

DENTON TOWN NEWS

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37th Annual Caroline Summerfest



The annual Caroline Summerfest event was held August 21 & 22, 2026, in downtown Denton. This year's theme celebrated the 250th anniversary of the USA! Friday night included a car show, fire truck rides, live music, food, and a dunk tank. Saturday included music, food, local organization booths, fundraising for our non-profits, Recreation arts and crafts for the kids, and fireworks at 9p.m.

Thank you to everyone that attended Caroline Summerfest. Make sure to join us next year August 20 & 21, 2027, for our 38th event.



DENTON TOWN ELECTIONS

will be held on:

Nov. 3, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

4 N Second St.,
Denton, MD 21629

Schedule Deadlines:

(please [click here](#) for complete details)

**Candidate Petitions are due by
4PM on 10/2/26.**

DENTON FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF
DENTON TOWN ELECTION
AND
FILING BY CANDIDATES**

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be an election held on this date for the purpose of electing one Town Council member, to fulfill a five year term. All persons desiring to become a candidate for the Town Council shall have resided in the Town at least one year prior to election, shall be a registered voter of the Town of Denton, shall be at least 25 years of age, and shall file in accordance with the Denton Charter, Article V, Section C5-8 which reads in part as follows:

Candidates for election to the office of the Denton Town Council shall file with the Board of Supervisors of Elections a petition signed by at least twenty (20) registered voters of the Town of Denton. The candidate shall file the petition for an elective office not less than thirty (30) days, including Sundays and holidays, prior to the date of such election. Such petition shall state the name and address of the candidate, the fact that such person is eligible for election of the office of council, and that such person wishes his/her name placed on the ballot as candidate. Such petition shall be sworn to by the person filing same, both as to the fact of the candidate's eligibility and as to the genuineness of the signatures on such petition.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall advertise the filing requirements once weekly for one (1) month prior to the filing deadline in a paper circulated in the Town. No person shall be eligible for elective Town public office who has not fulfilled the requirements of this Section.

A further requirement for candidates for election is found in Section 14-4 (D) of the Town of Denton Ethics Code. Petitions of candidacy will not be accepted by the Town of Denton or the Board of Election Supervisors unless the certificate is accompanied by a complete financial disclosure statement complying with the Town of Denton Ethics Code.

The petition of candidacy and the completed financial disclosure statement must be delivered to the Denton Town Office, at 4 N. Second St., Denton, by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 2, 2026. It is suggested that the petitions be returned several hours prior to the 4:00 p.m. deadline so the names of the signers of the petition may be verified as registered voters. This will provide ample time to obtain additional signatures should any of the signatures prove to be invalid. Petition forms have been prepared for the convenience of the candidates filing and may be obtained www.dentonmaryland.com or at the Denton Town Office during normal working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays).

The Board of Supervisors of Elections
Denton, Maryland

**Town of Denton
Voter Registration for Elections**

All citizens of the Town of Denton that have not yet registered to vote must do so in order to be eligible to vote in the Denton **November 3, 2026** Elections. Under the universal registration law which, went into effect January 1, 1990, any person registered to vote in Caroline County automatically becomes eligible to vote in the Denton Town Elections, if qualified under the regulations set forth in the Town of Denton Charter which are as follows:

Every person who is a citizen of the United States, is at least eighteen (18) years of age, has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty (30) days preceding any Town election, and is registered with the Board of Elections Supervisors for Caroline County, and registered in accordance with the provisions of this charter and Town ordinances, shall be a qualified voter of the Town. Transfers may be granted by the registration officials from one ward to another in said Town. No person shall be entitled to register on Election Day. Every qualified voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote at any or all elections.

Voter registration is available Monday through Friday during normal working hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Caroline County Board of Elections, Caroline Health and Public Services Building, at 403 South Seventh Street, Denton. Forms may be requested by calling the election office at (410) 479-8145, completed and mailed to the Board of Elections Offices.

PLEASE NOTE: The last date to register to vote in the Town of Denton November 3, 2026 Election is Friday, October 2, 2026.

For further information, call 479-8145 (Caroline County Board of Elections Office) or 479-2050 (Denton Town Office) during normal working hours.

Town of Denton
Board of Supervisors of Elections

ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUEST FOR DENTON TOWN ELECTION

Any Denton Town Resident, otherwise qualified to vote in Town, desiring to vote in the Town Election being held on November 3, 2026, as an Absentee Voter shall make application in writing to the Town Clerk requesting an Absentee Ballot as per the Denton Town Code:

Chapter 10 – Elections, Article I – Absentee Voting

Applications to request an absentee ballot must be sent to the Town Clerk for receipt on or before:

**October 16, 2026 if by mail
October 30, 2026 if delivered in person**

Absentee Ballot Applications are available on the Town's website at www.dentonmaryland.com or at the Town Office located at 4 N. Second St. All requests must be submitted in writing and include the voter's name, residence address, signature of the voter, and the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address.

Once the Application for an Absentee Ballot is approved, the ballot and instructions will be mailed to the applicant two weeks prior to the election or hand-delivered to the qualified voter if the application is presented in person to the Town Clerk between October 16, 2026 and October 30, 2026.

All absentee ballots must be returned to the Denton Town Office, Attn: Supervisors of Elections, 4 North Second Street, Denton, Maryland 21629, before the closing of the polls (8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2026). Instructions must be followed in order to be considered valid.

Town of Denton

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7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

4 N Second St.

Denton, MD 21629

Schedule Deadlines:

Candidate Petitions are due by 4PM on 10/2/26

(Candidate Packets and Financial Disclosure Statements will be available at Town Office – 9/01/26)

Last day to register to vote 10/2/26

(Registration is done by Caroline County Board of Elections)

Last day to request an Absentee Ballot by Mail 10/16/26

Last day to request an Absentee Ballot in person is 10/30/26

****Request for Absentee Ballots must be submitted to the Town Clerk**

(Absentee ballot request forms will be available at Town Office in Sept.)

Additional Election information is available on the Town's website: www.dentonmaryland.com



Election and Voter Information

Are you considering running for a vacant Town Council seat or want an absentee ballot? In either case, please check the Town website for details on all things [election related](#).

UTILITY BILL ALERT!

Utility bills will be mailed around October 1, 2026. To avoid having your water turned off, **payment must be received by October 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 January 1, 2027, and will be due in full by January 25, 2027.

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.

Town of Denton 2026-2027 Utility Bill Schedule

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
Oct. – December	12/31/2026	01/27/2027	01/28/2027	02/06/2027

ONLINE BILL PAY AVAILABLE HERE

DENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

K9 Officers Visit Eden Green Assisted Living



In August, Officer Korisher and his K9 partner Tide visited the residents at Eden Green in Denton at the request of the Activities Director. It is wonderful to see the Denton Police Department actively connecting with the community, especially through programs that bring joy to local residents. Police K9 plays a unique role—not only in public safety and law



DENTON TRICK
OR
TREATING



enforcement work like tracking or detection, but also as accessible, beloved ambassadors who build trust and brighten days at places like Eden Green. Repeat visits like Tide's build meaningful continuity, giving residents something special to look forward to while allowing the department to fulfill its community-oriented mission in a very tangible, warmhearted way

OCTOBER 31

6:00-7:30p.m.



— KICKING OFF —
NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND

DENTON, MARYLAND
POLICE

Cruisin'
WITH
COPS & CLERGY

★ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 ★
6:00 – 8:00 PM

★ 200 BLOCK OF MARKET STREET ★
DENTON, MARYLAND

Sponsored by the
DENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Come together
for a night of
COMMUNITY,
FELLOWSHIP &
CAMARADERIE!*

Cruising with Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles

† FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ COMMUNITY

DENTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Fall Loose Leaf Collection

Autumn is here and the leaves are beginning to fall. The Denton Public Works Department is scheduling their annual loose-leaf vacuuming removal service to occur **Friday, October 16, 2026, through Friday, December 11, 2026**. Leaves must be bagged for pickup the remaining months of the year.

Loose leaf vacuuming will occur on Friday and/or Monday, pending workload, weather, and excluding holidays. It will be necessary to call in your loose-leaf vacuum pickup request by 12-NOON on Thursday to guarantee pickup by Monday. We ask that you please 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 staff.

Bagged leaf collection will still occur on Wednesdays and must be called in to the Town Office by 12-NOON on Tuesday.

Citizens are encouraged to call the Town Office at (410) 479-2050 to request pickup. If calling after hours, please leave the request on the Town Office answering machine, ext. 1.

Please follow these guidelines for leaf removal:

- Leaves should be raked 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 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 guarantee pickup by Monday.
- All pickups will be done by request/appointment only.
- Loose leaf pickups will occur from Oct. 16 through Dec. 11, on Mondays and Fridays only, except for holidays.

Loose leaf collection days:

October 16, 19, 23, 26, 30.

November 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 30.

December 4, 7, 11.

Tips for Saving Water Inside

Did you know 60% of total household water supply is used inside the home! **Follow these tips to reduce water use indoors.**

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

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.

PLANNING & CODES DEPARTMENT

Denton to Welcome Two New Businesses

The wait is just about over. Two new businesses will be opening soon near Denton Plaza. **Popeye's** is due to open mid-November and **7-Eleven** convenience store and gas station is estimated to open in January 2027.



Recently Approved Permits

10 South 7th St	Window Replacements
300 1st St	Tree Removal / To Be Replaced
509 Franklin St	Tree Removal
521 Gay St	Tree Removal
207 Sharp Rd	Pool
532 Gay St	New Single Family Home
25 Engerman Ave	Fire Alarm Systems
65 Engerman Ave - Unit 2	Fit Out
804 Gay St	Minor Rehab
509 Randolph	Tree Removal (3)
309 Franklin St	Partial ReRoof
1230 Painted Fern	ReRoof
208 Sunset Ave	Alterations
409 Lincoln St	Fence
1208 Market St	ReRoof , Door Replacement
1 Commerce Dr	Banner
506 N 6th St	Demolition and Grading
209 S 5th Ave	Tree Removal
208 S 1st St	Tree Removal (15) / To Be Replaced (15)
520 Wilmoth St	Fence
300 S 7th St	Shed - Under 200 Sq Ft
510 High St	ReRoof
409 N 6th St	Exterior Stairs - Permit After The Fact
528 Gay St	New Single Family Home
90 Engerman Ave	New Commercial Construction
107 Edenton Ln	Lean-To Shed
306 S 4th St	ReRoof
205 S 5th Ave	Shed - Under 200 Sq Ft
9525 Legion Rd	Grading - More than 500 Sq Ft
524 Gay St	Banner
505 S 2nd St	Tree Removal / To Be Replaced
1106 Cattail Commons Way	ReRoof
9525 Legion Rd	New Commercial Construction
200 S 6th St	Tree Removal (5)
1106 Osprey Ln	ReRoof
209 S 2nd St	Window Replacements

Permit Reminder

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

MAIN STREET AND THE ARTSWAY

Caroline County Council of Arts

Looking for some fun activities this fall? Are you creative or would like to learn new skills? Check out the Foundry in Downtown Denton. Home of the Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA).

Featuring...

- Artist of the Month (Dennis Hall)
- Classes for all levels and ages
- Banner Auction 2026
- Community Art Impact Survey
- Local Artisan Gifts and more

Location: 401 Market St. Denton, MD 21629.

Fiber Arts Center Happenings

Have you ever wanted to learn to knit, sew, quilt, or crochet? Are you looking to meet new people and learn a creative craft? Did you put down a hobby years ago and now have the time to start it again? If any of these statements sound like you, stop by the Fiber Arts Center in Denton and see what they have to offer. Not only do they have classes, they have a rotation of nationally acclaimed fiber displays that change quarterly. You really need to check this place out!

Located a half a block away from the CCCA in the Denton Artsway at 7 N 4th Street Denton.

For more information and class schedules visit their website at www.fiberartscenter.com



Caroline County Bird Club Attends Summerfest



The Caroline County Bird Club, the Caroline County Garden Club, Leaf & Bed, and Wild Ones Delmarva hosted a booth at Caroline Summerfest in August. They provided information about native landscaping opportunities, how to turn your yard into a bird friendly habitat, ways





to protect birds from glass collisions and free roaming cats, as well as introduced booth visitors to the 2026 World Migratory Bird Day theme – “Every Bird Counts”.

A bluebird nesting box, as well as baskets of native plants, seeds, bird safe coffee, and window decals to prevent glass collisions were raffled off to 4 lucky winners.

UPDATES ON ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 766– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the Denton Town Code, Chapter 120 Article X §120-46 Violations and Penalties to adopt civil penalties for citations received by a Speed Monitoring System to comply with Maryland Code Transportation Article §21-809. and to amend §120-47 C. Payment of Civil Penalties. Introduced 06/04/26, passed 07/02/26, effective 07/08/26.

Ordinance 769– An Ordinance of the Town of Denton amending the Denton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 128, to amend the definition of Assembly and Entertainment Uses and provide certain standards for Assembly and Entertainment Uses in the Industrial District. Introduced 07/02/26, passed 08/06/26, effective 08/16/26.

Resolution 907– A Resolution of the Denton Town Council adopting a Forest Conservation Mitigation Plan pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, Natural Resources Article § 5-1610. Adopted 08/06/26.

Resolution 908– A Resolution of the Denton Town Council authorizing the Town Administrator to make certain amendments to the Town of Denton Personnel Manual dated April 2026. Adopted 08/06/26.

Resolution 909– A Resolution of the Denton Town Council establishing a Post-Service Employment Restriction for Elected Officials and Appointed Board Members seeking Department Head Positions with the Town. Adopted 08/06/26.

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.

Town Meeting Calendar

All meetings start at 6p.m. unless otherwise noted below.

Town Council

September 3
October 1

Planning Commission

September 29
October 27

Utility Commission-(4p.m.)

September 16
October 21

Town Council Working Session

September 21
October 19

Historic Review

September 16
October 21

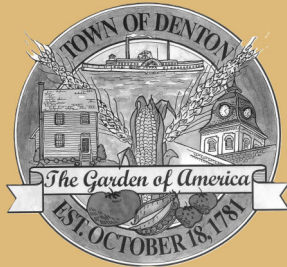
Town Holidays

September 7 – *Labor Day*
October 12 – *Indigenous People Day*

Trash Pickup

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 6p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS



(410) 479-2050
Office Hours: 8:30a.m.-4p.m.
Monday- Friday. (Closed Federal Holidays)
4 N 2nd St., Denton, MD 21629

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