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SAVE THE DATE

Caroline Summerfest
AUG 15 & 16
Booth applications available the first week of April.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day January 9th



At the January 2, 2025 Town Council meeting, Chief George Bacorn accepts a proclamation from Councilperson Keith Johnson, recognizing January 9th as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Police officers and staff were recognized for their sacrifices and commitment to their community.

2024 Outstanding Service Award Winner



Congratulations to Emily Spencer of the Town of Denton Finance Department.

Nominated by her peers, she received the 2024 Outstanding Service Award during the January 2, 2025 Town Council Meeting.

Her energy, attention to detail, team spirit, and customer service are part of why she is recognized with this award in 2024.

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around April 1, 2025. To avoid having your water turned off, **payment must be received by April 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 July 1, 2025 and will be due in full by July 25, 2025.

Town Meeting Calendar

Town Council Meetings

6p.m.

March 6

April 3

Town Council Working Session

6p.m.

March 17

April 14 (1p.m.) Budget

April 21 (6p.m.) Budget

Planning Commission

6p.m.

March 25

April 29

Historic Review

6p.m.

March 19

April 16

Utility Commission

4p.m.

March 19

April 23

Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

April 18—Good Friday

Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address:

www.dentonmaryland.com

Or

find us on Facebook.

17th Annual



ST. PADDY'S 5K
CAROLINE COUNTY RECREATION and PARKS

St. Patrick's Day 5K Run & 1-Mile Fun Run
Saturday, March 15, 2025
General James F. Fretterd Community Center
107 South 4th Street, Denton, MD

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

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





Save time and register online



EVENT FEATURES
Early registration discounts through Friday, February 21
Chip Course Timing and finish line coordination by Tim Bamforth and Seashore Striders
Tech Performance T's guaranteed for all early registrants.
Awards for Overall and Masters Champions and top three finishers in 15 age groups for 5K

RACE REGISTRATION
Online via runsignup.com through Friday, March 14 at 3 pm.
Via Mail Same dates and times apply for mail-in or direct delivery of race registration to Fretterd Center/CCRP Office Headquarters 107 S. 4th St., Denton, MD 21629
Registration capped at 250 People.

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


Event Production Partners:






Town of Denton 2025-2026				
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

Next Issue Deadline
April 10th



High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works
410-479-2050

Calendar of Events

March 2025

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month

6—Town Council Meeting
6p.m. 4 N. 2nd St. 2nd floor.
This meeting is open to the public.

8—Soup and Wine Extravaganza at the Chesapeake Culinary School. 6-9p.m. 512 Franklin St. \$40 per person, 15 soups for your delight. Wine to pair. Live music, and more.

9—Daylight Savings
Set your clock ahead 1 hour at 2a.m.

15—St. Paddy's 5K

Start your salute to the Irish and your spring fitness conditioning on this certified fast and scenic course through Denton and Martinak State Park. Register before March 14th through our finish line pro-



duction partner Seashore Striders at www.seashorestriders.com. On-site registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Fretterd Commu-

nity Center. Pre-registration is \$20 for Fun Run and \$35 for 5K. Add \$5 for late registrations after February 22nd. T-shirts guaranteed for all early registrants.

The Lil' Leprechaun Dash is a thrilling 100-meter dash exclusively for youngsters 5 and under down 4th street to the finish line and cheering crowds! Special prizes for all finishers. Dash will be at 8:40am before the St. Paddy Day race and cost is \$7 in advance and \$10 after February 22nd. Hosted by Caroline County Recreation & Parks, please call 410-479-8120 to register, or visit their

website.

17—Happy St. Patrick's Day!



17—Town Council Working Session 6p.m. 4 N. 2nd St. This meeting is open to the public.

April 2025

3—Town Council Meeting
6p.m. 4 N. 2nd St. 2nd floor.
This meeting is open to the public.

4—American Discovery Trail Grand Opening in Denton
3-5p.m. Wharves of Choptank Visitor and Heritage Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane, Denton. Join us for the unveiling of the American Discovery Trail that leads through Denton. This trail runs from Delaware to California and has been a team effort to get through our location. Join us at the ribbon cutting and learn more about this national trail.

7—Town Council Working Session—Budget 1p.m. 4 N. 2nd St. This meeting is open to the public.

12—Jelly Bean Jamboree
11a.m. at Chesapeake Culinary Center, 512 Franklin St. Denton. Easter egg decorating contest, spoon race, bake sale, community resources, music and egg hunting. Open to the public. Hosted by the Chesapeake Culinary School.

15—Tax Day

18—Town Office Closed Today

20—Happy Easter!

21—Town Council Working Session—Budget
6p.m. 4 N. 2nd St. This meeting is open to the public.

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...

Ben Mitzel and Jeff Jackson Sworn in Jan 2nd



At the January 2, 2025 Town Council Meeting, PFC. Benjamin Mitzel (*above*) and Lt. Jeff Jackson (*to the right*) were sworn in to the Denton Police Department.

Denton PD Takes a Plunge for Special Olympics



Members of the Denton Police Dept. participated in the January 2025 Annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis.

This event raises funds for year-round sports and leadership programs for the athletes of the Maryland

Special Olympics.

Police Staff pictured above participating this year were B. Korisher, J. Barnet, J. Secrist, C. McMullen, and J. Stivers.

This year's plunge fundraiser is open until March 1, 2025. Visit www.plungemd.com.

Bike Safety



Bicycle safety is very important. Make sure your child always wears a helmet and that it fits properly.

Check the bike to make sure the brakes, reflectors and tires are working properly. Adjust the seat to your child's height.

Teach your child to check for traffic before entering a street or intersection by looking left and right.

Explain the rules of the road to your child. Bicycles are considered vehicles and must obey the same rules as motorists.

Teach proper hand signals for left and right turn. Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding.



Public Works...

Spring Loose Leaf Collection

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

Monday March 31,

Friday April 4,

Monday April 7,

Friday April 11,

Monday April 14,

Monday April 21, and

Friday April 25, 2025.

Leaves must be bagged for pick up through the remaining months of the year.

Leaf vacuuming will occur on Friday and/or

Monday, pending workload. It will be necessary to call in your loose-leaf vacuum pickup request by 12:00 PM on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday. We ask that you only have one pile of leaves, and have it located at the edge of your property, without obstructing sidewalks or roadways, where it can easily be accessed by Public Works.

Bagged leaf collection will still take place on Wednesdays and must be called in to the town office by 12:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at (410) 479-2050 to request

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

Please follow these guidelines for leaf removal:

-Rake leaves to the curbside or alley.

-DO NOT rake leaves into the street.

-DO NOT rake leaves onto the sidewalk.

-Make sure all sticks and limbs are removed from the pile of leaves.

-Make sure there are no other objects or debris mixed in with the leaves (like

bottles, cans, flowerpots, gloves, ashes, pet waste, or other trash).

-Piles of leaves with sticks, limbs,

or other debris **will not** be picked up.

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

-All pickups will be done by request/appointment only.

-Loose leaf pickups will occur from March 31 through April 25, on Mondays and Fridays only. Leaves must be bagged any other time.



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/snowplowing_policy.asp for the list of street priority.

*15 soups for your delight
Wine to pair (beer available)
Live Music*

Tickets Available Now!
\$40.00

Soup and Wine
Extravaganza

March 08, 2025
6-9pm
Chesapeake Culinary Center
512 Franklin St Denton MD

Planning & Codes...

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.

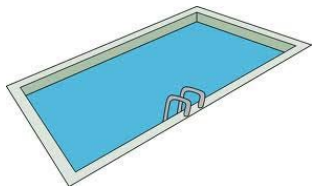
A one day pass is \$10. Annual pass fees are \$25.

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.

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.

Permit Reminder

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

Permits

The following is a list of permits from January 2025—February 2025.

- 1/14/2025
1160 CANVASBACK LN
Roof
- 1/21/2025
401 ALDERSGATE DR
HVAC
- 1/22/2025
714 S 5TH AVE
Fence
- 1/28/2025
104 BRIARWOOD CIR
Acc struct -under 200 sf
- 1/31/2025

- 225 S 4TH ST
Acc struct- over 200 sf
- 2/3/2025
410 S 2ND ST
Doors
- 2/4/2025
112 EDENTON LANE
Residential building
- 2/13/2025
601 LEGION ROAD
Signs
- 2/18/2025
315 S 2ND ST
Addition
- 2/18/2025
118 EDENTON LANE
Rehab.

TAKE A HIKE & CELEBRATE DENTON!
 THE FIRST U.S. TOWN TO BECOME AN AMERICAN DISCOVERY TRAIL TOWN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
 NATIONAL WALK DAY
3-5 PM
 JOIN US AS WE UNVEIL THE NEW AMERICAN DISCOVERY TRAIL SIGN AT THE WHARVES OF CHOPTANK VISITOR & HERITAGE CENTER
 3 CROUSE PARK LANE, DENTON, MARYLAND
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

HIKING AMERICA

LEHIGH DENNON, MD

Main Street & The Artsway...

Apply Now for CCCA Mini Grant

Did you know the Caroline County Council of Arts offers mini grants for events related to art!

Apply now as deadlines are rolling.

Applications must be received a minimum of 60 days before the

event/project is planned to begin.

We want to support your art projects and events. Reach out to CCCA for more information at info@carolinearts.org or visit their website at www.carolinearts.org.

Did You Know This Happened in Denton?!

March 9, 2001: The Dollar General on Third Street is lost to fire, reshaping the heart of downtown Denton.

March 13, 2019: Former governor Harry Hughes passes away. The Denton resident served one term in the Maryland House of Delegates, three in the Maryland Senate, and two as Maryland governor.

March 22, 1976: A portion of the Denton bridge leading to downtown collapses, leading to lengthy detours and ultimately the present span over the Choptank River.

April 6, 1909: The first-ever car show in Denton is held on First Street.

April 13, 1786: Thomas Culbreth is born. He will serve two terms in Congress before returning to Denton as a Judge of the Orphans' Court.

April 26, 1954: Future WWE Hall of Famer the Fabulous Moolah wrestles as part of an event held at the Denton Armory.

Submitted by Chad Dean.

Stop, Shop, Explore

Downtown Denton



Upcoming Fiber Arts Classes & Exhibits



New Exhibit—Mimi Dietrich Baltimore Hometown Girl.

Mimi Dietrich is a Baltimore Hometown Girl, a well

-known teacher and author in the quilt world, and a member of The Quilters Hall of Fame.

Mimi has been quilting for 50 years. Mimi saw her first Baltimore Album Quilt forty years ago at an exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art and it changed her life! These gorgeous quilts were made in her hometown in the 1850's and she be-

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ON SHOW: MARCH 2-APRIL 6
RECEPTION: MARCH 2, 2-4 PM

Adkins Arboretum's Yarnstorming exhibit invites fiber artists, or teams of artists, to wrap dormant trees in colorful fiber creations.

Presented in partnership with the
FIBER ARTS CENTER OF THE EASTERN SHORE





For more information, visit adkinsarboretum.org

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came obsessed with them! She taught year-long Baltimore Album classes from 1990 until 2024, wrote three books about them, and exhibited her quilts at the Maryland Center for History and Culture in 2019.

The quilts in our FACES exhibit are hand appliqued and many of them have wonderful stories stitched with a contemporary thread that connects them to the original historic quilts.

This exhibit will be on display at the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore from March 19 through May 17th and is free of charge. There will be a reception at the Center on Saturday, April 12th, from 1:00-3:00pm. All are welcome.

Visit her website at www.mimidietch.com. The Fiber Arts Center is open Wednesdays - Saturdays from 12:00-4:00pm and is located at 7 N 4th St. Denton Maryland, 21629.



Beginning Traditional Rug Hooking with Elissa Crouch
Dates: Thursdays, March 6, 13 and 20, 2025 Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm Cost: \$150/Members, \$160/Non

Members Kit Fee: \$55 paid directly to instructor at time of first class

This 3 day class format in Beginning Traditional Rug Hooking will allow students to accomplish making a small piece by learning the technique, choosing colors, dry-dyeing, painting with wool and finishing.

All students will benefit greatly from watching a video on YouTube featuring the Traditional Rug Hooking Method prior to classes.

Please call Kathleen in the office to sign up for this series at 443-448-4611 or info@fiberartscenter.com.



Knitting, Needlepoint & Crochet

Take your knitting, needlepoint and crochet onward from beginner student to the next level. Bring your projects that are in the works or new starts and learn from our fabulous instructors, Alice Engle and Victoria McConnell, how to get through and correct mistakes, confusing techniques, trying new stitches, cast-ons and bind-offs, even starting a brand new project.

With four consecutive Wednesdays and three hours each day, you will make tremendous progress with your technique and confidence. March and April 2025 Dates: All on Wednesdays – March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, 2025 Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm Cost: \$5.00/Members, \$10/Non Members.

Call Kathleen McCulloch to sign up at 443-448-4611 or email at info@fiberartscenter.com.



The Fiber Arts Center Present Louisa Rose Garden Appliqué Class

In this class, Kay Butler will be teaching how to reproduce this beautifully hand quilted applique floral quilt with an emphasis on back basting applique. The quilt belongs to owner, Whitney Conard, and dates circa 1860. It has exquisite hand quilted sunflower designs in the alternate quilt blocks and quilted tulip designs in the triangular portions of the quilt. The borders are also beautifully hand quilted and all of these designs

have been included in the pattern.

The original quilt measures 84 ½ inches by 69 ¼ inches. The quilt contains 24 appliqued rose blocks which measure at 9 inches square finished and are set on point. Come join us to learn how to reproduce this lovely floral beauty!

Cost of class- \$40/ Members, \$50/ Non Members, Cost of pattern -\$40
Dates: April 18 and May 16, 2025 Time: 10a.m.-2p.m.

Contact: Kay Butler for questions, supply, fabric requirements and to sign up 410-829-5136; email: mrs.kay.butler@gmail.com



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The Stars and Bars Tote Bag Class

Show your patriotic style with this fun tote! It is ideal for running errands during a busy day.

The tote has a zipper keeping the tote closed so nothing can fall out! Plus there are two pockets to hold necessities.

The finished size is approximately 17 inches

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wide x 13 3/4 inches high x 3 1/2 inches deep. The double sided fusible foam stabilizer makes the tote sturdy!

An advanced beginning knowledge of sewing is required for this project. Dates: April 24 and May 29 Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm Instructor: Priscilla Hodge. Cost: Member/\$60.00, Non Member/\$70.00 Supply list and special BEFORE THE CLASS instructions are on the website www.fiberartscenter.com.

Please call Kathleen at 443-448-4611 to sign up for this super fun class or email at info@fiberartscenter.com.

All classes are held at the Fiber Arts Center, located at 7 N 4th St., Denton, MD 21629.

The Fiber Arts Center is sponsoring a new Maryland chapter of the Quilts of Val-



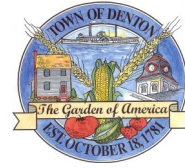
or which honors our veterans.

Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. The 2025 dates are Mar. 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and Dec. 9, 2025 from 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. here at the Fiber Arts Center.

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore is the region's premier resource for fiber artists and fiber art enthusiasts.

Whether to visit, shop, learn, connect or find inspiration, we encourage you to check in often, and contribute if you can.

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.

36th annual August 15 & 16
BACK TO the 80's
Friday and Saturday 5-9 PM
2025 Caroline Summerfest
FREE Family Festival IN HISTORIC DENTON, MD
Live Music • Rec-Creations • Tri Car Show • Sat Fireworks
Food & Craft Vendors • Bounce Rides • Strolling Entertainers
Funded in part by the Maryland State Arts Council & the Caroline County Council of Arts. Production support by the Town of Denton and Caroline County Recreation & Parks. Benefiting the non-profit organizations of Caroline County. 410-479-8120 | CarolineSummerfest.com
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Denton
MARYLAND

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YOUR DONATION WILL SPONSOR A LIGHT POLE ADORNED WITH A VIBRANT HANGING FLOWER BASKET, BRINGING CHARM AND COLOR TO MAIN STREET. EACH SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES A PERSONALIZED PLAQUE FEATURING YOUR BUSINESS, FAMILY NAME, OR A DEDICATION IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DIRECTOR JESSICA WILLOUGHBY AT DIRECTOR@DOWNTOWNDENTON.COM OR 410-924-2328.

Info Form

Name / Business Name:

In Honor / Memory of:

Phone Number

Email

Address

Sponsorship Levels

Gold: \$75

Silver: \$50

Bronze: \$25

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO DOWNTOWN DENTON MAIN STREET
PAYABLE ONLINE SCAN HERE**



TOWN OF DENTON

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

<i>Household Size</i>	<u>Monthly Income</u> <i>Is Less than</i>
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

<i>Household Size</i>	<u>Monthly Income</u> <i>Is Less Than</i>
11+	Contact Local OHEP Office

Income limits established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Program www.dhs.maryland.gov/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.
- 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.



Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Walking and Hiking Schedule

Chase away those winter blues and cabin fever! Come take a walk or hike, socialize with others and enjoy the outdoors.

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.

Wednesday Hike Schedule

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.

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

Inclement Weather Policy

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 karen.gianninoto@maryland.gov.



Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution 900– A Resolution of the Town of Denton adopting the 2024 Caroline County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Town 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Adopted 02/06/25.

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.

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 Courthouse. 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.

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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 attorneys and agencies to 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.