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250th LINKS & RESOURCES



Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC) - Carroll 250 This is the central landing page for the county's 250th planning. It includes information on the Carroll 250 Traveling Exhibit (a 10'x10' replica Revolutionary-era tavern) and details on how to request it for your community events.

Carroll County Public Library - Celebrating America The library hosts the Carroll 250 Speaker Series and provides digital archives of local history. You can find registration links for upcoming talks and "History Day" events here.



Maryland 250 Commission (MD250) The statewide site offers a broader look at Maryland's role in the 250th, including grant opportunities for local organizations and a calendar of major state events.

Taneytown Newsletter Resources This page serves as your central online hub for staying connected with the latest news, events, and updates from the City. Past and current editions of the newsletter can be found here, along with a convenient form to subscribe and receive the newsletter in print.



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Exploring the history that

shaped our community



FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Celebrating America's 250th birthday in Taneytown

Dear Neighbors,

As we approach America's 250th anniversary, our community joins a nationwide celebration of this historic milestone. You are receiving this newsletter because we are entering a once-in-a-lifetime season of reflection and pride. From local exhibits to national festivals, activities across the country will honor the journey of our democracy.

This is a unique opportunity to rediscover our shared heritage and take pride in the American spirit. We invite you to engage with our local history and celebrate the stories that define us. Let's honor our past and inspire our future.

~ The Taneytown 250th Committee

What is America 250?

America's 250th Birthday is Coming! America turns 250! This once in a lifetime celebration marks a quarter millennium since the Declaration of Independence. Expect spectacular events, community gatherings, and patriotic festivities nationwide. It's our chance to honor our shared history, celebrate what unites us, and imagine America's next chapter together!

Places that tell stories



In 1791, George Washington famously visited the Adam Good Tavern, marking a moment of historical significance for Taneytown. As America approaches its 250th anniversary, the spirit of the revolution feels closer than ever. Though not the original, the current building still has an ere of 1776. Just as Washington led with grit, this landmark honors our enduring legacy, toast by toast.

LOCAL HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

If you've ever walked down East Baltimore Street and wondered about the stories etched into our town's bricks, the Taneytown Heritage Museum is your gateway to the past. Tucked away in the historic center, this local gem is more than just a collection of artifacts; it's a living tribute to the "Small Town Paradise" we call home.



Run by a dedicated team of volunteers, the museum showcases Taneytown's unique evolution from its founding in 1754 to its strategic role during the Civil War. Visitors can explore beautifully curated exhibits featuring: Vintage memorabilia from local businesses of yesteryear; Historical photographs documenting our changing skyline; Personal accounts from the families who built this community.

Whether you're a lifelong resident or a newcomer, stopping by is a wonderful way to connect with your roots. Admission is free, though donations keep the lights on and the history preserved. Support our local heritage and discover the legends in your own backyard!

PEOPLE OF THE PAST

While Adam Good remains the most recognizable name associated with Taneytown, his brother Jacob was the true architect of the early community. As a prominent land agent and developer, Jacob purchased the town's unsold lots and surrounding acreage in 1772. Beyond business, he was a dedicated patriot, serving on the Committee of Observation and commanding a "Flying Camp" militia company during the Revolutionary War. Despite shifting ranks and political challenges, he led troops in the 1776 New York campaign. Dying at just 35, Jacob's foundational influence remains significant, though he is often overshadowed by family legends.



LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, the 250th anniversary is about more than just the past; it helps us prepare for our future. By learning about our local roots, we find the strength to face the years to come. This special time encourages us to grow closer as neighbors and do our part for our town. As we save the stories of people from long ago, we are starting new stories for our children and grandchildren. Together, we are building a future we can all be proud of.

TANEYTOWN HISTORY QUIZ

Submit your answer at City Hall for a prize!

Other than George Washington, what other two Presidents visited Taneytown?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Herbert Hoover
- C) Dwight Eisenhower
- D) Abraham Lincoln

STAMPS ACROSS TANEYTOWN

Celebrate Taneytown's 250th by attending participating events, checking in at the 250th table to collect stamps, and earning prizes when you reach 3, 6, or 9 stamps!

3/28: Easter Egg Hunt @ Memorial Park (1pm-3pm)

4/25: Earth Day Cleanup @ All Parks (1pm-3pm)

5/9: Fishing Derby @ Roberts Mill Park (8am-12pm)

5/16: Spring Community Flea Market @ Memorial Park (9am-2pm)

5/30: Wine, Art & Music Festival @ Memorial Park (11am-4pm)

7/3: Independence Day Celebration @ Memorial Park (6pm-10pm)

7/4: Red, White, & Blue Fun Run @ Roberts Mill Park (8am)

7/5: Family Fun Day @ Memorial Park (3pm-6pm)

8/4: National Night Out @ Memorial Park (6pm-8pm)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Building a strong 250th anniversary celebration starts with working together. Community partnerships bring our town's diverse groups into one shared mission. When local businesses, schools, and historical societies join forces, we can create events that truly honor our past.

Local shops can sponsor festivals, while schools help students learn about our roots through special projects. These partnerships make it easier to share resources, like finding space for exhibits or volunteers for parades. By working as a team, we ensure that every voice is heard and every story is told. These connections don't just help with one event; they build a stronger, more united town for the future. Together, we make history come alive for everyone.

UPCOMING 250TH EVENTS IN THE AREA

4/12: Taneytown History Museum's "Taneytown 250+" exhibit opens

4/12-4/27: HSCC Traveling Exhibit at the Taneytown History Museum

4/25: Civil War on The Homefront @ Sunday Mornings at Savannah's

4/26: America 250th History Fair @ Carroll Creek Park

5/2: Maryland History Day @ UMBC

6/12: Maryland house & Garden Pilgrimage *self-guided in Frederick County*

6/24-6/30: Sail 250 Maryland @ Baltimore Harbor

6/27: Juneteenth and Freedom Stories @ Sunday Mornings at Savannah's

July 2026: HSCC 250th Anniversary Exhibit Grand Opening @ Shiver-Weybright Auditorium, Westminster

7/12: Maryland Day & America 250 Celebration @ Sunday Mornings at Savannah's

8/29-8/30: Living History Reenactment @ Carroll County Farm Museum

10/9: Spirits of the Past @ Sunday Mornings @ Savannah's

11/20-11/22: B&O Unlocked—Tribute to America 250 @ B&O Railroad Museum