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# Denton Town News

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**Happy New Year!**  
from the  
**Denton Town Council**  
&  
Staff

## Dallas Lister Sworn in for 5-year Term Jan. 8th



*Pictured: Mayor Abby McNinch and Councilman Dallas Lister.*

At the January 8, 2026 Town Council Meeting, Dallas Lister was sworn in for another 5-year term on the Denton Town Council.

His Council position was uncontested at the November 4, 2025 elec-

tion. Because this occurred, pursuant to Section 5C-10 of the Town Charter, where "In the event there is no contest for any of the offices for which an election shall be proper, the Board of Su-

pervisors of Elections is authorized and directed to cancel the election and to certify as elected the candidate who has filed a valid certificate of nomination.

### Tax Sale Reminder

The 2025 - 2026 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, 2025, and were 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.

### UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around January 1, 2026. To avoid having your water turned off, **payment must be received by January 25, 2026**. Payments can be made in person Monday - Friday, from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m., 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's check. You can also pay by credit card at the office or online. The next utility bill will be mailed around April 1, 2026, and will be due in full by April 25, 2026.

## Town Meeting Calendar

### Town Council Meetings

6p.m.

January 8  
February 5

### Town Council Working Session

6p.m.

January 26  
February 23

### Planning Commission

6p.m.

January 27  
February 24

### 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, 2, 19.  
February 16

### 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  
Or  
find us on Facebook.

January  
2026

## Removing Invasive Species

Saturday, January 10, 11:00am-12:00pm

Wharves of Choptank J.O.K. Walsh Visitor Center  
3 Crouse Park Ln, Denton, MD

Virtual participation available, free registration required

Join us for a talk from Jennifer Klug Vaccaro focused on how to remove invasive species and why this helps create healthy ecosystems.



Jennifer Klug Vaccaro is the Community Restoration Manager for ShoreRivers, a co-founder of Wild Ones Delmarva. She strives to find creative and beautiful ways to integrate solutions to flooding and runoff into the landscape that positively impact the people who use them and the ecosystems surrounding them. Jennifer has a degree in Landscape Architecture from Temple University and is a Certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional. She also serves on the Maryland Invasive Plant Advisory Committee.



Details and RSVP:  
[delmarva.wildones.org/events](http://delmarva.wildones.org/events)



### Town of Denton 2026-2027 Utility Billing Schedule 410-479-2050

Months of Service	Billing Date	Due Date	1% Interest Added	Shut Off Date
January - March	04/01/2026	04/27/2026	04/28/2026	05/06/2026
April—June	06/28/2026	07/27/2026	07/28/2026	08/06/2026
July - September	10/01/2026	10/25/2026	10/28/2026	11/07/2026
October - December	12/31/2026	01/27/2027	01/28/2027	02/06/2027

Next  
Issue  
Deadline  
**February 10th**



### High Water Bills?

Check your  
faucets and toilets  
for leaks!

Denton Public Works  
410-479-2050

# Calendar of Events

## January 2026

### 1—Happy New Year!

*Please note the Town Office will be closed today and January 2nd.*

**3—Art Class at the Foundry: Gratitude, Art & Intention with Mary Elizabeth.** 1-3p.m. 401 Market St. Denton. Free. This 2-hour experience blends meditation, reflective writing, and shared art-making to help you step into the new year with clarity and purpose.

### 5—Teen Writers Club

7-8p.m. Foundry 401 Market St. Denton.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to join the 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 are welcome, Free.

### 6 & 20—Wright On!

6:30-8p.m. on ZOOM. An online adult writers group that meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Join in to listen, write, and share any piece you're working on. Free.

Visit [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org) for details and the Zoom link.

### 8—Town Council Meeting

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

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

### 10—Iris Folded Cards Workshop with Bernadette Brown.

12-2p.m. or Jan 28th 12-2p.m. \$25 per person. All ages. Foundry 401 Market St. Denton. Learn history and basics of iris folding. Create 2 custom greeting cards with guided instruction.

### 19- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day March

9a.m. Lockerman Middle School to the Courthouse.

**19- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Please note, the Town office will be closed today.**

### 24—1950's Tea Party & Book Signing.

1-3p.m. Foundry 401 Market St. Denton. Meet local author Sandra Jo Hayman, creator of the One Summer Book series. She will share the inspiration behind her writing. Enjoy tea and pastries and dress in vintage 1950's attire.

### 26 - Working Session

6p.m. Town Office. This meeting is open to the public, in person, and online.

## February 2026

### February is Black History Month!

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### 4 & 18—Crescendo Club with Music in Caroline

5-6p.m. Foundry 401 Market St. Denton. A creative space where middle school musicians come together to explore their passion for music. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. \$60/mo. or \$30 per session.

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

### 5 - Town Council Meeting

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### 7—The Harlem Renaissance Reception

12-3p.m. Foundry 401 Market St. Denton. Free event: Join the CCCA for a celebration of Harlem Renaissance art and culture. Art will be displayed at the

Foundry and Fiber Arts Center. All art should be turned into the CCCA by January 23, 2026. Visit the CCCA website at [www.carolinearts.org](http://www.carolinearts.org) for more details.

### 14—Happy Valentine's Day!



### 16 - President's Day

*Please note, the Town office will be closed today.*

### 23 - Working Session

6p.m. Town Office. This meeting is open to the public, in person, and online.



- 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)



# Police Department...

Happy Holidays from the Denton Police Dept.



On December 4, 2025, Denton Police Officers stopped by the Christkindlmarkt in Downtown Denton to visit Santa and the Grinch. They were excited to shop and see Santa after the Denton Holiday Parade that evening.

On behalf of the Denton Police Dept. have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

## Denton PD Takes Part in Shop With a Cop



The Denton Police Dept. participated in the local Shop With a Cop event held at Denton Walmart. Local law enforcement, along with high school and community volunteers, helped 33 children shop for family and themselves and wrap gifts.



## N.U.T.S Turkey Dinner Delivery



Thanksgiving morning, members of the Denton Police Dept., Town Council and staff, delivered turkey dinners to residents in need.

As a part of the N.U.T.S. (Neighbors United To Serve) organization, they distributed approximately 50 meals.

Staff have been a part of this program for decades and bring their family and friends along to assist.

Thank you to everyone associated with N.U.T.S. who dedicate their time shopping, cooking, preparing the servings, and delivering to our community members.

*Below are highlight photos during delivery in Denton.*



# Public Works...

## Bay Restoration Fund Exemption Procedure Information

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. 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 exemption are the following:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy.
- Receiving public assistance supplemental security income (SSI) or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).
- 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, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Household Size Is Less Than	Monthly Income
1	\$2,608
2	\$3,525
3	\$4,441
4	\$5,358

Income limits are 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](http://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](http://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:

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## 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 <https://dentonpublicworks.com/streets/snow-plowing-policy/> for the list of street priorities.

## 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.



**DENTON  
PUBLIC  
WORKS**



# Planning & Codes...

## Code Enforcement Officers Week October 6-10, 2025



Pictured above: Denton Code Enforcement Officers, Nathan Kellenbenz, Bill Clemens, David Renshaw, and Julius Horton.

In October, members of the Planning and Codes Department celebrated Code Enforcement Officers Week. This included lunch at Carolin's in Denton.

Code enforcement officers provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens through the enforcement of building, zoning, housing, fire safety, environmental, and other

Town codes and ordinances.

During the October 2, 2025, Town Council Meeting, the department was presented with a proclamation recognizing them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all you do to keep the community compliant and safe.

## Permits

The following is a list of permits issued by the Town of Denton between November 1, 2025-December 31, 2025.

1203 FOSTER HOLLY CT  
Re-roof  
1104 DAYLILY LANE  
Re-roof  
529 N 6TH ST  
New Fence  
108 S 2ND ST  
New Fence  
9709 FOY ROAD  
Re-roof  
10036 PEARSON ROAD

Carport  
117 S 5TH AVE  
Shed Repair  
113 BRIARWOOD CIR  
Remodel  
6 DENTON PLAZA  
Fit-Out For Sobol  
403 MARKET ST  
Re-roof  
409 E WESLEY CIR  
Addition  
708 GAY ST  
Repair  
1138 MARKET ST  
Re-roof  
219 MARKET ST  
Re-roof.

### 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.

## Resident and Business Owner Snow & Ice Removal Reminder

Did you know if you live or work within the Denton Town limits you are responsible for snow and ice removal on the sidewalks in front of your property?

For example; if you have a public sidewalk in front of your home or business, you must remove the snow/ice within 3 hours of the last snowfall. This is important to know for the safety of pedestrians in and around your home or business.

Detailed information

about this code can be found at

<https://ecode360.com/10850065>

There are fines attached to delayed removal so please take a moment to review this information.

Being a good neighbor to those that walk in town helps to keep everyone safe from falls. Thank you for your consideration.

### His Hope Ministries Shelter Needs

Coffee	Lysol
Coffee Creamer	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Canned Goods	Clorox Wipes
Spaghetti	Bleach
Spaghetti Sauce	Dishwashing Detergent
Macaroni and Cheese	Kitchen Towels
Peanut Butter	Towels, Wash Cloths, Twin Sheets
Potato Chips, Cookies, Snacks	Printer Paper
Tuna Fish	Razors
Oodles N' Noodles	Feminine Hygiene Products
Frozen Meats	Alcohol Free Mouthwash
Trash Bags	Dental Floss
Aluminum Foil	Body Wash
Laundry Detergent	Shampoo
Dryer Sheets	Conditioner
Plastic Bowls with Lids	Deodorant
Paper Plates	Toothpaste
Plastic Utensils	Gift Cards (Walmart, Food Lion)
Paper Towels	30 Gallon Clear Totes (Guests Belongings)
Saran Wrap	Staples Gift Cards (Ink)
Toilet Paper	

Donations to His Hope Ministries may be dropped off at 105 Gay St., Denton, MD 21629 or call 443-448-7297. [www.hishopeministries.org](http://www.hishopeministries.org)

# Main Street & The Artsway...



## UFO's in Denton!



Well... not exactly. UFO's at the Fiber Arts Center means "unfinished objects" with that being said, do you have sewing projects at home that you are just not getting done? If so, try coming to one of the upcoming UFO events at the Fiber Arts Center in Denton.

Open to members and non-members, there are dates from January to December and they are nor-

mally multiple days in a row. This gives you a chance to keep working and keep your stuff set out, and come back the next day to continue working.

This is a great way to meet new people, or invite your friends to join you. For more information and upcoming dates, visit <https://fiberartscenter.com/upcoming/#classes>.

## Happening at the Fiber Arts Center



### "Sweaters Into Mittens Class with Alice Kish"

In this fun and creative class, students will create beautiful and warm mittens from old, wool sweaters. If you have a wool sweater that you would like to use, please "felt" it before class.

To felt the sweater, wash with detergent in HOT water and dry in the dryer. An old sweater with patterns or shapes such as cables works beautifully. Remember that only 100% wool will felt. If you don't have a sweater to felt at home, no worries, Alice will provide pieces of wool ready to make.

Date: **January 10, 2026**

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$50.00 Members/ \$70.00 Non Members.

Please call Kathleen at the Fiber Arts Center to sign up at 443-448-4611 or email her at [info@fiberartscenter.com](mailto:info@fiberartscenter.com).

### "Explore Quilting Improv With Victoria"

In this fun and creative series of four classes, you will explore Irene Roder-

ick's Improv Quilting, step-by-step.

Dates: Fridays, **Jan. 16, 30, Feb. 13 and 27, 2026**

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Come to class with a working sewing machine, rotary cutter, chosen fabrics and the book, Improv Quilting by Irene Roderick.

**First class:** lines, stripes and ladders.

**Second class:** curves and waves.

**Third class:** shapes, log cabins, triangles, etc.

**Fourth class:** composition and design.

Cost: \$60.00 Members/ \$80.00 Non Members.

Please call Victoria McConnell for more information and to sign up at 410-253.9716.



### "Nine Baltimore Album Blocks From The Lovely Lane Museum - A Quilting Class"

Students will explore the story behind the blocks and learn various

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**BAY RESTORATION,**  
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Clerk-Treasurer, 4 N. Second St., Denton, MD 21629. Renewal applications shall be received by May 30th of each year.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:**

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.

**DENTON  
HOLIDAY PARADE  
TROPHY WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following organizations who won trophies during the 2025 Denton Holiday Parade.

- \* NCHS Band of Blue
- \* LMS National Jr. Honor Society/SGA
- \* Pure Country 4-H Club
- \* Meineke Car Care
- \* Eclipse Cheer Elite

Trophies will be available soon. You will be contacted when they are ready.  
Happy Holidays!

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mde.state.md.us).



### Quilting Classes from page 7



appliqué tips, tricks and methods in this first series of 3 classes. One block will be created from each class.

Instructor: Mary Zober  
 Dates: **January 17, February 7 and March 21, 2026**  
 Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm  
 Cost: Members/\$120.00  
 Non-Members/\$180.00.  
 For more information on the class and for a supply list, please call Mary at 302-632-4244. To sign up for the class, please call Kathleen at FAC at 443-448-4611.

**"Beginning Embroidery/ Valentines Day Theme"**

In this 2-3 part class, Colette will teach "Red work", where you will learn to transfer designs onto a 14" x 14" pillow and then develop basic embroidery stitches.

Instructor: Colette Metcalf.

Dates: **Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and possibly Feb. 28, 2026**

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Cost: Members \$40.00/  
 Non Members \$60.00

Kit Fee: TBD.

Please call Kathleen at the Fiber Arts Center to sign up at 443-448-4611 or email her at info@fiberartscenter.com



*The Fiber Arts Center 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.*

*Located at 7 N 4th Street, Denton, MD 21629*

*Visit us at [www.fiberartscenter.org](http://www.fiberartscenter.org) or on Facebook.*

## 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.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration



## January 19, 2026 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, Inc.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

in partnership with His Hope Ministries

PLEASE BRING SUGGESTED OR OTHER NON-PERISHABLE DONATION ITEMS

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

### CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

Wanda Molock, 410.829.7338, wanderful12001@yahoo.com  
 Janet Fountain, 410.829.2844, janetfountain@aol.com

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

**Town of Denton**  
**2026 Water & Sewer Rates**

On Dec. 8, 2025 the Denton Town Council adopted Ordinance #762 and Ordinance #763 amending the Water and Sewer Rates for 2026 through 2028. The Ordinance's took effect on Dec. 15, 2025. The **new 2026 rates** will be reflected in the quarterly bills that will be distributed at the end of March.

**Water will be charged as follows:**

<b><u>Water Capacity Charge</u></b>		<b><u>Rates</u></b>
	Single Family	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
	All Other Properties to be determined by using Table 1	
	<b>** MD 313 Special Assessment</b> (additional)	\$ 175.00
	Water Meter Fee (for 1" or less - one-time fee)	\$ 600.00
	(Property Owner responsible for all cost for 1" or larger meters)	
<b><u>Bill Code</u></b>	<b><u>Water Rates</u></b>	
WB	Base Fee (per unit/per quarter)	\$ <b>26.00</b>
WT	Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ <b>3.59</b>
	Out of Town or Tax waived	
WB	Base Fee (per unit/per quarter)	\$ <b>52.00</b>
WT	Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ <b>7.18</b>
	<b><u>Water Turn Off/On fee</u></b>	
WO	During regular hours	\$ 50.00
WO	All other hours	\$ 100.00
WM	Residential Water Meter Replacement Fee (1" or less)	\$ 10.00 per quarter
	Commercial Meter Replacement cost is the responsibility of the Property Owner	

**Sewer will be charged as follows:**

<b><u>Sewer Capacity Charge</u></b>		
	Single Family	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
	All Other Properties to be determined by using Table 1	
	<b>** MD 313 Special Assessment</b> (additional)	\$ 325.00
<b><u>Bill Code</u></b>	<b><u>Sewer Rates</u></b>	
SB	Base Fee (per unit/per quarter)	\$ <b>60.50</b>
SW	Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ <b>9.68</b>
	Out of Town or Tax Waived	
SB	Base (per unit/per quarter)	\$ <b>121.00</b>
SW	Usage per 1000 gallons	\$ <b>19.36</b>
VL	<b><u>Vacant lot sewer availability quarterly fee</u></b>	\$ 25.00
<b><u>Calls for Utility Service</u></b>		
SC	During Regular Hours	\$ 50.00
SC	All other hours	\$ 100.00

**State of Maryland Bay Restoration Fee:**

<b><u>Bill Code</u></b>	<b><u>Bay Restoration Fee:</u></b>
BR	Bay Restoration Fee - 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. The fees are collected by the Town of Denton and paid to the State of Maryland. For more information about the Bay Restoration Fund visit the Maryland Department of the Environment website at: [www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us)

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All Utility Bills are issued quarterly January, April, July and October and are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month billed. 1% Interest is added monthly for any past due balances. Water service is turned off for delinquent accounts approximately 15 days after the due date. Delinquent account balances are considered a lien on the property and subject to the annual property tax sale process.

Additional information about the Town of Denton's Utility Billing can be located by visiting the Town's websites at [www.dentonmaryland.com](http://www.dentonmaryland.com) or [www.dentonpublicworks.com](http://www.dentonpublicworks.com), or by calling 410-479-2050.

**\*\* Special assessment fees pertain to certain properties along Maryland Route 313, these properties are assessed additional connection fees of \$175.00 for water & \$325.00 for sewer.**

To review Ordinance **762** and **763** pertaining to the updated water and sewer details, please visit <https://dentonmaryland.com/departments/finance/water-sewer-rates/>.

To see the presentation details from the December 8, 2025 Town Council Meeting, please [click here](#).

## Updates on Ordinances & Resolutions

**Ordinance 760**— An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Table of Density and Dimensional Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to minimum lot area and dimensions. Introduced 10/02/25, passed 11/06/25, effective 11/16/25.

**Ordinance 761** — An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Town of Denton Code to add provisions to Chapter 114 to establish a property tax credit for Habitat for Humanity Incorporated provided certain criteria is met. Introduced 11/06/25, passed

12/08/25, effective 12/15/25.

**Ordinance 762**— An Ordinance by the Town of Denton revising the Water Rates and Fees, revising the ERU Table, and revising the Administrative Charges Annually for users of the Municipal Water System from 2026 through 2028. Introduced 11/06/25, passed 12/08/25, effective 12/15/25.

**Ordinance 763**— An Ordinance by the Town of Denton revising the Sewer Rates and Fees, revising the ERU Table, and revising the Administrative

Charges Annually for users of the Municipal Sewer System from 2026 through 2028. Introduced 11/06/25, passed 12/08/25, effective 12/15/25.

**Ordinance 764**— An Ordinance of the Town of Denton authorizing the Conveyance of Property at 10 N. Fourth Street, Denton, Maryland, and identified in the Tax Records of Caroline County as Parcel 812 of Tax Map 0103. Introduced 11/06/25, passed 12/08/25 with contingencies.

**Resolution 904**— A Resolution declaring the official

intent of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Denton to reimburse expenditures to be incurred with respect to certain capital projects with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Town of Denton. Adopted 11/06/25.

*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.*

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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.