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THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN NEWSLETTER

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The Mayor's Message



Hope everyone had an awesome Halloween! With the potential of inclement weather this winter, we've delayed some of the safety device installation until the spring, but will release a list of road candidates and installations to be done during the winter. With that said we've had some recent retirements here at the City & have been focused on some administrative changes at City Hall in the pursuit of efficiency increases. In November, we also swore in three new police officers to the Taneytown Police Department. With all that said, we're making progress across a couple of different fronts here at the city, including code & charter updates. With all that said, the winter months are ahead & we're preparing! Stay warm out there and have a happy Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/12:	**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** (7:30PM)
11/16:	**STREET SWEEPING** (5:00AM)
11/18:	**PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD** (6:30PM)
11/24:	**COMP PLAN WORKSHOP** (6:30PM)
11/28:	**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**
11/30:	**PLANNING COMMISSION** (7:30PM)
12/1:	**HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST (THROUGH 12/31)**
12/14:	**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING** (7:30PM)
12/21:	**STREET SWEEPING** (5:00AM)
12/28:	**PLANNING COMMISSION** (7:30PM)
1/11:	**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING** (7:30PM)
1/18:	**STREET SWEEPING** (5:00AM)
1/25:	**PLANNING COMMISSION** (7:30PM)
2/8:	**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING** (7:30PM)

UPDATES from CITY HALL

PARKS & RECREATION

Autumn is here in all its beauty, and if you haven't had a chance yet to get out to our parks and enjoy the lovely fall foliage and crisp, cool air, we encourage you to do so! We held our annual Photography Contest and had some truly amazing submissions - winners were announced on our Facebook page along with their prize-winning photos taken in our parks. Our Halloween Decorating Contest concluded, and there were some amazingly decorated houses in town...again, check out the winners on our Facebook page! (We'll also feature the winners of both of these contests in next month's newsletter.) We had a great turnout for our inaugural Munster Run 5K/Fun Run on Halloween morning at Roberts Mill Park, with over 100 participants, and the October 24th Trunk or Treat at Memorial Park also went very well. We'll hold our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5th kicking off at 5:00 p.m. with face painting, caroling, hayrides, food trucks, and of course Santa - it all happens at Memorial Park! You can check upcoming events out on our Facebook page or website calendar for more details, and you can also find pictures of past events on our Facebook page as well! Also, just a quick reminder that all dogs need to be leashed (it's the law!) while visiting our parks, for everyone's safety (including the dogs'!). Happy Thanksgiving!

PLANNING & ZONING

At its October 26th meeting, the board met to review ongoing development projects and planning initiatives throughout the City. The Commission reviewed the Piney Creek Overlook sketch plan, discussing roadway layouts, parking, and the proposed Community Village designation. Updates were also provided on the Taco Bell and McDonald's development plans, both of which are professing through the review process. Discussion continued on the Taneytown Comprehensive Plan Update, with the Commission working toward a recommendation for City Council consideration. Additional conversations focused on future development, the proposed bypass, and coordination with Carroll County on planning matters. The next Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for November 24th at 6:30pm, followed by the next regular Planning Commission meeting on November 30th at 7:30pm.

POLICE

October was another month of events, community outreach, and welcoming new staff to our agency. Our Certified Passenger Safety Technician supported multiple car seat checks, helping ensure that children in both Carroll County and Frederick County are transported by caregivers who feel confident and well informed. We were also pleased to have "Health on Wheels" mobile unit back in town this month to help get resources to community members. This month, we hired an additional administrative assistant and had a new officer graduate from the Police Academy. We ended October by handing out 3,000 glow necklaces on Halloween to increase pedestrian visibility, at over ten different locations around town. We are looking forward to our winter events, which are just around the corner. We will release dates and times next month!"

REMINDERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

WINTER WEATHER

SNOW REMOVAL: As winter approaches, please help our Public Works crews keep Taneytown's streets safe and accessible! During snow events, main roads are cleared first, followed by side streets, courts, and alleys. Residents are encouraged to park in driveways, keep shoveled snow out of the streets, clear nearby fire hydrants, and ensure trash cans remain accessible. Please remember that plowing may push snow back toward driveways.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as our crews work to keep Taneytown moving safely this winter!

Preventing Frozen & Burst Water Pipes

Freezing temperatures can cause water pipes to freeze or burst, leading to costly damage. Pipes in basements, attics, crawl spaces, and along exterior walls are especially vulnerable. Help protect your home this winter by:

- Keeping your heat on, even when away, and maintaining temperatures above 40°F.
- Insulating exposed pipes and sealing drafts around windows and doors.
- Disconnecting and draining outdoor hoses and faucets.
- Knowing where your main water shut-off valve is located.
- Checking on vacant or unoccupied properties during extreme cold.

Remember: Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes. Taking a few precautions now can help prevent costly repairs later!

Trash/Recycling Holiday Schedule

	PICKUP DATE	
Veterans Day	11/11	NO CHANGE
Thanksgiving	11/25	NO CHANGE
Christmas	12/23	NO CHANGE
New Years	12/30	NO CHANGE

VISIT DOWNTOWN TANEYTOWN SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH AND SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!

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