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City of Taneytown

NEWSLETTER

The Mayors Message



Greetings and Happy Holidays to all! Welcome to the first edition of the Taneytown Newsletter. One of my administration's goals is to increase communication with residents through expanded outreach; social media, the Taneytown Connect App, community events, and now this monthly newsletter. I'm grateful to the Council and City Hall staff for supporting these efforts. We've launched bi-monthly roundtables featuring myself and a Councilmember to discuss different City departments. November's focused on Parks & Rec, and the next will cover Planning & Zoning on January 10th at the Taneytown Library. We have a strong team at City Hall, committed to getting the job done. Please reach out with any concerns. Thank you for your trust—happy holidays! Shop Small, Shop Local!



Parks & Rec Highlights

The Taneytown Parks & Recreation Department is committed to providing engaging programs and activities that bring the community together. Over the past quarter, residents of all ages enjoyed a variety of events celebrating reading, creativity, seasonal festivities, and community spirit. We thank everyone who participated and helped make these programs a success.

Events Held this past Quarter

Annual Photography Contest— Local photographers showcased their talents capturing the beauty of Taneytown. Winning entries and honorable mentions were featured on the City's Facebook page to recognize community creativity.

Save the Date: Sept 2026-Oct 2026

Harvest Festival— A fall-themed celebration featuring live entertainment, local vendors, family activities, and seasonal treats.

Save the Date—Sept 26, 2026

Halloween Decorating Contest—Residents transformed their homes with festive decorations. Winners were recognized for creativity and holiday spirit.

Save the Date—Oct 1-31, 2026

Birds & Bourbon at Bollinger— Guests enjoyed guided birdwatching paired with a curated bourbon tasting at Bollinger Park.

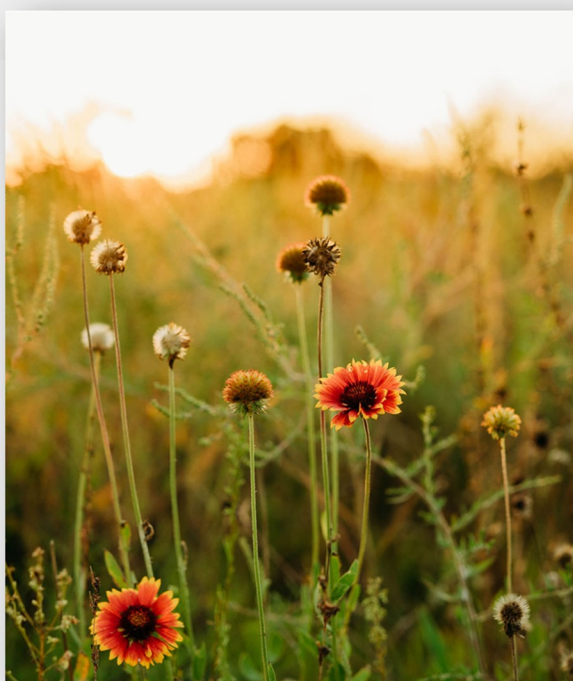
Next years event TBA

Gifts & Gratitude Walk at Bollinger— Participants experienced a guided meditation and gratitude walk led by local yoga and mindfulness instructor Sam Yingling in the beauty of Bollinger Park.

Next years event TBA

Tails of Taneytown & Trunk or Treat— A Halloween event where children trick-or-treated from decorated car trunks throughout the community and our local furry friends showed off their costumes as well.

Save the Date— October 31, 2026



Important Resources

Residents are encouraged to utilize the following resources to stay informed and engaged with City operations, events and announcements.

Official City Website: www.taneytownmd.gov/
Access meetings, agendas, minutes, department information and current City News

Official YouTube Channel:
www.youtube.com/@TaneytownMD

View recordings of City Council meetings, public announcements, and other official video content.

City Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/CityofTaneytown/

Follow for timely updates, community news and event information

Download Taneytown Connect on the App Store for access to information

The City Gives Back

The City of Taneytown is proud to celebrate the success of the December To Remember event, where the generosity of residents, local businesses, and nonprofit partners resulted in more than 1,000 donated gifts for children and families in our community. This spirit of giving continues through the City's Food Drive, supporting local organizations that assist individuals and families in need. Nonperishable food items and hygiene products can be dropped off at designated collection boxes throughout the City, including City Hall and participating businesses. Every contribution, no matter the size, strengthens our community and helps ensure essential resources reach those who need them most.

For more information or to view donation site locations, please visit taneytownmd.gov.



Updates From City Hall

Public Works

Week of Christmas Day: No Change. Collection will take place on its regular scheduled pick-up day of Wednesday, December 24, 2025. **Please set your trash and recycling out the night before the above scheduled collections.** Ecology Services will have extra trucks in town to complete the town before noon as the Northern Landfill will be closing early.

Week of New Year’s Day Holiday: No Change. Collection will take place on its regular scheduled pick-up day of Wednesday, December 31, 2025. **Please set your trash and recycling out the night before the above scheduled collections.** Ecology Services will have extra trucks in town to complete the town before noon as the Northern Landfill will be closing early.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP: The City will provide Christmas tree pick-up again this year. Ecology Refuse & Recycling will be collecting trees on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Please place your undecorated tree at the curb by 5 A.M. Since the trees will be recycled all decorations, plastic bags, and tree stands must be completely removed, or your tree will not be picked up. This service is for trees only. **YARDWASTE AND LOOSE PINE BRANCHES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** This is a one-day event.

Economic Development

The City of Taneytown is thrilled to announce that limited funding remains available through the current FY25 cycle of grant applications for its Consolidated Building Improvement Program. This initiative, a collaborative effort between Taneytown’s Department of Economic Development and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), focuses on revitalizing and adapting existing structures within the city's designated Sustainable Community geography.

If you are interested in applying for funding through this program, be sure to mark your calendar! The Economic Development Department will begin accepting additional applications starting Friday, November 21, 2025. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.For more information, contact Bob Jones, Economic Development Director, at rjones@taneytownmd.gov

Parks & Recreation

We’re coming to the close of our calendar year, and we hope you’ve had a chance to enjoy our parks and some of the many events and programs held in them in 2025! Planning is underway for 2026 - we're anticipating holding 24 events, 4 multi-week recreational programs, and 6 contests. (Did you know that Taneytown offers more events and programs than any other Carroll County municipality? Now you do!) On the park improvement/development side, we hope to get underway on construction of our Memorial Park Expansion project in 2026: located at the back side of the park behind baseball field #1, this open land will be used for 4 multipurpose athletic fields, parking, a walking path, a playground, and a building for athletic organizations' use (snack shack, equipment storage, etc.). For more information on our events and other happenings, check out our Taneytown Parks & Recreation Department Facebook page or the Taneytown website, and tune in to our monthly Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings!

Planning & Zoning

The Department of Planning and Zoning has been busy reviewing several concept site plans that were subsequently approved by the Planning Commission, including: a rebuild of McDonalds, a new Taco Bell restaurant, and additional parking for Evapco. A City Code amendment was drafted to include certain commercial uses in the Restricted Industrial zone allowing more convenient retail and service access to employees in the Industrial district. Additionally, a City Code amendment was drafted to remove the fence permit requirement and require property owners to fill out an easement notice while still complying with city law on fences. Progress continues to be made on updating the City Comprehensive Plan. This plan will guide land use and development in the city for the next ten years so please make your voice heard and come to a Comprehensive Planning Workshop! Next Meeting: January 20, at 6:30 PM, in the City Council Chambers.

Police Department

December Events

- December to Remember – On December 7, the City of Taneytown proudly hosted the 3rd Annual December to Remember event at the American Legion. With overwhelming community support, more than 1,000 new, unwrapped toys were collected and distributed to children and families in need. The event featured a free toy giveaway, pictures with Santa, holiday crafts, and refreshments, bringing joy and holiday cheer to families throughout our community. The City extends its sincere gratitude to all residents, businesses, volunteers, and partners who helped make this event such a meaningful success.
- Pack the Police Car —On December 14 at Kennie’s Market, the City of Taneytown supported Carroll County Food Sunday by helping fill a patrol car with nonperishable food items. Thanks to the generosity of our community, donations were collected to directly benefit local families in need.

Department Accomplishments

- We are pleased to highlight two significant achievements this month. Officer Jordan Longo graduated from the police academy at the top of his class, demonstrating exceptional dedication and professionalism. Additionally, SPO Zach Myers completed Crisis Negotiation School, further strengthening the department’s ability to respond effectively and compassionately during critical incidents.

We thank our residents for their continued support.

December 2025 12/1-12/31: Holiday Decorating Contest 12/14: Pack the Police Car 12/16: Taneytown Community Comprehensive Plan Workshop (6:30pm) January 2026 1/7: Mayor & City Council Workshop (7:30pm) 1/12: Mayor & City Council Meeting (7:30pm) 1/14: Parks & Rec Advisory Board (6:30pm) 1/19: Street Sweeping (5:00am) 1/20: Comprehensive Plan Workshop(6:30pm) 1/26: Planning Commission Meeting(7:30pm) <i>All dates subject to change</i> <i>If you would like to have your community event posted here, please contact Makensie Albin at malbin@taneytownmd.gov or 410-751-1100.</i> <i>**All events must be apolitical and community-oriented</i>	February 2026 2/4: Mayor & City Council Workshop (7:30pm) 2/9: Mayor & City Council Meeting (7:30pm) 2/11: Parks & Rec Advisory Board (6:30pm) 2/16: Street Sweeping (5:00am) 2/17: Comprehensive Plan Workshop(6:30pm) 2/23: Planning Commission Meeting(7:30pm) March 2026 3/4: Mayor & City Council Workshop (7:30pm) 3/9: Mayor & City Council Meeting (7:30pm) 3/11: Parks & Rec Advisory Board (6:30pm) 3/16: Street Sweeping (5:00am) 3/24: Comprehensive Plan Workshop(6:30pm) 3/30: Planning Commission Meeting(7:30pm)
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