushion, Christmas ornament, or you can continue to make additional blocks for a larger project. Call Kay

Butler: 410-829-5136 for sign up.



The Drunkard's Path Quilt Class will take place August 10th. Instructor: Colette Metcalf Date: **August 10, 2024** Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm Cost: Members \$40.00, Non-Members \$50.00 Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up 443-448-4611 or email at info@fiberartscenter.com.

Supply List For Class may be obtained by contacting Colette 443-515-0491.



Upcoming Classes at Caroline Co. Council of Arts

Summer Succulent Planter Class

Date: August 3, 2024 Time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Place: The Foundry

Join us for a creative afternoon and make a unique succulent planter. Ceramic artist Sharon Guzman will help you design and texture your own planter, perfect for showcasing your favorite plants. \$28

Teen Writer's Club

Date: August 5, 2024 Time: 7:00-8:00PM Place: Zoom
Ages 13-18. Join our Teen Writers' Club for engaging discussions, dedicated writing time, and sharing sessions. Whether you're into poetry, fiction, or non-fiction, we support all types of writing. Registration required. Email marybeth.bishop@verizon.net to join! **FREE**

Write On!

August 6th & 20th, 2024, 6:30PM - 8:00PM (Virtual)
Join our online adult writers' group. Each session features a different topic or share your own work. This event is free! Pre-registration required by 3 pm on the day of the event to get the Zoom link. **FREE**

Crystal Trinket Dish

Date: August 14, 2024 Time: 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Place: The Foundry

Create a magical trinket dish with ceramic artist Sharon Guzman and crystal expert Kyleen Asche. Learn about the properties of crystals and incorporate one into your beautifully designed dish. \$40

Uniquely Yours Hand-Built Mug Class

Date: August 17, 2024 Time: 11:00AM - 1:30PM

Place: The Foundry

Did you know you can create a beautiful ceramic mug without a pottery wheel? Join us to design your own unique mug using a slab of clay and various tools. Your creation will be uniquely yours to enjoy for years to come. \$30

Magical Mugs: Adding Crystals to Your Creations

Date: August 28, 2024 Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Place: The Foundry

Create a special mug with added crystals or stones in this magical class. Guided by artists Sharon Guzman and Kyleen Asche, you'll craft a mug that's not only functional but also beautifully unique. \$40

Artist In Residence Applications Open

CCCA is excited to announce that applications for our three-month Artist in Residence program are now open! This opportunity is available to local artists in Caroline County seeking studio space and/or a stipend. Apply now for this unique opportunity!

Join Our "30 Days of Giving" This August!

The Caroline County Council of Arts is thrilled to announce our first annual "30 Days of Giving" online community fundraising campaign! Throughout the month of August, we are dedicated to increasing support for the arts with the help of generous donations from individuals and corporations alike. Your contribution, big or small, will make a meaningful impact on the lives of Caroline County residents by funding our diverse arts programming. From free classes and workshops to local artist exhibitions and live performances, your support helps us ensure that the arts remain accessible to everyone in our community. Plus, contributors will enjoy fantastic benefits like seasonal discounts at The Foundry, invitations to special events, and more. Let's enrich lives through creativity and expression together—donate to CCCA today!

Artist of the Month Joanne Gelles

Originally hailing from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., Joanne Gelles has made the serene Eastern Shore her home for over 30 years. Enchanted by the slower pace and the picturesque water views that grace the landscape, Joanne found an ideal environment to nurture her artistic passions.

Joanne's mosaics have graced several local venues, showcasing her talent and versatility. Her works have been displayed and sold at the Treasure Chest in Oxford, MD, and the Foundry in Denton, MD. Each piece she creates reflects her belief that mosaics are a universal form of art, capable of expressing a vast array of styles, from modern to classic, and folk art.

Joanne now teaches

mosaic classes at the Foundry in Denton, MD, fostering a community of creativity and artistic exploration. Her dedication to mosaics is unwavering, driven by a passion for the art form's inclusive and expressive potential. Joanne aspires to inspire others to discover self-expression through mosaics, opening doors to creativity and personal growth.

Joanne Gelles is not just an artist; she is a mentor and a beacon of creativity, inviting everyone to explore the boundless possibilities of mosaics. *Be sure to check out her classes at The Foundry!*

Please visit [Artist of the Month: Joanne Gelles | Caroline County Council of Arts \(carolinearts.org\)](https://www.carolinearts.org)

35th Annual Caroline Summerfest

Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th



35th 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, 410-479-9120 | CarolineSummerfest.com

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS: Caroline County Recreation and Parks, CCA, MSAC, and others.

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

Come out and enjoy this year's enchanted-themed "Storybook Summerfest" festival as some of your favorite stories and characters come to life at our 35th annual Caroline Summerfest, Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th from 5:00-9:00pm, located in downtown Denton, MD.

Caroline Summerfest is a 2-day, family-friendly festival featuring two stages of regional and local entertainment, a Friday performance by NCHS marching bands, **Saturday fireworks** show, strolling performers, bounce houses, artisans, free Rec-Creations activities, **firetruck rides**, games and food vendors featuring local non-profits and so much more!

On **Friday night**, the Summerfest **Car Show** will

include an exclusive display of classic and custom cars. Then, join us **Saturday morning** as we kick off our 26th annual **Rivah Run** (preregistration is highly recommended, space is limited.)

There will be **free shuttle bus transportation** to the event from the Health and Public Services (HAPS) building on 7th Street.








We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors that make this annual festival possible. Thank you for your support in helping to make each year a success!

For more information and for all your Caroline Summerfest updates, please visit:

www.carolinesummerfest.com

Martinak State Park (MSP) and Tuckahoe State Park (TSP)

Healthy Parks, Healthy People July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Martinak Morning Walk MSP Office 10:30 AM Park Pals TSP 6PM Jr. Rangers TSP 7 PM Evening Cycle TSP 5:30 PM	3	4 Morning Stretch MSP 9 AM Martinak Morning Walk MSP Office 10:30 AM	5 Healing Walk Adkins Arboretum 10 AM Roving Rangers TSP & MSP 6:00 PM	6 Nature Center Fun MSP 9 - 5 PM First Saturday Walk Adkins Arboretum 10 AM Aviary Tour TSP 3 PM
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CAROLINE/DORCHESTER COUNTY FAIR

**FUN FOR
EVERYONE!**

AUGUST 7-10, 2024

CAROLINE COUNTY 4-H PARK

8230 DETOUR ROAD DENTON, MD 21629



FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT:

THURSDAY- JONES BOYS

FRIDAY- AMISH OUTLAWS

SATURDAY- THE REAGAN YEARS



***VENDORS *INFLATABLES *MECHANICAL BULL * ANIMAL SHOWS**

***CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM * VIDEO GAMING TRAILER *HORSE
TRICK RIDING * DEMOS. * MUCH MORE!**



EXHIBITS

FOOD

SHOWS

MUSIC

FUN

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Ordinance No. 755

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND ESTIMATE INCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

Be it Ordained and Enacted by the Denton Town Council, Denton, Maryland, that the following tax rates and fees, revenue and expenditure estimates are enacted for Fiscal Year 2025:

- Sec. 1 General Fund
- Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property
- Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Corporation
- Sec. 4 Rate of Taxation on Railroad and Utility Property

Sec. 1 General Fund

- A. That the following amounts shall be and hereby are appropriated for the expenditures designated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 for the General Fund:

Activity Title	Approved Budget and Appropriation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
General Government	133,805
General Administration	192,431
Town Council	32,024
Election	2,950
Municipal Building	64,300
Financial Administration	440,460
General Government - Total	865,970
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police Department	2,680,674
Misc. Police Grants	7,500
Volunteer Fire Co.	91,500
Planning & Codes	830,955
Public Safety - Total	3,610,629
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Community Development	25,000
Main Street	21,000
Tourism	102,659
Summerfest	3,500
Community Development - Total	152,159
PUBLIC WORKS	
Street Lighting	100,000
Street Sanitation	172,803
Waste Collection	343,060

Mosquito Spraying	11,000
Parks	250,129
Tennis Courts	1,550
Public Works Department - Total	878,541
HIGHWAY FUND CONTRIBUTION	50,000
GENERAL FUND DEBT	206,775
GENERAL FUND RESERVE	1,441,020
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION	7,205,093

- B. That the following revenues are, in the considered judgment of the Town Council, a fair appraisal and estimate of the revenues available to finance this budget and these appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Source	Estimated Revenues
Taxes	3,886,100
Licenses and Permits	76,500
Revenue from Other Agencies	172,323
Miscellaneous Income	146,958
General Fund Balance Forward	2,923,212
Total FY 2025 Revenues	7,205,093

Balanced

\$0

Sec. 2 Rate of Taxation on Real Property

That the rate of taxation on real property to be taxed within the boundaries of the Town of Denton, Maryland shall be and hereby is established as:

Sixty-nine cents (\$0.69)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the value for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and including June 30, 2025

Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Business Personal Property

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and including June 30, 2025, on any incorporated personal property to be taxed by the Town of Denton, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and Fifty cents (\$1.50)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Sec. 4 Rate of Taxation on Railroad and Utility Property

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and including June 30, 2025 on any railroad and utility property to be taxed by the Town of Denton, Maryland, shall be and hereby is established as:

One Dollar and Seventy cents (\$1.70)

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, unless otherwise provided for by Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Sec. 5 Service and Administration Fee Collected by Caroline County Tax Office

That the rate of service and administrative fees on semi-annual billings assessed and collected by the Caroline County Tax Office for 2024-2025 shall be the rate as adopted annually by the Commissioners of Caroline County.

ATTEST:

Karen L. Monteith
Karen L. Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer

THE TOWN OF DENTON

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Walter K. Johnson
Walter Keith Johnson, Councilperson

Frank Taylor
Frank Taylor, Councilperson

Date Introduced: 4/4/2024
Date Passed: 5/2/2024
Effective Date: 5/1/2024

Approved for Legal Sufficiency, this 9th day of May, 2024

Lyndsey Ryan
Lyndsey Ryan, Attorney



TOWN OF DENTON

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2023

PWSID # 0050001

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is three (3) potable wells drilled at an average depth of 450 feet in the Piney Point Aquifer.

We have a source water protection plan available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact **Mark Chandler of the Department of Public Works at 410-479-5446**. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings held on the first Thursday of each month at the Denton Town Office.

The Water Treatment Division of the Department of Public Works routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1 to December 31, 2023**. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Highest Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants						
Beta/photon emitters	N	4.7	pCi/1	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Gross Alpha excluding radon and Uranium	N	6.8	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	N	1.3	pCi/1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
Arsenic (2022)	N	3.21	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Copper (distribution)	N	0.1238 90 th Percentile	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (distribution)	N	<5 90 th Percentile	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (2018)	N	0.521	ppb	0	100	Nickel occurs naturally in soil, groundwater and surface water and is often used in electroplating stainless steel and alloy products
Chromium (2018)	N	6.93	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills. Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (2022)	N	1.36	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products						
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (distribution)	N	33	ppb	No goal for the total	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (distribution)	N	14	ppb	No goal for the total	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	N	3.0	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

Note: Test results are for 2023 unless otherwise noted; All contaminants do not require annual testing; these are the most recent available results.

We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or manmade. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained at the Caroline County Library or by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Denton Public Works is

responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

PFAS – short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater, and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.


The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) conducted a PFAS monitoring program for Community Water Systems from 2020 to 2023. The results are available on MDE's website: <https://mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Pages/PFAS-Landing-Page.aspx>.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed regulations for 6 PFAS compounds in drinking water in March 2023. The MCLs for PFOA and PFOS are proposed to be 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). The proposal for HFPO-DA (GenX), PFBS, PFNA and PFHxS is to use a Hazard Index of 1.0 (unitless) to determine if the combined levels of these PFAS pose a risk and require action.

The 5th Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) began testing for 29 PFAS compounds and lithium in 2023, and testing will run through 2025. The UCMR5 should test all community water systems with populations of at least 3300 people. Three randomly selected systems in Maryland with populations less than 3300 people will also be tested under the UCMR5. Detections greater than the minimum reporting levels for each constituent should be reported in the CCR.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

END OF REPORT



Landings and Ramps

Ramp and Landing Locations

County trailer permits must be visible at these locations:


Greensboro
Greensboro Boat Ramp
Christian Park and Landing


Hillsboro
Hillsboro Boat Ramp
Stony Point Landing

Denton
Crouse Park
Two Johns Landing


Harmony
Ganey's Wharf

Preston
Choptank Marina





Public Landing Guide



Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #754— 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 Cannabis Enterprises. Introduced 04/04/24, passed 03/07/24, effective 03/17/24.

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, passed 05/02/24, effective 05/09/24.

Resolution #897— A Resolution of the Town of Denton recognizing the importance

of outdoor recreation, connecting communities, promoting health and wellness, and preserving America's natural beauty, the Town of Denton hereby resolves to support and promote the American Discovery Trail (ADT) as a National Treasure. Adopted 04/04/24.

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.