



## *Informed Citizens, Stronger Community*

### **Denton Connect: Advisory Boards and How You Can Make a Difference**

What exactly is an Advisory Board? In simple terms, it's a group of community volunteers who help guide the Town's decisions in specific areas. Advisory Boards don't make the final call—that responsibility stays with the Board of Commissioners—but they play a major role in shaping recommendations, reviewing information, and giving residents a voice in how Denton grows.

The Town of Denton currently has two Advisory Boards:

#### **Planning and Zoning Board**

This Board reviews development proposals, zoning requests, and land-use issues. The Town Zoning Ordinance—something we've been exploring in recent Denton Connect articles—guides their decisions. Their recommendations help ensure that growth is thoughtful, consistent, and in line with Denton's long-term plans.

#### **Parks and Recreation Board**

This Board focuses on community life. They plan and support events that bring neighbors together, create traditions, and make Denton a place where families can build lasting memories.

Both Boards are made up of volunteers who serve three-year terms after being appointed by the Board of Commissioners. These are everyday residents—people just like you—who want to make a positive impact on the Town.

#### **How You Can Make a Difference**

Today, many conversations about what's "best for the Town" happen on social media. Ideas, concerns, and opinions spread quickly—but turning those words into action takes something more.

One of the most effective ways to help shape Denton's future is to **volunteer for a Town Advisory Board**.

Serving on a Board allows you to:

- Be directly involved in local decision-making
- Bring your perspective and experience to the table
- Help guide Denton's growth, development, and community programs
- Move from online discussion to real-world impact

If you've ever wondered how to make your voice count beyond a post or a comment, this is your opportunity.

Advisory Boards are where community members become community leaders. Your ideas, your time, and your commitment can help Denton continue to grow in a way that reflects the values of the people who call it home.

#### **Up Next in Denton Connect:**

Ever wondered how the Town Budget really works? In our next issue, we'll explain where Denton's funds come from and how they support the services we all rely on.

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