

RESIDENT UPDATE

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Fall | 2022

WE NEED

**Stream Clean
Dream Teams**

Registration is Open

**24th Annual
Tree Giveaway**



Fall Festivals & More!



Social Snapshots



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



FALL 2022 CATALOG

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- Experience the Fall Japanese Festival pg. 23
- Enjoy Our Mystery Writers Author Panel pg. 25
- Attend an Educational Jazz Concert pg. 31

OLLI UNT

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

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.

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



eComment

Electronic comments are accepted for meetings when the *eComment* link is available under the posted agenda prior to a meeting.



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.

How We Can Help



Texas is the most at-risk state in the U.S. for natural disasters.

On average, 40% of insurance claims occur outside high-risk flood areas.

That's because if it can rain it can flood.

Are You Prepared To Weather A Storm?

For the record, everyone lives in a flood zone.

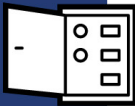
If you're not in a high-risk flood zone, you may still experience flooding. In fact, on average, 40% of the National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance claims occur outside the high-risk flood areas. Bottom line, as long as there's rain, there's a potential for flood damage because low risk does 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.

Home Flood Safety Tips

Create an evacuation plan with a designated family meeting spot and sign up for emergency alerts at www.alertdenton.com.



Mark your fuse box to identify circuits in flood prone areas or consider relocating the fuse panel to a higher location.



Store sandbags that you can easily access during a storm to divert water away from the house to help reduce risk of water damage.



Clean gutters and yard drains so rain water doesn't back up and make sure downspouts drain away from your house.



Store important files in a water-tight container or back them up digitally; move mementos to higher ground.



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.

BE STORM READY

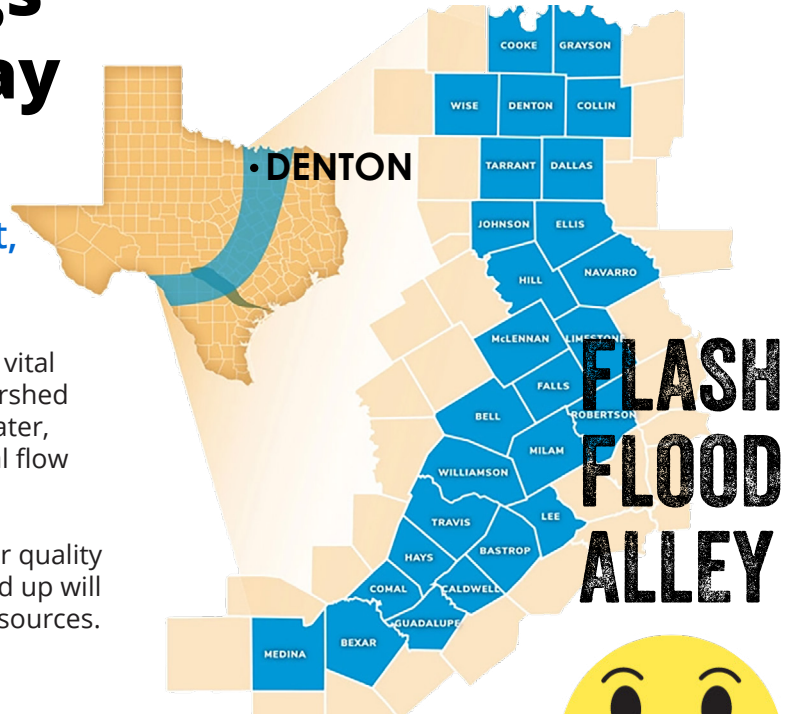


It's Easy For Things to Get Carried Away

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.

Community Events

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.

national 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.

& Cultural Festivities



Co-sponsored by the City of Denton

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.



Dog Days of Denton

Saturday, Sept. 10

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Civic Center Pool

dentonparksfoundation.org/dogdays



23rd Annual Arts & Autos Extravaganza

Saturday, Sept. 10

Downtown Denton

www.dentonmainstreet.org



24th Annual Blues Festival

Sept. 16-18, all weekend

Quakertown Park

www.dentonbluesfest.com

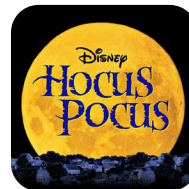


42nd Annual Arts & Jazz Festival

Oct. 7-9, all weekend

Quakertown Park

www.dentonjazzfest.com



Movie in the Park Hocus Pocus

Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

Quakertown Park

www.dentonparks.com



Denton's Day of the Dead Festival

Friday and Saturday

Oct. 28-29

Downtown Denton

dentondayofthedeadfestival.com



Turkey Trot

Nov. 24, 7 a.m.

Downtown Denton

dentonarearunningclub.org



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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.

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