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THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN NEWSLETTER

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The Mayor's Message



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



WINE, ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Summer is here! Hope everyone is doing well. This month the city budget was approved by Council & with it comes an approval of \$300k towards pedestrian and street safety items that we'll be rolling out over the next year. You'll see some of the first iterations this summer & we'll continue to address

neighborhood concerns as we're able. Don't hesitate to reach out but we'll have the list of roads being addressed this year, fairly soon. Also, we have Acting Chief Castellar taking over as Chief of the police department with the retirement of Chief Baker. So thank you to both for their service & be sure to congratulate Chief Castellar when you see him! Sgt Shultz has also been promoted to Lieutenant, so be sure to congratulate him as well!

Have a wonderful summer & looking forward to seeing everyone at the Independence Day celebration!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/10: **PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD** (6:30PM)
- 6/15: **STREET SWEEPING** (5:30AM)
- 6/18: **YOGA IN THE PARK** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) MEMORIAL PARK (6:00PM)
- 6/29: **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** (7:30PM)
- 7/2: **YOGA IN THE PARK** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) MEMORIAL PARK (6:00PM)
- 7/3: **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** MEMORIAL PARK (6:00PM-10:00PM)
- 7/4: **RED, WHITE & BLUE FUN RUN** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) ROBERTS MILL PARK (8:45AM)
- 7/5: **FAMILY FUN DAY** MEMORIAL PARK (3:00PM-6:00PM)
- 7/8: **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP** (7:30PM)
- 7/13: **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING** (7:30PM)
- 7/15: **PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD** (6:30PM)
- 7/21: **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP** (6:30PM)
- 7/27: **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** (7:30PM)

UPDATES *from* CITY HALL

Parks & Recreation

We're in the midst of a very busy event season! Thanks to everyone who came out to our May 9th Fishing Derby, our May 16th Spring Community Flea Market, our May 17th Gifts & Gratitude, our Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade, and our Wine, Art & Music Festival - all the events were wonderful and it was lovely to see so many of you join us! We have lots more events and programs scheduled for this summer for your enjoyment - be sure to check our Facebook page or the website calendar for more details. Registration is still open for our Tennis Clinics, our Pickleball Clinic, and Yoga in the Park! And if you're participating in the Stamps Across Taneytown contest as part of our America 250 celebration, be sure to come see us at our Independence Day events - we'll have stamps available at the July 3rd Fireworks (Memorial Park), the July 4th Red, White & Blue Fun Run (Roberts Mill Park), and the July 5th Family Fun Day (Memorial Park)!

Police

May was a busy month, full of community events and initiatives. Last month, we launched a new partnership with the Carroll County Health Department's "Health on Wheels" program, expanding access to essential healthcare services within our community. We hosted two days in May where the community benefited from this program. We also began commercial truck enforcement efforts, alongside the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, which is aimed at improving roadway safety. During these conducted stops, multiple checks were completed and one commercial tractor trailer was "deadlined" for driver license violations. Our Tobacco Enforcement program efforts continue, where we have found multiple violations from tobacco retailers in town. The annual 1st Responders Day at the History Museum was a great success with record participation and a special visit from Paw Patrol characters Chase and Marshall. We also had a great time at Head Starts "Family Fun Day" event, where we supplied Child Identification Kit's to families. We appreciate the ongoing engagement and support in these important efforts.

Planning & Zoning

The Department of Planning and Zoning continues to review site plans for McDonalds, Taco Bell, and Taneytown Supply. The Planning Commission voted to approve a request to waive the requirements for site plan approval, for Tractor Supply Company (520 East Baltimore Street), with conditions. The Commission also voted to recommend the Taneytown Community Comprehensive Plan 2025 Update progress to the required 60-Day Review process that includes State and County review and comment. Please note there has been an abundance of complaints about high grass. Grass needs to be mowed according to the City Code, or fines may be assessed to your property.

CARROLL COUNTY STORYMAPS

Carroll County Government and seven municipalities have launched the new "Journey Through 250 Years of Local History" StoryMap as part of the America 250 celebration. The interactive experience highlights historic sites, landmarks, and community stories across Carroll County through maps, photos, narratives, and audio features. Explore the StoryMap at: <https://carrollcountytourism.org/experience-history/>

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Reminders from Public Works

Water Usage

The City has recently observed a decrease in water pressure in our system, particularly during the weekends. At this time, we believe this may be related to an overall increase in water usage, though City staff will be conducting additional testing and reviews to help pinpoint the exact cause. There is no indication of a public health or water quality issue. However, as you may have seen in the news, our county is currently in draught conditions, with voluntary water conservation encouraged. We are asking residents to assist us by reporting anything unusual you may notice, including:

- Water pooling or flowing where it normally would not be
- Persistently wet ground
- Unusual sounds from hydrants or water infrastructure
- Sudden unexplained changes in water pressure
- Water running down the road or in areas it shouldn't be, when it hasn't rained

If you notice anything out of the ordinary, please contact the City Office so our staff can investigate further.

Yard Waste

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.

