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THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN NEWSLETTER

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The Mayor's Message



Hope everyone is having an awesome summer thus far! Work continues across various projects here at the city, but I wanted to touch on a key issues we've been experiencing, which is a rise in E-Bike & E-Scooter usage. While allowed in town, we've been seeing an increase in dangerous activity related to their usage and TPD has stepped up enforcement related to that. We're also preparing to start rolling out the next iteration of traffic calming devices early fall. Wanted to give a big shoutout to everyone who helps with this year's fireworks, especially our amazing Parks & Rec Director Lorena. We're seeing an increased interest in commercial development so be sure to keep an eye out on what's coming before Planning & Zoning if that's something that interests you. With that said, enjoy the rest of the summer & stay safe in the heat.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/18: **YOGA IN THE PARK** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
BOLLINGER PARK (8:30AM)
- 8/20: **YOGA IN THE PARK** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
MEMORIAL PARK (6:00PM)
- 8/25: **YOGA IN THE PARK** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
BOLLINGER PARK (8:30AM)
- 8/31: **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
(7:30PM)
- 9/2: **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**
(7:30PM)
- 9/7: **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
(7:30PM)
- 9/9: **PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD**
(6:30PM)
- 9/12: **CARROLL VISTA COMMUNITY YARD SALE** (9AM-1PM)
- 9/26: **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
MEMORIAL PARK (11:00AM)
- 10/1: **HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST**
THROUGH 10/31
- 10/3: **GIFTS & GRATITUDE WALK**
BOLLINGER PARK (11:00AM)
- 10/17: **BIRDS & BURBON** (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
BOLLINGER PARK (3:00PM)

UPDATES *from* CITY HALL

Parks & Recreation

July was a busy month in Taneytown as we celebrated Independence Day with several exciting community events! The festivities began with our annual fireworks display on July 3, followed by the Red, White & Blue 5K on July 4, which brought residents together for a festive morning of walking, running, and showing their patriotic spirit. Our parks remain a great place to enjoy a walk, spend time with family, or participate in one of our upcoming programs. Be sure to check the City's Facebook page and website calendar for more Parks & Recreation activities throughout the summer!

Planning & Zoning

The Planning Commission provided a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and Council for Ordinance 10-2026, related to Accessory Dwelling Units. The only change from the Commission was to wording about requiring a parking study. The City sent the Comprehensive Plan to the State, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and County, for the 60-Day required review. Please note there has been an abundance of complaints about high grass. Grass needs to be mowed according to the City Code so grass does not exceed eight inches, or fines may be assessed on your property. Please note that property must be free of rubbish and refuse. We are working on addressing several properties not in compliance. Additionally, any vegetation hanging into your yard, you may trim, but it is advisable to please contact your neighbor first.

Police

July was another busy month, full of community events, outreach, and important initiatives. Chief Castellar spent a week at Camp COPS with the Blue Team, where he had the opportunity to engage with the campers, build positive relationships, and support this important community program. Members of the TPD also participated in car seat checks, helping ensure children were properly and safely secured. We also enjoyed assisting Parks and Recreation with their Red, White & Blue Run. It was a great event, and we were proud to provide traffic control support! We are excited to announce that we have started the process of hiring a new patrol officer. Traffic enforcement efforts continue throughout town, with a focus on e-bike safety and stop sign violations. We appreciate the continued support and engagement from our community and look forward to building on these efforts in the months ahead.

Reminders from Public Works

Water, Sewer, & Street Emergencies

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is available 24/7 to address after-hour water, sewer, & street emergencies. To report a problem:

1. Call the City Office
2. Follow the voice prompts to the after-hours emergency line and leave your name, phone number, and a brief message.
3. Your message will be forwarded to the DPW.

Calls concerning water shut-off for nonpayment of water and sewer bills cannot be handled by the DPW after-hours. You must take care of this issue during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

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 backup 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.

Yard Waste

Grass clipping pickup continues on Tuesdays through December 1, 2026. Call the City Office by 3 p.m. Monday to schedule pickup, and place bags at the curb by 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Use paper kraft bags only. Pickup is limited to grass clippings and flower or shrubbery trimmings. Bags containing dirt, sod, thistle, or household trash will not be collected.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday August 19 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



CITY DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City's annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the consumer confidence report (CCR) is now available to view on the city website or a hard copy is available at the city office upon request.

<https://bit.ly/4eXBwUM>



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