

A bi-monthly newsletter published by the Denton Town Council

# Denton Town News

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## MML Employee of the Year—Karen Monteith



On June 24, 2025, Karen Monteith, Denton’s Clerk Treasurer/Director of Finance, was awarded Employee of the Year at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) annual convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

She was nominated by Town Administrator, Scott Getchell, for her hard work and dedication to her job and all she does for the Denton residents. Thank you Karen for all you do.

## Wharves of Choptank Visitor Center Renamed in Honor of J.O.K. Walsh



dent of Caroline County and full of the rich history of the region.

He was instrumental in the creation of the visitor center in Denton and his vision of sharing the history of Caroline County with everyone.

It was an honor to celebrate J.O.K. in this way and we hope everyone stops into the visitor center to learn more about the region.

**UTILITY BILL ALERT!**

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

On June 6, 2025, the Wharves of Choptank Visitor and Heritage Center was renamed to honor J.O.K. Walsh. The new name is Wharves of Choptank J.O.K. Walsh Visitor and Heritage Center.

An intimate group of friends and colleagues gathered to unveil the new sign and share fond memories of J.O.K. throughout the years.

J.O.K. was a life-long resi-



## Town Meeting Calendar

### Town Council Meetings

6p.m.  
July 3  
August 7

### Town Council Working Session

6p.m.  
July 21

### Planning Commission

6p.m.  
July 29  
August 26

### Historic Review

6p.m.  
July 16  
August 20

### Utility Commission

4p.m.  
July 16  
August 20

### Town Holidays

The Town Office will be closed on the following days:

July 4—Independence Day  
August 18— Post Summer-fest Day.

### Trash Pickup

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

Web Page Address:

[www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com)

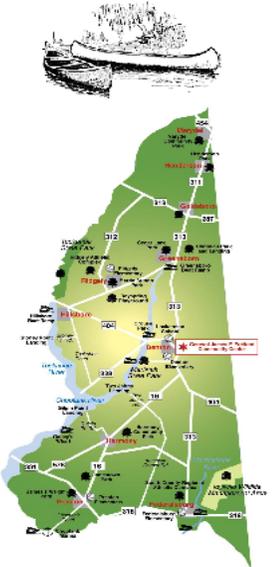
Or

find us on Facebook.

## 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.



**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



### 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

## August 10th



### High Water Bills?

Check your faucets and toilets for leaks!

Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050

# Calendar of Events

## July 2025

### 3—3D Printer Certification

6:30-7:30p.m. Central Library, Denton.

Visit [www.carolib.org](http://www.carolib.org) for details.



### 3—Town Council Meeting

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

This meeting is open to the public in person and online. Check the website for the online link and current agenda. [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com).

### 4—Independence Day

Town Office Closed

### 10—Rainbow Science

5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Central Library, Denton.

[www.carolib.org](http://www.carolib.org).



### 11—Friday Night Cruise-In Car Show

6-8p.m., 200 block of Market St. Bring the family

and enjoy an evening of music, cars, meeting up with old friends, and more. Call 410-479-1414 to register your vehicle. Hosted by Denton PD.

### 11—After Hours: Art Heist Escape (teens)

6-8p.m. Central Library, Denton.

### 16—Anime Club at the Library

4-6p.m. Central Library, Denton.

### 17—Learn to Needle Felt at the Library

5:30-8p.m. Central Library, Denton.



### 17—Third Thursday Cornhole Tournament

6p.m. 200 block of Market St. Denton. Join in on the monthly cornhole tournament.

### 24—Paws for Reading

(ages 5-12) 4:30-6:30p.m.

Central Library, Denton.

### 24—Teen Tabletop Club

4-7p.m. Central Library, Denton.

## August 2025



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This meeting is open to the public in person and online. Check the website for the online link and current agenda. [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com).

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### 15-16—Caroline Summerfest

5-9p.m. (both days).

Downtown Denton by the Courthouse Green.

Bring the family to the 36th annual event. This year's theme is **Back to the 80's!**

Free entertainment, live music, vendors, bounce rides, fire truck rides, (\$) , food booths (\$) , free Re-creation

activities for the kids, Car Show (Friday), Fireworks 9.m. (Sat.).

### 18—Town Office Closed



### 21—Third Thursday Cornhole Tournament

6p.m.

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- Adkins Arboretum  
410-634-2847  
[www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org)

-Caroline Co.  
Arts Council  
410-479-1009  
[www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org)

-Caroline Co.  
Public Library  
410-479-1343  
[www.carolib.org](http://www.carolib.org)

-Caroline Co.  
Recreation & Parks  
410-479- 8120  
[www.carolinerecreation.org](http://www.carolinerecreation.org)

-Fiber Arts Center  
of the Eastern  
Shore (FACES)  
443-448-4611  
[www.fiberartscenter.com](http://www.fiberartscenter.com)



### 8—Friday Night Cruise-In Car Show

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# Police Department...

## Annual Candlelight Vigil



On May 14, 2025, Denton PD joined local law enforcement officers, family, and the public for their annual Police Candlelight Vigil.

Held at Calvary Baptist Church in Denton, this event honored fallen law enforcement officers. The service was followed by a reception at the church.

*Pictured above:* Chief George Bacorn from the Denton Police Dept.

## Chief Bacorn Recognition



Chief George Bacorn was recently recognized by Mid Shore Behavioral Health Group for outstanding efforts in Crisis Intervention in the County.



Pictured above: Chief Bacorn, J. Stivers, M. Snyder, and D. Timmons at the event on May 14th.

## Denton Elementary Career Day



May 16th, Denton Elementary School held their annual Career Day. J. Stivers and J. Barnet of the Denton Police Dept. attended the event.

The kids learned about the things that law enforcement officers do.

## Denton PD Receive Gift from NCHS Teachers Academy Students



B. Mitzel from Denton PD received a gift of goodies from NCHS Teachers Academy students.

**HOT CARS CAN KILL**  
 Never leave your children or pets unattended in a hot car.  
 The results can be deadly.

# 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/>

## Friday Night Cruise-In



Join us for the 2025 Event  
In Historic Downtown Denton

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
6p.m.-8p.m.

200 Block of Market Street, Historic Denton, Maryland

May 9 – June 13 – July 11  
August 8 – Sept. 12 – Oct. 10

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 founder, Dean Danielson.*



Have a car you would like to display?  
Contact Denton PD at (410)-479-1414

Sponsored by Denton Police Dept.

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

## Special Collection Reminder

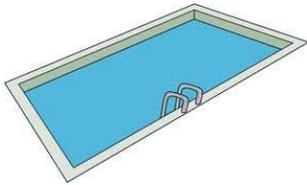
**Household Items:** All special collection items to be picked up on Wednesdays must be called in by 12p.m. on Tuesday. Effective January 1, 2003, there is a \$5.00 collection fee for each item to be collected. This fee must be paid prior to pick up date. Reminder that all mattresses and box springs 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.

# 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 permits cover May-June, 2025.

- 5/1/2025**  
1214 CATTAIL COMMONS  
Mechanical
- 5/1/2025**  
111 RIVERTON AVE, Re-roof
- 5/2/2025**  
111 RIVERTON AVE, Remodel
- 5/2/2025**  
114 EDENTON LANE, Env-Tree removal
- 5/2/2025**  
118 EDENTON LANE, Fence
- 5/5/2025**  
601 LEGION ROAD, Env-Tree removal
- 5/8/2025**  
213 S 5TH AVE, Mechanical
- 5/8/2025**  
213 S 5TH AVE, Historic district
- 5/9/2025**  
201 S 8TH ST, Shed
- 5/9/2025**  
201 S 8TH ST, Fence
- 5/14/2025**  
1231 FAIRFIELD CT, Addition
- 5/15/2025**  
1011 GAY ST, Tear-off and re-roof
- 5/18/2025**  
505 S 2ND ST, Driveway
- 5/19/2025**  
609 MARKET ST, Pools
- 5/19/2025**  
305 FOUNTAIN AVE, Siding
- 5/20/2025**  
305 FOUNTAIN AVE, Siding
- 5/23/2025**  
920 MARKET ST, Demolition
- 5/27/2025**  
601 LEGION ROAD, Driveway
- 5/27/2025**  
712 MARKET ST, Garage
- 5/28/2025**  
510 LINCOLN ST, Shed
- 6/1/2025**  
215 MARYLAND AVE, Shed
- 6/2/2025**  
608 MARKET ST, Above Ground Pool
- 6/2/2025**  
218 SIESTA DR, Garage
- 6/3/2025**  
314 KERR AVE, Tear-off and re-roof
- 6/3/2025**  
327 SYDNEY LANE, Deck
- 6/3/2025**  
300 CARTER AVE, Deck
- 6/6/2025**  
315 MORNING GLORY DR, Above Ground Pool
- 6/12/2025**  
429 N 6TH ST, Above Ground Pool
- 6/12/2025**  
319 KERR AVE, Deck
- 6/13/2025**  
9 N 4TH ST, Env- Tree removal
- 6/13/2025**  
218 SIESTA DR, Garage
- 6/13/2025**  
9725 FOY ROAD, Repl windows
- 6/18/2025**  
1101 TRICE MEADOWS CIR, Fence
- 6/18/2025**  
127 BUTLER DR, Env- Tree removal
- 6/20/2025**  
509 RANDOLPH ST, Historic district
- 6/23/2025**  
9391 DOUBLE HILLS ROAD, Driveway
- 6/23/2025**  
207 S 2ND ST, Re-roof
- 6/25/2025**  
312 ACADEMY AVE, Fence

**Caroline Dorchester County Fair**  
August 6-9, 2025

**Entertainment Lineup!**  
Thursday, August 7th @ 7:00 P.M.

**The Jones Boys**  
Country

Friday, August 8th @ 7:00 P.M.

**The Reagan Years**  
80's Tribute Band

Saturday, August 9th @ 7 P.M.

**Jimmy Charles**  
with Reagan Kent  
Country

View our Full Schedule of events at our website!  
<https://carolinedorchestercountyfair.com>

Caroline County 4-H Park  
8230 Detour Road, Denton MD 21629

# Main Street & The Artsway...

## Supper at Sunset 2025



Downtown Denton Main Street held their annual Supper at Sunset fundraiser, May 30, 2025, at the Market Street Public House.

The event was moved inside due to bad weather, but that did not stop anyone from having a great time.

Restaurants from

Denton provided the courses and were there to create their masterpieces for the guests.

Thank you to all of the sponsors and restaurants. Thank you to all of the volunteers that created such a special event. And thank you to Mickey Pullen Photography for the wonderful photos.

## 5th Annual Caroline Pride Fest



On June 7, 2025, the Caroline Pride organization held their 5th Pride Festival in downtown Denton.

The family-friendly event was held from 3-8p.m. with vendors, music, art, and a sense of community.

Thank you to everyone that attended the event.



## Summer Fiber Arts Class



The Fiber Arts Center is Offering **Cozy Clam Shell Quilt Class** with Mary Zober.

Using English paper-piecing techniques, you will create a mug rug or small wall hanging using small

scraps of fabric or fussy cut your pieces. No repeats make a charm quilt. No sewing machine required. Date: **Saturday, August 16, 2025** Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm** Cost: \$40.00 Members, \$50.00 Non Members To sign up, please write to Kathleen at [info@fiberartscenter.com](mailto:info@fiberartscenter.com) or phone the office at 443-448-4611.

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**Stop, Shop, Explore  
Downtown Denton**



## Upcoming Foundry Art Classes and Events

### Artist of the Month: Shalagh Hogan

7 Days of Art x4: CCCA Creative July 2025.

**July 6th through July 31st,** 8:00 AM—5:00 PM. Location: Online.

Join us for 28 days of joyful creativity—one word prompt each day to inspire any form of art, from sketches and photos to dance or sculpture. Share your work in the “7 Days of Art x4” Facebook group and see your creativity celebrated online and in-gallery alongside Shalagh Hogan’s solo exhibit!

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/7-days-of-art-x4-ccca-creative-july-2025/>.

### Teen Writers’ Club

**Dates: July 8th,**

7:00 PM—8:00 PM. Virtual via Zoom.

A creative outlet for young writers aged 13–18, featuring engaging prompts, discussions, and peer feedback.

FREE

Registration:

[marybeth.bishop@verizon.net](mailto:marybeth.bishop@verizon.net).

### The Foundry Summer Art Camp. July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd, July 30th.

12:00—2:00 PM.

Location: The Foundry, 401 Market St., Denton, MD 21629.

The Foundry Summer Art Camp is back this July with four fun-filled sessions for kids ages 6–15, each offering a unique hands-on project—from wind chimes to

tie-dye! Camp runs Wednesdays, **July 9–30,** 12:00–2:00 PM, with snacks and all materials included.

Cost: \$35 for one class or \$60 for 2 classes.

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/%f0%9f%8c%9e-the-foundry-summer-art-camp-%f0%9f%8c%9e/>

### Writers Talk with Judy Reveal

**July 9, 16, 23, and 30** 5:00—6:30 PM.

Location: The Foundry, Denton, MD 21629.

The workshop series will take place on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, covering *Character* on July 9th, *Setting* on July 16th, *Situation* on July 23rd, and *Theme* on July 30th.

Cost: \$15 per class

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/writers-talk-with-judy-reveal/>

### Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline (MIC) July 10th and July 24th,

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: The Foundry, Denton, MD 21629

A collaborative music club for middle school musicians to explore, perform, and create. Cost: \$60/month or \$30 per session

Registration: <https://carolinearts.org/events/crescendo-club-with-music-in-carolinemic/>.

### Nautical Glass & Rope Mac-

### ramé Ornaments

**July 10,** 5:30 PM—7:00 PM.

Location: The Foundry, Denton, MD 21629.

Kick off your summer décor with a coastal-inspired art workshop led by artist Joanne Gelles, where you’ll paint and macramé a set of three unique nautical glass ornaments. This hands-on class is perfect for beginners and craft lovers eager to create stunning, beachy décor that brightens any space.

Cost: \$38/Person

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/nautical-glass-rope-macrame-ornaments/>.

### Find Your Intention: Meditative Painting with Mary Elizabeth Atwood

**July 11,** 5:00—6:30 PM

**July 19,** 11:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Location: The Foundry, Denton, MD 21629

Join Mary Elizabeth Atwood for a Meditative Painting Workshop that blends creativity with mindfulness to help you discover your personal guiding word. In this supportive and welcoming session, you’ll express your intention through color, texture, and movement—no painting experience needed.

Cost: \$30/Person Per Session

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/find-your-intention-meditative-painting-with-mary-elizabeth-atwood/>

### Write

On!

**Date: July 15th,**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Location: The Foundry, Denton, MD 21629.

A welcoming community of writers for weekly creative writing sessions, sharing stories and building skills together. TOPIC FOR THIS MEETING IS Bucket List.

FREE

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/write-on-july-15th/>.

### Vintage Decoupage Jewelry Box Workshop

**July 25,**

5:30—7:30 PM.

Location: The Foundry, Denton, MD 21629.

Transform a vintage wooden cigar box into a unique, beautiful jewelry box in this fun and relaxing class. You’ll learn prepping, decoupage, embellishing, and lining techniques—all materials provided for a creative experience you won’t want to miss.

Cost: \$35/Person.

Registration:

<https://carolinearts.org/events/vintage-decoupage-jewelry-box-workshop/>.

*All classes are held at the Foundry Building, Home of the Caroline County Council of Arts, 401 Market St., Denton, unless otherwise noted.*



August 15 & 16

# BACK TO the 80's



Friday and Saturday 5-9pm

# 2025 Caroline Summerfest

**FREE Family Festival** IN HISTORIC DENTON, MD

Live Music • Rec-Creations • Fri 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](http://CarolineSummerfest.com)

**THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS**



**Ordinance No. 758**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND ESTIMATE INCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.**

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 2026:

- 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the General Fund:

Activity Title	Approved Budget and Appropriation
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
General Government	131,365
General Administration	203,487
Town Council	33,441
Election	2,950
Municipal Building	44,725
Financial Administration	472,895
<b>General Government - Total</b>	<b>888,863</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Police Department	2,759,180
Misc. Police Grants	7,500
Volunteer Fire Co.	91,500
Planning & Codes	853,908
<b>Public Safety - Total</b>	<b>3,712,088</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Community Development	25,000
Main Street	25,000
Tourism	116,698
Summerfest	3,500
<b>Community Development - Total</b>	<b>170,198</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Street Lighting	102,000
Street Sanitation	188,299
Waste Collection	343,060

Mosquito Spraying	20,000
Parks	189,230
Tennis Courts	2,000
<b>Public Works Department - Total</b>	<b>844,589</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>60,046</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND DEBT</b>	<b>201,313</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND RESERVE</b>	<b>1,450,822</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>7,327,919</b>

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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Source	Estimated Revenues
Taxes	4,029,498
Licenses and Permits	61,500
Revenue from Other Agencies	143,905
Miscellaneous Income	141,550
General Fund Balance Forward	2,951,466
<b>Total FY 2025 Revenues</b>	<b>7,327,919</b>

**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-six cents (\$0.66)*

on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the value for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and including June 30, 2026

**Sec. 3 Rate of Taxation on Business Personal Property**

That the rate of taxation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and including June 30, 2026, 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, 2025 and including June 30, 2026 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 2025-2026 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

Abigail McNinch  
Abigail McNinch, Mayor

Lester W. Branson  
Lester W. Branson, Councilperson

Dallas Lister  
Dallas Lister, Councilperson

Walter K. Johnson  
Walter Keith Johnson, Councilperson

Frank Taylor  
Frank Taylor, Councilperson

Date Introduced: 4/3/2025  
Date Passed: 5-1-2025  
Effective Date: 5-8-2025

Approved for Legal Sufficiency, this 1st day of May, 2025

Lyndsey Ryan  
Lyndsey Ryan, Attorney

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



Healthy Parks, Healthy People July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Scan and scroll to bottom of page for details</p>		<p>1 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am</p> 	<p>2 <b>Senior Rangers</b> Turtle Talk TSP 9 am</p>	<p>3 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Evening Cycle</b> MSP 5:30 pm <b>Park Pals</b> 6pm <b>Jr. Rangers</b> 7pm TSP</p>	4	<p>5 <b>Nature Center Fun</b> MSP 9 am - 5 pm <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm <b>First Saturday Walk</b> Adkins Arboretum 10 am <b>Pride Nature Walk</b> Adkins Arboretum 10 am</p>
<p>6 <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Evening Hike</b> TSP Office 6 pm</p>	<p>9 <b>Senior Rangers</b> Search Dog Demo MSP 9 am</p>	<p>10 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Evening Cycle</b> TSP 5:30 pm <b>Park Pals</b> 6pm <b>Jr. Rangers</b> 7pm TSP</p>		<p>12 <b>Nature Center Fun</b> MSP 9 AM - 5PM <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm</p>
<p>13 <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm <b>Biodiversity Walk</b> Adkins Arboretum 1 pm <b>Bluegrass Picking Jam</b> MSP Nature Center 2 pm</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Kayak Meetup</b> MSP Boat Ramp 6 pm</p>	<p>16 <b>Senior Rangers</b> Fish Hatchery Tour Millington, MD 9 am</p>	<p>17 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Evening Cycle</b> MSP 5:30 pm <b>Park Pals</b> 6pm <b>Jr. Rangers</b> 7pm TSP <b>Branching Out Walk</b> Adkins Arboretum 6 pm</p>		<p>19 <b>Nature Center Fun</b> MSP 9 AM - 5PM <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP Lake 10 am - 6 pm</p>
<p>20 <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm</p>	21	<p>22 <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am</p>	<p>23 <b>Senior Rangers</b> Archery TSP 9 am</p>	<p>24 <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Evening Cycle</b> TSP 5:30 pm</p>	25	<p>26 <b>Nature Center Fun</b> MSP 9 am - 5 pm <b>Caroline Cycles</b> Preston Elementary School 9 am <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm</p>
<p>27 <b>Boat House Open</b> TSP 10 am - 6 pm</p>	28	<p>29 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am</p>	<p>30 <b>Senior Rangers</b> Archeology Sassafras NRMA 9 am</p>	<p>31 <b>Morning Stretch</b> MSP Amphitheater 9 am <b>Martinak Morning Walk</b> MSP Office 10:30 am <b>Evening Cycle</b> MSP 5:30 pm</p>		



TOWN OF DENTON

## ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2024

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 people such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people 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 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, 2024**. 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
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
Beta/photon emitters (2023)	N	4.7	pCi/L	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Gross Alpha excluding radon and Uranium (2023)	N	6.8	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (2023)	N	1.3	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Arsenic	N	3.00	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
*Copper (distribution) (2023)	N	.3055	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
**Lead (distribution) (2023)	N	12.4	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	1.37	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
<b>Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products</b>						
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (distribution)	N	26	ppb	No goal for the total	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (distribution)	N	16	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 2024 unless otherwise noted; All contaminants do not require annual testing; these are the most recent available results.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Range of Tap Sampling
*Copper	6/21/2023	1.3	.1238	0	ppm	ND (<.05) – 0.3055
**Lead	6/21/2023	15	0	0	ppb	ND (<5) - 12.4

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 2022. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** An initial inventory of service line pipe materials located within our service area was required to be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) by October 16, 2024. Our initial inventory was submitted to MDE on 10/15/2024 and is available upon request.

**END OF REPORT.**

## CLASSES & EVENTS

Continued...



**Teen Writers' Club**  
July 8th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom  
Teens ages 13-18 are invited to join the Teen Writers' Club! This monthly virtual club, led by instructor Mary Bishop, offers a creative space for young writers to dive into engaging discussions, explore prompts, and share their work. All types of writing are welcome! | Free



**Write On!**  
From 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM on Zoom  
Write On! is an online adult writers' group that meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Join in to listen, write, and share any piece you're working on! | Free



**MSAC**  
Maryland State Arts Council

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Maryland State Arts Council for their generous funding support, making our programming possible.



**CCCA Newsletter**  
July 2025



**Shalagh Hogan:**  
**Artist of the Month July 2025**

The CCCA welcomes, Shalagh Hogan (pronounced Shayla)... we celebrate her creative journey, daily creative practices, and the collective voice of our community. This July, she is The Foundry's Artist of the Month and is also partnering with the Caroline County Council of Arts to host 7 Days of Art x 4—a creative community challenge beginning July 6th. The project invites participants to explore intentional creativity for seven days, with the option to continue for up to four weeks.

Having completed over a dozen 60+ day creative challenges, Shalagh knows firsthand the transformative power of daily artmaking. These practices have helped ease her anxieties, deepen her trust in herself and the creative process, and build the confidence to share her work with others. She's hosted several online challenges and is thrilled to now lead one within her own community.

For 14 years, Shalagh has shared her voice and vision through her blog, [Shalatee.com](http://Shalatee.com), featuring her writing, art, and photography. You can also find her most recent reflections on My Wisdom Lessons via Substack.

Shalagh looks forward to inspiring others to reconnect with their creativity—one intentional day at a time.



Since 1977, CCCA has served the residents of Caroline County, MD by pursuing our mission of enhancing, promoting and inspiring thru the arts!

Kathleen Aiche



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## Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

**Ordinance 758**— An Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Estimate Income in Accordance with the Budget adopted for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Introduced 04/03/25, passed 05/01/25, effective 05/08/25.

passed 06/05/25, effective 06/15/25.

*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.*

**Ordinance 759**— An Ordinance of the Town of Denton repealing and reenacting Chapter 128 titled, Zoning, in its entirety, and adopting new Official Zoning Maps for the Town of Denton.. Introduced 05/01/25,

### 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.

### Denton Town News

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### 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.