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Lester Branson Sworn Into Office Jan. 2nd

Dr. Lester Branson was sworn in January 2, 2025 for another 5-year term on the Denton Town Council.

Dr. Branson received 205 votes during the November 2024 election.



Wreaths Across America Comes to Denton

Mayor McNinch led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke December 14th at the Wreaths Across America event held at the Denton Cemetery.

The event was organized by Eagle Scout candidate Billy Quick.

Serval people turned out to be a part of the ceremony and placed wreaths on the graves of veterans.



UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2025. To avoid having your water turned off, **payment must be received by January 25, 2025.** Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, online, by mail, at our drive-thru window, or by placing it in the night drop box located to the left of the front door.

Acceptable payment methods include cash, check, money order or cashier check. You can also pay by credit card at the office or online. The next utility bill will be mailed around April 1, 2025 and will be due in full by April 25, 2025.

Tax Sale Reminder

The 2024 - 2025 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, 2024, 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 Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

6p.m.

January 2
February 6

Town Council Working Session

6:30p.m.

January 27
February 24

Planning Commission

6p.m.

January 28
February 25

Historic Review

6p.m.

January 15
February 19

Utility Commission

4p.m.

January 15
February 19

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

January 1, 20
February 17

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.

Free Christmas Tree Pick Up



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

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

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

Town of Denton 2024-2025

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
January - March	04/01/2025	04/27/2025	04/28/2025	05/06/2025
April—June	06/28/2025	07/27/2025	07/28/2025	08/06/2025
July - September	10/01/2025	10/25/2025	10/28/2025	11/07/2025
October - December	12/31/2025	01/27/2026	01/28/2026	02/06/2026

**March-April
ISSUE
DEADLINE
Feb. 10, 2025**



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

January 2025

1—Happy New Year!

Please note, the Town Office will be closed today.

2—Town Council Meeting

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

Open to the public in person or online, we invite you to attend and get involved with the community.

4—First Saturday Guided Walk

10a.m.-11a.m. Adkins arboretum. Explore the Arboretum's diverse plant communities on a guided walk. Explore the bottomland forest and upland paths, meander through majestic beech trees, traverse native meadows, and more.

Meets at the visitor center. Contact AdkinsArboretum.org or call 410-634-2847 for details.

Jan 6-March 17—Sammati Belly Dance

Room 113 Gen. Fretterd Community Center Denton.

This class is a combination of the American Tribal and the Tribal Fusion belly dance classes. Call 410-479-8120 to pre-register and for more information.

20—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day March

9a.m. meet at Lockerman Middle School, pre-event,

then march to County courthouse steps for the reading of the "I have a dream" speech.

20—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Town Office closed.

21—Inclusive Bowling

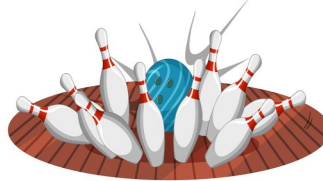
6-8p.m. General Fretterd Community Center 107 S. 4th St. Denton. A new program designed for individuals with developmental and physical

disabilities (ages 5 and up) and their families or caregivers. Focuses on recreational fun and social connection rather than formal bowling instruction. \$25 reg. includes participant plus 1 caregivers. Call 410-479-8120 to register and for more information.

27—Town Council Working Session

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

This meeting is open to the public, we invite you to attend in person or online. Visit www.dentonmaryland.com and click on the agenda page for the link to the meeting.



February 2025

February is Black History Month

Check with the library and Caroline Co. Council of Arts for special events.

6—Town Council Meeting

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

Open to the public, we invite you to attend and get involved with the community. Visit www.dentonmaryland.com and click on the agenda page for the link to the meeting.

7—Non-Traditional Sports Night. Gen. Fretterd Community Center, Denton. 6-7p.m.

Break out of your comfort zone with this non-traditional sports night (grades 3-5). Focus on fun not skill. This new initiative is designed to get everyone moving, laughing, and trying something new. No experience needed, just bring

your enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. \$10. Call 410-479-8120 for more details and to pre-register.

14—Happy Valentine's Day!

16—Daddy/Daughter Dance

4:30p.m.-5:30 p.m. (ages 3-12) \$40 per couple/ \$10 each additional daughter. Call 410-479-8120 to register and for

additional details.

17—President's Day

The Town Office is closed today.

24—Town Council Working Session

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

This meeting is open to the public, we invite you to attend.

Special Collection Reminder

Household Items: All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays must be called in by 12p.m. 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 12p.m. on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup. Call all requests in to the Town Office at **410-479-2050**. Leave a message after normal business hours.

- Adkins Arboretum

#410-634-2847

www.adkinsarboretum.org

-Caroline Co.

Arts Council

#410-479-1009

www.carolinearts.org

-Caroline Co.

Public Library

#410-479-1343

www.carolib.org

-Caroline Co.

Recreation & Parks

#410-479-8120

www.carolinerecreation.org

-Fiber Arts Center

of the Eastern

Shore (FACES)

#410-479-1009

www.fiberartscenter.com

Police Department...

2024 Toys for Tots Campaign



Denton PD Staff participated in the annual Toys for Tots event at Walmart in Denton.

They collected new toys to give out as part of the Toys for Tots national campaign.

Cram The Cruiser Continues



The Police Department is continuing to Cram the Cruiser to collect food items for local food pantries. We are always accepting donations at the department. We will also be conducting specific drives from now through the holidays. Those dates will be posted on our website and social media page.




Holiday Parade—December 5th



The Denton Holiday Parade and Lighting of the Green took place December 5, 2024 at 6p.m. It takes a team of staff including the Denton Police Dept. for this event to go off without a hitch.

Thank you to Denton PD for their support of the parade and all of the Denton events during the year.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration



January 20, 2025 Unity March & Day of Service

9:00am Program at Lockerman Middle School

10:00am Unity March to the Caroline County Courthouse on Market Street

After the march and "I Have A Dream" speech, bag lunches will be distributed.

Hosted by the Lockerman School Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

in partnership with His Hope Ministries

PLEASE BRING SUGGESTED OR OTHER NON-PERISHABLE DONATION ITEMS

<p>PAPER PRODUCTS: paper towels, napkins, paper plates</p> <p>PERSONAL ITEMS: soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo</p>	<p>CLEANING SUPPLIES: trash bags hand sanitizer Lysol detergent</p>
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CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Wanda Molock, 410.829.7338, wonderful12001@yahoo.com
Janet Fountain, 410.829.2844, janetfountain@aol.com

Thank you for your support:

Lockerman Schools Association, Inc. Walmart Town of Denton Caroline County Commissioners Union Bethel AME Church Caroline County NAACP Zion United Methodist Church, Federalsburg Metropolitan United Methodist Church United Woman of Faith - Zion UM Church	Denton Church of Free SDA New Beginnings UMC Abrams Memorial Church Allens AME Church Bell's AME Church Delmarva Power / Pepco Lockerman Middle School Caroline County Board of Education Buffalo Soldiers MD Eastern Shore Men of Change
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Public Works...

Bay Restoration Fund Exemption Procedure

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:

PROPOSED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION CRITERIA:

Factors to be considered for possible exemption are the following:

- 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, 2024– June 30, 2025

Household size Is Less than	Monthly Income
1	\$2,510.00
2	\$3,406.67
3	\$4,303.33
4	\$5,200.00
5	\$6,096.67
6	\$6,993.33
7	\$7,890.00
8	\$8,786.67

9 \$9,683.33
10 \$10,580.00
11 + Contact Local OHEP Office.

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.

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.

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N.U.T.S. Turkey Dinner Delivery



Town Staff, family, and friends gathered together Thanksgiving morning to hand out turkey dinners to those in need.

Denton PD coordinated the event and had lots of hands to help them out.

As part of Neighbors United To Serve (NUTS), they along with other's throughout the county delivered hot meals on Thanksgiving day.

Thank you for volunteering your time for a worthwhile cause.

SNOW PLOW POLICY INFORMATION

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

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

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

Visit http://www.dentonpublicworks.com/streets/snow_plowing_policy.asp for the list of street priority.

Planning & Codes...

National Building & Codes Appreciation Day—September 1st.



Pictured above the Denton Planning and Codes Enforcement Officers, Bill Clemens, David Renshaw, and Julius Horton.

Our Code Enforcement Officers celebrated National Building and Code Staff Appreciation Day (September, 1, 2024) by having lunch together at the Wharves of Chop-tank Visitor & Heritage Center.

These guys have thankless jobs, but without them, our town would have a very different look. We appreciate their service to our community.

Permits

The following is a list of permits for October—December 2024.

- 301 FRANKLIN ST - Apt Re-model
- 311 FRANKLIN ST-Roof
- 15 S 3RD ST-Enviro - Tree removal
- 201 CARTER AVE- Enviro - Tree removal
- 716 CAMP ROAD- Screen Porch
- 411 N 6TH ST-Solar
- 714 S 5TH AVE- Enviro - Tree removal
- 508 MARKET ST - Roof
- 216 S 2ND ST-Fence
- 1512 CATTAIL COM-Roof
- 409 E WESLEY CIR- Commercial Remodel
- 504 S 4TH ST-Roof
- 1119 OSPREY LN-Roof
- 108 N 6TH ST-Fence
- 214 MARKET ST - Occupancy / Admin Site Rev
- 107 EDENTON LN-Shed
- 402 N 6TH ST-Occupancy / Admin Site Rev
- 510 MARKET ST -Roof

DENTON AND BRIC DTA

Join us at the January Town Council working session to learn more about Denton's participation in FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Direct Technical Assistance initiative (BRIC DTA) and what it means for our community.

Monday, January 27th
6:00 PM

Location:
Denton Town Office
4 N. Second St

Contact:
Katie Northam
knortham@dentonmaryland.com

A reminder from Denton Planning and Codes Department

Please keep sidewalks in front of your business or home clear of debris, snow, and ice during these winter months.

Thank you.

Permit Reminder

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

Main Street & The Artsway...

Christkindlmarkt



On December 5, 2024, the Downtown Denton Main Street Organization held their annual Christkindlmarkt. It was a truly magical night, filled with holiday cheer despite the chilly temperatures.

The event featured many different types of vendors offering unique gifts and festive treats. Santa and the Grinch made special appearances,

spreading holiday joy to families. Horse-drawn carriage rides added an extra touch of charm, and thanks to a generous donation of snow machines, we even had a dusting of snow, creating a winter wonderland.

It was a wonderful evening where our community came together to celebrate the season in the best way possible.

Fiber Arts Classes Will Keep You Warm During the Winter Months



Looking for some indoor and heartwarming classes to take this winter at the Fiber Arts Center? They have a number of class you may be interested in:

Happy Snowmen Wall Hanging Class January 11, 2025
9:30a.m.-3p.m. This is a be-

ginner-intermediate class. Students will learn how to machine applique their snowmen using Heat & Bond Lite. To register for the class call Katheen at 443-448-4611 or go on line to www.fiberarts.org. Please register in advance to reserve your space.

**Creative Needlepoint—
Concepts & Designs**

January 23, 2025, 1-4p.m.
\$30 Members, \$40 Non

Winter Arts Council Classes

Teen Writers' Club

January 6, 2025 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Zoom
Dive into creativity with engaging discussions, writing prompts, and sharing sessions. Open to ages 13–18, all writing styles are welcome. Registration required:

marybeth.bishop@verizon.net. FREE

Write On!

January 7, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Zoom
An online adult writers' group meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. This session's topic is "Clean Clothes," or share your unique work! Pre-registration required FREE.

Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC)

January 8 & 22, 2025 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | The Foundry, Denton, MD
Middle school musicians, come explore your passion! Whether you're just starting or experienced, this bi-weekly club nurtures creativity and collaboration. \$60/month or \$30 per session.

Animal Pet Portrait Mosaics! January 11, 2025 | 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM | The Foundry

Craft a mosaic of your favorite pet or animal. Ages 7+. \$45 per seat (All materials included).

Ink Expressions: Monthly Drawing Meetups

January 14, 2025 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM | The Foundry
Explore drawing techniques with instructor Leil Garner. Each session offers varied lessons, from outdoor sketching to indoor still-life studies. \$25.

Write On!

January 21, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Zoom
Continue the creative journey with our adult writers' group. This session's topic is "Remote." Pre-registration required FREE.

Animal Pet Portrait Mosaics! January 25, 2025

| 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM | The Foundry. Missed the first session? Join us again to create a cherished mosaic of your favorite animal! \$45 per seat (All materials included).

The Caroline County Council of Arts is located at 401 Market St., Denton. Please pre-register for classes online at www.carolinearts.org or by calling 410-479-1009.



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Members.

Put your creative hat on and think needlepoint! Bring a photo, a sketch, a drawing, even from a coloring book and create an original needle point



pattern. Canvas, acrylic paint, brushes, needle, and some yarn provided. Additional class dates to be scheduled at everyone's approval. To pre-register call Kathleen at 443-448-4611.

Maddie's Legacy Heart Class with Kay Butler

Feb 1, 2025, 10a.m.-2p.m., \$40 members, \$50 non members, \$15 pattern fee. Learn to applique the easy and perfect way! This class will teach you how to ap-



plique using the back basting method. With this method you will eliminate the need for templates! This gives you an easy to sew, portable project. Sewing down the pieces will be done by needle turn hand applique. The results are

beautiful and of heirloom quality.

Our emphasis will be working with a cutwork design with smooth, round edges and points. You will learn all the steps from tracing your pattern to sewing the block. This method of applique is addictive and before you know it, you will have appliqued enough blocks for a wall hanging or even a full sized quilt!

For class supply list and to pre-register, visit www.fiberartscenter.com or call Kathleen at 443-448-4611.

Hand Applique Celtic Wall hanging Class

February 15 and March 15, 2025, 10a.m.-2p.m., \$40 members, \$50 non members, \$10 patter fee.



Come join the rest of the Fiber Arts Center leprechauns to learn the technique of back basting hand applique! You will be making a lovely Celtic wall hanging that's bound to bring the luck of the Irish to your household!

Call Kay Butler at 410-829-5136 if you have questions or email: mrs.kay.butler@gmail.com. Class supply list is at www.fiberartscenter.com.

Mindscales with the Maryland State Arts Council



The Foundry Art Gallery proudly hosted a transformative event, Mindscales: An Afternoon with the Maryland State Arts Council, on October 18th, bringing together art enthusiasts and community members for a deep dive into the intersection of art and mental health.

With an attendance of 55-65 guests, the event featured insightful discussions and artistic expressions that highlighted the importance of mental well-being. The gathering commenced with a casual social hour from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, where attendees mingled with representatives from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), including Deputy Director Chad Buterbaugh, Senior Program Director Jess Porter, Program Director Emily Sollenberger Dollins, and Grants Director Cathy Teixeira; along with representatives from Maryland Humanities, Program Officer Robert Forloney and Program Officer Emily Ross. Guests enjoyed complimentary refreshments from Tammy Rose while learning about MSAC's

mission, resources, and the profound impact of art on mental health.

An interactive Q&A session followed from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, allowing participants to engage directly with MSAC and Maryland Humanities members. This lively discussion explored the funding and support available for artists and organizations and the



critical role of the arts in mental health and healing.

As the sun began to set, attendees were invited to immerse themselves in the Mindscales: Art and Healing exhibition from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This powerful display showcased an eclectic collection of artwork created by Foundry members and guest artists,

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each reflecting their personal journeys with mental health. The evening culminated in an evocative poetry reading at 5:30 PM, featuring works by Susan Alstrom of For All Seasons, which added emotional resonance to the artistic expressions on display. George K. Karos, Executive Director, shared his

thoughts on the event, “An event of this nature allows the community to gain a valuable understanding of the important roles of the MSAC and Maryland Humanities, and what they provide in terms of funding, grants, and how they serve as a catalyst for a better understanding of how the

arts and art therapy integrate into the fabric of our everyday lives.” Megan Krizovensky, Program Manager at The Foundry, also remarked: “We are incredibly grateful for the collaborative effort that brought together our community, artists, and mental health advocates. This event not only elevates

our artists but also fosters a deeper understanding of the pivotal link between mental health and the arts.” The Foundry would like to extend a special thank you to the participating mental health agencies, including For All Seasons Behavioral Health, Caroline Better Together, and the Community Resource Center, for providing valuable resources that made the event even more meaningful and impactful for our community. Megan, along with George, played a key role in organizing the event, with support from Kyleen Asche, our Gallery Attendant, who coordinated outreach to member artists and assembled a stunning display of artwork, and Chrystal Blades, our Outreach Coordinator, who encouraged mental health agencies to participate and share their resources. The Foundry Art Gallery extends its gratitude to everyone involved in making this event a success, emphasizing our commitment to elevating artists, providing opportunities, and helping the community understand the pivotal link between mental health and the arts. *For more information about future events and programs, please visit www.carolinearts.org.*

TUCKAHOE STATE PARK COMPLEX

First Day Hikes 1/1/25

START 2025 OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT!

TUCKAHOE

Tee off the Year: First Day Disc Golf ~2 miles 9:00AM
Meet at the Disc Golf Parking Lot (13450 Cherry Ln)

Learn about disc golf and then play a round with volunteers, loaner discs available!

Junior Ranger Hike ~1 mile 10:00AM
Meet at the Lake Pavilion (13187 Crouse Mill Rd)

Calling all Junior Rangers, this hike is for you! Bring your parents out for a guided exploration of the Lake Trail! What will you find? What will you see? The natural surface trail has some up and down hill traversing as it follows the Tuckahoe Creek so it is not recommended for strollers.

Animal Fitness Trail ~ 2 miles

Self-Guided All Week (13187 Crouse Mill Rd)

Can you keep up with Maryland's native wildlife? Try out the animal themed activities on the Fitness Trail!

MARTINAK

Animal Fitness Trail ~1 mile

Self-Guided - Available All Week (137 Deep Shore Rd)

Can you keep up with Maryland's native wildlife? Try out the animal themed activities on the Activity Trail - stroller friendly!

SASSAFRAS NRMA

The Wandering Artist Trail around the pond ~.5 miles

Self-Guided (13540 Turners Creek Rd)

Grab your sketch book and colored pencils and be inspired by art prompts along the trail while appreciating nature and art around the Sassafras Pond.

CYPRESS BRANCH

The Tale Trail : Squirrel's New Year's Resolution ~.3 miles

Self-Guided - Available All Week (10803 Galena Rd)

Stroll along the pond while reading Squirrel's New Year's Resolution by Pat Miller. Learn what New Year's resolutions are and don't forget to grab your own resolution worksheet from the bulletin board.

WYE ISLAND

Poems on the Holly Tree Trail ~3 miles

Self-Guided (1010 Wye Island Rd)

Walk the Holly Tree Trail while reading a collection of nature and new year inspired poems along the way.



Tuckahoe



Martinak



Sassafras NRMA



Cypress Branch



Wye Island



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

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

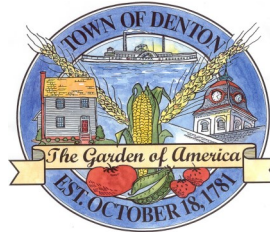
- Copy of tax bill.
- Proof the applicant is the owner and resides at the property – copy of energy bill.
- Copy of other documentation about receiving one of the above benefits.

EXEMPTION TIME-PERIOD:

Maximum of one year based on fiscal year July 1st through June 30th. Applicants must request exemption renewal.

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

*Town of Denton
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.

Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Walking and Hiking Schedule

Winter Hiking Schedule

Now's the time to get outside to chase away the winter blues and lose those extra holiday pounds. Winter hiking begins on January 1st with several hikes and activities planned for that day at various locations. Please see the schedule below. Then, Wednesday hiking begins in February and continues till May. Come join the camaraderie on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. All hikes are three to five miles on a variety of terrains and locations. Dress for the weather and bring water and a snack to stay hydrated and fueled.

Martinak Morning Walk

Year round morning walks meet at the Martinak State Park Office at 10:30 AM. The walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays are guided and on a paved trail. Walks are approximately 1 mile in length or about 2,000 steps with plenty of benches available for resting and enjoying nature. After a mile or 1.5 miles, walkers may choose to walk longer through the camp loops and trails or return to the start. Meet at the gravel parking area on the left past the park office.

If school in Caroline County is delayed or canceled the walks or hikes will be canceled. To receive more information about any of these hikes or walks or to be added to the Healthy Parks, Healthy People email list, call 410-820-1668.

First Day Hikes, Walks and Activities

Tuckahoe State Park Disc Golf 9:00 AM Cherry Lane Disc Golf Course
Borrow discs and volunteers will be on hand to help you learn to play.

Tuckahoe State Park Jr. Ranger Hike 10:00 AM Meet at the Lake Parking Area
Join a 1 mile guided walk along the creek. Bring your parents!

Tuckahoe State Park Fitness Trail All Day Lake Parking Area
Can you exercise like an animal? Try the activities posted along the trail. Fun for the whole family!

Martinak State Park Fitness Trail All Day Parking on left past the park office
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SassafRAS NRMA Wandering Artist Trail All Day 13540 Turners Creek Parking Area
Bring sketch paper and colored pencils to respond to the prompts along the half mile trail.

Cypress Branch State Park Tale Trail All Day 10803 Galena Road
Stroll along the pond and learn about a squirrel's New Year's resolution.

Wye Island NRMA Holly Tree Trail All Day Wye Island Rd. Holly Trail Parking
Walk the trail and read nature inspired poems.

Wednesday Hike Schedule

February 5	Martinak State Park	Boundary Walk	Meet at the Boat Ramp Parking Area
February 12	Adkins Arboretum	Loop it Walk	Meet at Visitor Center Parking Area
February 19	Trappe Pond State Park	Bob Trail	Meet at Nature Center Parking Area
February 26	Terrapin Nature Park	Cross Island Trail	Meet at Exit 37 Parking Area
March 5	Idylwild WMA	Marshy Hope Creek	Meet at Houston Branch Parking Area
March 12	Tuckahoe State Park	Anna's Trail	Meet at Park Office
March 26	Blackwater NWR	Wildlife Walk	Meet at Visitor Center Parking Area
April 2	Tuckahoe State Park	Sandtown Trail	Meet at Cemetery Road Parking Area
April 9	SassafRAS NRMA	Meadows and Forest	Meet at Turners Creek Parking Area
April 16	Wye Island NRMA	Dividing Creek Trail	Meet at Lodge Lane Parking Area
April 23	Tuckahoe State Park	Pee Wee's Trail	Meet at Crouse Mill Rd Parking Area
April 30	Lynch Preserve	Robins Creek Trail	Meet at the end of Tall Tree LN, Preston



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Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution 899– A Resolution adopting rules and regulations concerning the issuance of Parking Permits for a limited number of parking spaces on First and Second Streets between Market and Gay Streets, and on Market Street between Second and First Streets. Adopted 11/07/24.

Ordinance 756– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending Chapter 120 of the Town of Denton Code to authorize the Town to issue Parking Permits for parking in metered parking spaces pursuant to specific rules and regulations. Introduced 10/21/24, passed 11/07/24, effective 11/14/24.

Ordinance 757– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Town of Den-

ton Code to add provisions to Chapter 92 regulating Mobile Food Service Vendors within the Town of Denton in order to promote public health, safety and welfare. Introduced 11/07/24, passed 12/09/24, effective 12/16/24.

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.

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Attention Settlement Attorneys

Reminder to all settlement attorneys 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 residents 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.