



City of Taneytown

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 04 | March 2026

The Mayors Message



First, we'll be swearing in newly appointed Councilman Alex Kelly this month. I'm looking forward to working with him as we keep pushing forward on the priorities residents have been asking for; strong services, steady progress & making sure their interests are put forth & represented. I also want to once again recognize our Department of Public Works for the long hours they put in this winter. Snow removal is one of those jobs that's easy to notice only when it doesn't happen, and DPW delivered; early mornings, late nights, and tough conditions. With temperatures warming and the snow finally clearing out, they've earned every bit of that appreciation.

This month also brings the kickoff of our America 250th activities. We'll have a lineup of events rolling out, so keep an eye on Town announcements, come out when you can & have some fun with it, there will be opportunities to participate and earn related prizes along the way. Health on Wheels will be presenting to Council this month as well, and several new projects are still moving through our boards, including Planning & Zoning and the Board of Zoning Appeals—projects like the proposed TSC & Taco Bell among them.

Finally, this is the last mass paper copy of the newsletter. Future editions will be online, or you can sign up to have a copy mailed or emailed, please do so if you want the next issue.

Thank you, Taneytown & to anyone traveling for spring break: safe travels.



Health on Wheels—Coming to Taneytown!

The Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels mobile health unit will be coming to Village Drive on date to be announced. This traveling clinic brings a variety of health services directly into the community, helping make care more accessible for residents. Services may include health screenings, testing for HIV and Hepatitis C, blood pressure checks, health education, and connections to additional community resources.

Residents are encouraged to stop by once the date is announced to learn more about available services and take advantage of this convenient community resource.

March 2026

3/16: Street Sweeping (5:00am)
3/21: March Table Talk - Taneytown Library (3:30pm)
3/24: Comprehensive Plan Workshop(6:30pm)
3/28: Easter Egg Hunt @ Memorial Park (1:00pm)
3/30: Planning Commission Meeting(7:30pm)

April 2026

4/8: Mayor & City Council Workshop (7:30pm)
4/13: Mayor & City Council Meeting (7:30pm)
4/15: Parks & Rec Advisory Board (6:30pm)
4/20: Street Sweeping (5:00am)
4/21: Comprehensive Plan Workshop(6:30pm)
4/25: Earth Day Cleanup—All City Parks (1:00pm)
4/25: Carroll Vista Community Yard Sale
- Community Event: (9:00am-1:00pm)
4/27: Planning Commission Meeting(7:30pm)

May 2026

5/2: Bulk Trash Day @ Memorial Park (7:30am-1:00pm)
5/6: Mayor & City Council Workshop (7:30pm)
5/9: Fishing Derby @ Roberts Mill Park (8:00am)
5/11: Mayor & City Council Meeting (7:30pm)
5/13: Parks & Rec Advisory Board (6:30pm)
5/16: Spring Community Flea Market @ Memorial Park (9:00am-2:00pm)
5/17: Gifts & Gratitude Walk @ Bollinger Park (11:00am)
5/18: Street Sweeping (5:00am)
5/25: Memorial Day Ceremony @ Memorial Park (10:00am)
5/25: Memorial Day Parade—ACNB to Kennies (1:00pm)
5/30: Wine, Arts & Music Festival @ Memorial Park (11:00am-4:00pm)

All dates subject to change

*If you would like to have your community event posted in next months newsletter, please contact Makensie Albin at malbin@taneytownmd.gov or 410-751-1100. **All events must be apolitical and community-oriented*

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER UPDATE

This will be the final standard edition of the City newsletter mailed to all residents. To continue receiving the physical newsletter each month, please sign up at: <https://www.taneytownmd.gov/residents/newsletter.php>

Moving forward, the newsletter will be published monthly on the Taneytown website, the Taneytown Connect App, and the town's social media pages.

Updates From City Hall

Parks & Recreation

In the midst of the winter cold, we're planning plenty of events and programs for when the warmer weather arrives! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will kick off our event season; it will be held at Memorial Park on Saturday, March 28th starting at 1 p.m. The hunt is open to all ages, divided into four groups (3 and under, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 and older), and every one of the 4,000 eggs has a toy or piece of candy inside! Our annual Earth Day Clean-up Event will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 1-3 p.m. in all of our parks, and our annual Fishing Derby will be held at the pond at Roberts Mill Park on Saturday, May 9th starting at 8 a.m. Our Spring Community Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Memorial Park (if you'd like to reserve a spot, contact Lorena Vaccare at lvaccare@taneytownmd.gov or call 410-751-1100, ext. 108). Check out all the events on our City website calendar or our Parks & Recreation Facebook page! Our Parks & Recreation Community Survey is still open, and if you haven't taken a few moments to complete it yet, there's still time - we'd love to hear from you!

Planning & Zoning

The Department of Planning and Zoning continues to review site plans including the EVAPCO Parking Lot Expansion (located on MD 194) and McDonalds (located on East Baltimore Street (MD 140)). There will be a Board of Appeals hearing on March 17th regarding a proposed Tractor Supply use and McDonalds sign variance(s) at the Taneytown Shopping Center and also a new deck in Meades Crossing. Progress continues to be made on updating the City Comprehensive Plan. In February, the Department was busy issuing sidewalk clearing reminders. Approximately 60 were issued. Please remember to clean your sidewalk after a snowstorm.

Upcoming Events:

Board of Zoning Appeals - March 17th
Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Workshop – March 24
Planning Commission - March 30

Police

Taneytown Police Department personnel attended the first planning meeting for the annual Torch Run and are preparing to bike from Memorial Park to McDaniel College on June 9th—mark your calendars! We are also proud to announce a new initiative in partnership with the Carroll County Health Department. “Health on Wheels” is a mobile medical unit delivering free or low-cost healthcare directly to underserved, rural, and vulnerable communities and they are coming to Taneytown this spring - follow us on Facebook for dates and locations. Lastly, officers have increased patrols in requested areas and continue responding to a higher volume of calls for service while remaining committed to proactive community policing. We thank the community for its vigilance and assistance with recent cases.

Public Works

During the winter storm cleanup from late January, the City removed over 380 triaxle loads of snow from the developments.

YARD WASTE: Beginning the first Tuesday in April, April 7, 2026, and continuing through the first Tuesday in December, December 1, 2026, the Public Works Department will again pick-up grass clippings on Tuesdays. You must call the City Office no later than 3 p.m. Monday to schedule for pick up the next day. Currently there are no charges to Carroll County residents for disposal of yard waste, at the County Landfill in Westminster (410) 386-4550:

- Please place your bags at the curb by 7:30 a.m., the morning of pick up.
- Yard waste must be placed in paper—kraft bags only.
- Please limit the weight of bags so they can easily be lifted for loading and unloading without bag breakage.
- This service is limited to grass clippings, flower & shrubbery trimmings only. Please do not dispose of dirt, sod, thistle, or household garbage.
- If bags have dirt and sod in them they will not be picked up.



New Councilmember—Alex Kelly!

The City of Taneytown is pleased to welcome Alex Kelly to the Taneytown City Council. Alex was officially inducted on March 9 and joins the Council with a commitment to serving the community and helping guide the City forward. We look forward to his contributions and thank him for stepping up to serve the residents of Taneytown.

Recycling Reminder

Carroll County uses *single-stream recycling*, making it easy to recycle paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, jars, and plastic containers (#1–#7) all loose in your bin. Please remember: **no plastic bags, Styrofoam, food waste, electronics, or glassware**. Recycling correctly helps keep our system efficient and sustainable

★Celebrating America 250th in Taneytown★

Celebrating America’s Story

As our nation commemorates 250 years of history, freedom, and progress, Taneytown is proud to celebrate in a way that reflects the heart of our community. Throughout the next few months, select Town events will feature special 250th anniversary elements, historical highlights, commemorative giveaways, themed activities, and meaningful nods to our shared past. From family festivals to community traditions, each event offers a chance to honor where we’ve been and celebrate where we’re going.

250th Featured Events—in Taneytown!

Attend these events, collect stamps and earn exclusive prizes!

March 28 | 1pm-3pm | Easter Egg Hunt | Memorial Park
May 9 | 8am-12pm | Fishing Derby | Roberts Mill Park
May 16 | 9am-2pm | Spring Community Flea Market | Memorial Park
May 30 | 11am-4pm | Wine, Art, & Music Festival | Memorial Park
July 3 | 6pm-10pm | Independence Day Celebration | Memorial Park
July 4 | 8am | Red, White, & Blue Fun Run | Roberts Mill Park
July 5 | 3pm-6pm | Family Fun Day | Memorial Park
August 4 | 6pm-8pm | National Night Out | Memorial Park

250th Featured Events—in Carroll County

Join our neighbors across Carroll County as they bring history to life through exhibits, reenactments, and commemorative programs celebrating 250 years of America.

Feb 23—March 15 | Carroll 250 Traveling Tavern: | North Carroll Branch Library
April 12 | Museum Opens with "Taneytown 250+" | Taneytown History Museum
April 12—27 | HSCC Traveling Exhibit in Taneytown | Taneytown History Museum
April 26 | America 250 History Fair | Carroll Creek Park
May 2 | Maryland History Day | UMBC
June 13 | Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage | Frederick County (Self-guided)
June 24—30 | SAIL250® Maryland | Baltimore Harbor
July 2026 | HSCC 250th Anniversary Exhibit Grand Opening | Shriver-Weybright Auditorium, Westminster
August 29—30 | Living History Reenactment | Carroll County Farm Museum
Nov 20—22 | B&O Unlocked: Tribute to America 250 | B&O Railroad Museum

