

THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN NEWSLETTER

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The Mayor's Message



Members of the Taneytown Police Department and City staff proudly participated in Denim Day, standing in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence and raising awareness about the importance of support, advocacy, and ending victim-blaming.

I know many have seen water rates rising in surrounding areas. This year, we were facing a needed increase to cover debt service. After working closely with staff, I've presented a budget and water proposal that keeps rates the same, with no increase, by paying down debt and reducing annual debt service costs. This should put us in a stronger position to keep rates stable in the years ahead.

At the start of April, the Chief let me know it was time to return to retirement after welcoming a new family member. I'm grateful for all he has done, including preparing TPD leadership for the future. I'm proud to nominate Lt. Jessie Castellar as Acting Chief.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day parade!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)
- 5/19: **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP**
(6:30PM)
- 5/25: **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**
MEMORIAL PARK (10:00AM)
- 5/25: **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**
ACNB TO KENNIES (1:00PM)
- 5/27: **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
(7:30PM)
- 5/30: **WINE, ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL**
(7:30PM)
- 6/3: **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**
(7:30PM)
- 6/8: **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
(7:30PM)



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UPDATES *from* CITY HALL

Parks & Recreation

Event season has officially kicked off! Thanks to everyone who came out to our March 28th Easter Egg Hunt, and to those who helped out with our Earth Day Cleanup on April 25th – we appreciate you! We have lots of events and programs scheduled for this spring and summer for your enjoyment, including those coming up in May: the Fishing Derby on May 9th, Spring Community Flea Market on May 16th, Gifts & Gratitude Walk on May 17th, a Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on May 25th, and the Wine, Art & Music Festival on May 30th. Registration is also open for our Tennis Clinics, our Pickleball Clinic, and Yoga in the Park. Please see our Parks & Recreation Department Facebook page or the calendar on the city website for more details on these and other upcoming events! Or if you'd prefer to receive event and program information by email, contact us and we'll add you to our distribution list! Our Public Works crew has been hard at work preparing the parks for play this season, and we thank them for all the improvements made - the painting, pruning, planting, mulching, and myriad other jobs, big and small...they keep our beautiful parks in peak condition!

Police

April was filled with meaningful community initiatives. We recognized Child Abuse Prevention Month with a proclamation and community walk, and highlighted Sexual Assault Awareness Month through participation in Denim Day. Several car seat check events were held to help ensure child passenger safety, and we proudly launched a new partnership with the Carroll County Health Department's "Health on Wheels" program, expanding access to essential healthcare services within our community. Looking ahead to May, we are preparing to begin commercial truck enforcement efforts aimed at improving roadway safety. We are also continuing development of a bike safety program to support safe cycling for all community members. We appreciate the ongoing engagement and support in these important efforts.

Planning & Zoning

The Department of Planning and Zoning continued to review a site plan for McDonalds and reviewed an amended plat for Taco Bell. Taco Bells Preliminary Site Plan was accepted by the Planning Commission, meaning City and County Staff will be reviewing for applicable code compliance. Once the project meets all applicable codes, the project will be on an upcoming agenda for Preliminary and possibly Final Site Plan Approval. EVAPCOs Parking Lot Expansion received both Preliminary and Final Site Plan approvals from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission also denied Final Site Plan approval for the Memorial Park Expansion. Progress continues on updating the City Comprehensive Plan. In March and April, the Department and Commission reviewed the draft plan and provided comments to the City Consultant. City staff has also reviewed the entire Site Plan Chapter of the City Code and made changes, which will be going before Council soon. Site Plan Chapter updates are intended to make the process more straight forward and friendlier.

Reminders from Public Works

Yard Waste

Begins 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 picking 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.

Storm Water Inlets

Please do not sweep or blow grass and debris into the street. This practice can block downstream storm water inlet grates and pipes causing storm water to back up into the street, creating flooding conditions. Also, please report anyone seen dumping materials into the storm water drainage system, by contacting the Taneytown Police Department (410-751-1150) or the City Office (410-751-1100). It could be contaminating our environment.

Street Sweeping

Monday, May 18, 2026

From 5AM to 10AM (no parking allowed):
York, Frederick, East & West Baltimore Streets

Monday, June 16, 2026

From 5AM to 10AM (no parking allowed):
York, Frederick, East & West Baltimore Streets

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday May 20 at the
Taneytown VFC Activities Bldg.
1pm-6pm

Schedule your donation today at
redcrossblood.org Enter sponsor
code TaneytownCommunity or
call 1-800-Red-Cross



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