RESIDENT UPDATE

we need
Stream Clean Dream Teams
Registration is Open

24th Annual Tree Giveaway

Fall Festivals & More!

www.cityofdenton.com
Fall | 2022
The Denton Black Chamber of Commerce board members and community volunteers present the 24th Annual Blues Festival Sept. 16-18 at Quakertown Park.

Denton Senior Center & ALH Senior Center members get a discounted annual rate. Only $85 per year!

Welcome Chief Shoemaker! The NEW Police Chief will be sworn into office Oct. 3.

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Significant Service Dates

Holiday Closures and Service Adjustments
City closures in observation of the following holidays:

• Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5
• Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11
• Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24
• Friday After Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25

During holiday closures, there will be no curbside trash, yard waste, recycling, bulk, or home chemical collection. The collection will be delayed one day for the week following each holiday.

Budget Adoption
In September, City Council is scheduled to consider adoption of the Capital Improvement Projects and operating budget, tax rate, utility rates and other fee schedules for the Fiscal Year 2022-23.

City Department Directory
Department contact numbers can be accessed online at www.cityofdenton.com/directory.

Award Winning Services

Chief Fire Officer Professional Designation
Denton Fire Chief Kenneth Hedges achieved Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation
Denton Police Dept. achieved “Accreditation Status” for compliance with the Texas Police Chiefs Association’s Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

100% Renewable Energy System Achievement
DME was honored as co-recipient of the 2022 System Achievement Award by the Texas Public Power Association for achieving its 100% renewable energy goal in the 2021 calendar year.

Achievement of Excellence in Procurement
The Procurement Dept. received 2022 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award by the National Procurement Institute.

How to Comment at a City Council Meeting

Guidelines for commenting at City Council and public hearing meetings are available at www.cityofdenton.com/publicmeetings.

Comment by Phone
Comments by phone are accepted when the preregister by phone link is available on the Public Meetings webpage prior to a meeting.

In-Person | Open Topic
Comments in-person are accepted at regular meetings usually on the first or third Tuesday of each month. Comment cards required; preregistration is encouraged due to limited spots.

In-Person | Agenda Topic
Comments in-person are accepted at City Council meetings relating to regular or consent agenda items. Comment cards are required before item is called.

Additional Services
Live stream Spanish language interpretation and closed captioning are provided for regular 6:30 p.m. City Council meetings.
If you’re not in a high-risk flood zone, you may still experience flooding. In fact, on average, 40% of the National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance claims occur outside the high-risk flood areas. Bottom line, as long as there’s rain, there’s a potential for flood damage because low risk does not mean no risk. Denton’s main source of flooding is stormwater and it doesn’t always come in the form of a severe storm or disaster. Be proactive! Maximize the tools and resources provided by the City, and be flood ready.

City Staff Can Help By...

→ Advising on how to correct drainage issues and how to familiarize yourself with areas of natural floodplain functions.
→ Sharing resources relating to property protection, financial assistance, and grant opportunities to elevate your home.
→ Providing guidance to help you locate your home on a FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map and provide site-specific data like floodway areas, repetitive loss areas, & areas of natural floodplain functions.
→ Explaining requirements for floodplain development and permit requirements before you build.

To request a one-on-one site visit, call (940) 349-8942 and visit www.improvingdenton.com for updates on stormwater drainage and flood control improvements projects.

You Can Help Each Other By...

→ Keeping debris out of waterways so water doesn’t back up and increase the risk of flooding. Stream dumping and discharging trash into storm drains is a violation of City ordinances.
→ Resisting the urge to dump fats, oils, and grease down your drain because a blockage can trigger a flood not only in your home, but also your neighbors. Visit www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com.

How FEMA Can Help...

According to FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Robinson, “flooding is the #1 natural disaster in the U.S. and most homeowner’s insurance policies don’t cover the effects of flooding.” We encourage you to examine flood maps to determine if you’re in a low to moderate or high-risk flood zone. By understanding your risk, you can decide which insurance option is best for your situation. There’s a 30-day waiting period before a policy takes effect. Visit FEMA’s FloodSmart.gov.
It’s Easy For Things to Get Carried Away

Denton County is one of the most flood-prone regions on the continent, referred to as “Flash Flood Alley.”

City waterways that flow through neighborhoods are vital to Denton’s Stormwater Management Plan and Watershed Protection Program. They’re vital to draining stormwater, but when trashed out can wreak havoc on the natural flow of water and painfully contribute to a flash flood.

Stormwater littered with trash also disrupts our water quality and the aquatic ecosystem because what isn’t cleaned up will later reside in Lewisville Lake, one of Denton’s water sources.

Saturday, Oct. 15 | Volunteers Needed

To volunteer, register at www.cityofdenton.com/streamclean.

Registered volunteers will pick up their free stream cleaning supplies from the Sustainability Office at 1001 S. Mayhill Rd. on one of the following dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 12 | 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Or Thursday, Oct. 13 | 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

On Stream Clean day, we’ll meet at the Civic Center at 8 a.m. for a complimentary volunteer breakfast, before heading to your assigned stream clean-up area.
FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation
Hispanic Heritage Month
Saturday, Sept. 17, MLK Jr. Rec Center
10 a.m. to Noon

Dig in to Composting
Thursday, Sept. 22, 6-7:30 p.m.
Emily Fowler Central Library

Como Reciclar En Su Casa
Thursday, Sept. 29, 6-7 p.m.
Emily Fowler Central Library

National Night Out Kick-off Event
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Wolff’s Park

Rape Aggression Defense Training
Every Thursday in Oct., 6-9 p.m.
Denton Public Safety Training Center
Women Only $10 manual fee

National Night Out | Tuesday, Oct 4
Watch for neighborhood block parties

Dia De Muertos
Saturday, Oct. 15, MLK Jr. Rec Center
10 a.m. to Noon

Halloween Harvest
Saturday, Oct. 15, 4-6 p.m.
Denia Rec Center

Halloween Carnival and Howl-O-Ween Animal Adoption
Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m - Noon
MLK Jr. Rec Center

Haunted House | pay at the door
Saturday, Oct. 22, 6-9 p.m.
MLK Jr. Rec Center

Energy Efficiency Tips and Tricks
Saturday, Oct. 22, 10-11 a.m
Emily Fowler Central Library

Your Chance To Enhance Denton’s Urban Tree Canopy

24th Annual Community Tree Giveaway
Tuesday, Oct. 4 | Online registration opens for Denton residents
Saturday, Oct. 22 | Tree pick-up

To receive a tree, Denton residents must register online beginning Oct. 4; limited to one tree per household on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close once we fill all 700 tree giveaway spots.

Available tree species include Brandywine Maple, Loblolly Pine, Texas Redbud, Mexican Sycamore, Purpleblow Maple, Roughleaf Dogwood, and Sweetgum. All trees are drought-tolerant, and are native or well-adapted for Denton soils and climate.

For pickup details, tree species information, tree planting resources, and to register, visit www.kdb.org or call (940) 349-8737.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage Month
Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation
This year’s theme reinforces the need for diverse voices and perspectives in community decision-making processes, thereby building stronger communities and nations.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15 and collectively marks the independence of multiple Latin countries. El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua celebrate its independence from Spain on Sept. 15, and Mexico and Chile celebrate on Sept. 16 and Sept. 8, respectively.

Community Celebrations
The staff at MLK Jr. Rec Center invites you to celebrate Hispanic Heritage on Saturday, Sept. 17, with guest speaker Lilyan Prado, deputy director of District 3 of LULAC, and on Saturday, Oct. 15, with guest speaker Valerie Martinez-Ebers, UNT Professor and Director of Latina/o and Mexican American Studies. Explore more at www.dentonparks.com.
Denton's Day of the Dead Festival or Día de Muertos

Denton's Day of the Dead Festival began as a grassroots event in 2011, as festival's founder, David J. Anzaldúa Pierce, sought to infuse Denton with an event that reflects and celebrates cultural diversity within the community. The festival encapsulates Mexico's spirit with music, food, dance, traditions, and more. This year's festival is a two-day event, Oct. 28-29 that assembles in downtown Denton at East Hickory and Industrial Streets.

At The Heart of Día de Muertos

Día de Muertos is a Mexican celebration that reunites the living and dead. Its roots date back thousands of years, influenced by the Aztec or Mexica people. It's believed that the border between the spirit world and the natural world dissolves, and the souls of the dead awaken and return to the living world to reunite, feast, drink, dance, and play music with loved ones.

A Symbol of Death and Rebirth

Sugar skulls, or Calaveras de azúcar, are deeply rooted in Mexican tradition fused by multiple cultures and religion. They are a symbol of death and rebirth and wearing skull masks or colorful painted faces is very much a significant part of the celebration. It's not a Halloween costume nor is it meant to be bloody or scary. It's a meaningful art that honors deceased loved ones with a fine line between appropriation and appreciation.

Bring the family, participate, and appreciate the culture by channeling someone you loved and their soul's return visit from the afterlife. Visit www.dentondayofthedeadfestival.com.

The Cultural Significance of Monarch Butterflies

Every year, monarch butterflies are born in the U.S., embark on a 3,000-mile journey to Mexico, and arrive just in time for Día de Muertos. In Mexican culture, they're regarded as the souls of family who have passed, returning to Earth for their annual visit. Denton's Day of the Dead Festival will release Monarch butterflies as part of the Flight of Souls ceremony.
Explore Denton!
**Denton Katy Rail Trail**
In the first edition of Explore Denton, follow DTV Video Producer Zach Ashcraft along the 12 miles of the Denton Katy Rail Trail. The trail begins at the Downtown Denton Transit Center, and ends at Hebron Station in Lewisville. Too tired to pedal back? Hop on the bike friendly A-Train Line and enjoy the ride home.

City of Denton Yard Waste Carts
The DO’s and DON'TS of your yard waste container!

Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/cityofdenton) or visit us online at [www.cityofdenton.com](http://www.cityofdenton.com).

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