

Newly Elected Officials Take Taneytown by Storm



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Service Spotlight:

Patrick Schweinsberg

Like more than 325,000 other Americans, Taneytown resident Patrick Schweinsberg is a citizen-soldier. Monday through Friday and fifty weeks a year, the 36-year old works a civilian job in Finksburg, MD. But he spends one weekend each month and two weeks every year serving as a soldier in an armed unit of the Maryland Army National Guard.

Raised locally, Schweinsberg attended Francis Scott Key High School, and continued his education at Central Pennsylvania College.

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The Mayor's Message

Dear residents of Taneytown,

I hope you are well and in high spirits this summer season. I want to share some news and updates with you.

I am pleased to announce that I will hold regular office hours for those who wish to speak with me in person. I will be available at City Hall every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 5pm and on Sundays by appointment. Look for a forthcoming post with details on scheduling a meeting. I am eager to connect with each of you and listen to your thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

A heartfelt “thank you” to all who exercised their right to vote and made their voices heard during the May election. Your participation in the democratic process is invaluable, and I am honored to serve as Mayor. I am committed to making a positive impact, and I have wasted no time getting to work. I remain determined to overcome any obstacles and work tirelessly for the betterment of our city and its citizens.

It is no secret that we are going through a transition period, but I am optimistic that our relationship with the members of the Council will improve. I sincerely hope they will cooperate with me to address long-neglected issues that affect our town. Together, we can bring positive change to Taneytown and ensure a prosperous future for all.

Taneytown is used to slow governance; my approach is centered on swift action. I will introduce new items and ordinances monthly aimed at streamlining processes, resolving confusion, and initiating projects that benefit our citizens. I implore the Council to match our pace and embrace

this proactive approach. Together, we can achieve remarkable results for our community.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication with our citizens, we are exploring new avenues to keep you informed on City affairs and engaged with me. One such initiative is a new “Ask the Mayor” feature on the TaneytownMd.gov website. You will be able to send me direct messages and ask questions. Common questions will be compiled into an FAQ on the website for easy reference.

This summer will be vibrant and eventful. Please check out the Parks & Recreation calendar to discover many exciting events lined up for residents of all ages. Additionally, stay updated with online announcements to make the most of the enriching experience our city offers.

Recently, we successfully organized the Memorial Day Parade and the Wine Festival, both of which were resounding successes. Thank you to Parks & Recreation Director Lorena Vaccare and the dedicated volunteers who contributed their time and effort to make these events possible. If you encounter them at future events, please take a moment to express your gratitude for their invaluable service.

One of my top priorities is strengthening our Police Department by restoring it to full capacity. I am also focused on improving officer quality of life to enhance retention and recruitment. While I have encountered some challenges and resistance from the Council, I remain steadfast. We are dedicated to promoting community policing and are actively working to hire a Police Chief. When you see our officers on

duty, please take a moment to acknowledge and thank them for their dedication to keeping our City safe.

Regarding water and sewer services, I am actively exploring potential avenues to provide relief for unusual bills and will soon present a proposal to the Council. We are also working on revamping our late bill notification procedures. Your concerns are heard, and we are diligently working to address them.

In the coming weeks and months, I believe you will witness a positive transformation at City Hall. We are committed to enhancing customer service, expanding outreach efforts, and ensuring that our citizens derive maximum benefits from our City services. I understand that these changes may take some getting used to, and I am grateful to the staff for their cooperation during this period.

Throughout the summer, keep an eye out for events hosted by our vibrant business community. These events are opportunities to support local businesses and engage with fellow residents. I thank the organizers of the recent Fireman's Carnival, which greatly supported our local Fire Company. The success of such events is a testament to our community spirit.

Congratulations also to the graduating Class of 2023 and their remarkable teachers! In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our local businesses; the Police, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation Departments and all City staff; and our residents.

Keep up the great work, Taneytown!
Christopher G. Miller
Mayor of Taneytown



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Taneytown voters went to the polls on Monday, May 1 to elect two candidates to two vacant City Council seats and one candidate among the three running for Mayor. When the results were tallied, Christopher G. Miller was chosen to serve as Mayor, and Jim McCarron and Christopher Tillman were elected to City Council.

The newly elected officials wasted little time appearing at area businesses, and there were plenty of opportunities for them to do so. Page one photographs are:

Top left, from left: Rocky Herring, Taneytown Chamber of Commerce President, Councilman Christopher Tillman; County Commissioner Joe Vigliotti; and Mayor Christopher Miller join Karen Iglehart for a ribbon cutting at her new business, Restoration Cottage, located at 519 E. Baltimore Street.

Top right, from left: Mayor Christopher Miller and his wife Rachael Miller pose with a promotional cardboard cutout at Cinco de Mayo Taneytown during a celebration for Cinco de Mayo.

Bottom, from left: Incumbent Councilwoman Judy Fuller, Councilman Christopher Tillman, Maryland State Delegate Christopher Tomlinson, and Mayor Chris Miller join staff (at center) from Tony's Café and Pizzeria at the celebration of Tony's reopening under new ownership.



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At Schweinsberg's regular job at Congoleum Corporation, he is an active member in the United Steelworkers Union, Local 9577. He has served as both president and vice president.

When he's not serving our nation in uniform or his coworkers through the union, he can often be found at the shooting range. He is passionate about firearms and plans to build his own range on family property (outside of City limits).

Schweinsberg's photograph on Page 1 was taken in South Carolina. He expects to spend this year's two weeks of duty later this year, in New Jersey.

Habitat Homes Come to Taneytown

After a three-year hiatus, two homes are on track to be built on E. Baltimore Street in Taneytown.

“I can’t tell you how thrilled I am to be here today,” said Scott Swartz, Executive Director of Carroll County Habitat for Humanity, at the groundbreaking ceremony held on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

In 2016, a local builder donated a parcel of land to Carroll County Habitat for Humanity. The organization’s Board of Directors and staff met in 2018 and set a goal of completing a duplex single-family

home(s) for 2020. So what happened? The Pandemic, Shelter-in-Place, Isolate, COVID, Quarantine, Social Distancing, Virtual Learning, PPE, and N95 are the adjectives (and reality) of what happened and brought the schedule to 2022.

With building supply shortages and skyrocketing costs, Habitat for Humanity had to make some design changes to bring down costs. And a new goal was set for Spring 2023. Hooray - they made it. Finally.

Two families are on their way to home-

ownership.

Habitat for Humanity gives a great deal of credit and appreciation to the Board, staff, volunteers, and homeowners who made this possible. As well as the people who write the check, donate the car, or donate and shops at the ReStore (Habitat’s store).

For more information on Carroll County Habitat for Humanity visit www.cchabitat.org or contact Executive Director Scott Swartz at sswartz@cchabitat.org or 410-751-7722.

Taneytown Chamber of Commerce Continues Traditional Business Breakfast

The Taneytown Chamber of Commerce has been a voice of and resource for Taneytown businesses since 1926. Beginning in July, the Taneytown Chamber will fully take over an event that they have been hosting in partnership with City of Taneytown staff since September 2022.

The Taneytown Business Breakfast has a history stretching nearly twenty years. Local woodworker and retired technology businessman Doug Heck recalls that the breakfast began informally at the restaurant at 5525 Taneytown Pike - currently Venue Bouchon but also known by such names as the Old Havilah Inn and the Old Easy Does It. Deciding that it would be beneficial for all who wanted to come, the breakfast was eventually moved to Thunderhead Bowl & Grill.

For many years, now-retired Taneytown

Economic Development Director Nancy McCormick arranged the monthly breakfast, inviting guest speakers including former Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer and US Senator Ben Cardin. Both of those speakers proved to be so popular that the event had to be relocated to a school cafeteria in order to accommodate the crowd.

As with most regular events, the Taneytown Business Breakfast was put on hold during the lockdown phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time, McCormick retired. Taneytown Chamber Board of Director members Jodi Narowski and Christopher Tillman were adamant that the Taneytown Business Breakfast should resume as soon as possible. Joining with Taneytown’s new Economic Development Director Jay Meashey, Narowski and Tillman

welcomed attendees in September 2022 to the first Taneytown Business Breakfast in more than a year.

In May 2023, the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce and newly elected Mayor Christopher G. Miller agreed that, from July onward, the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce would be the sole host and organizer of the Business Breakfast.

The Taneytown Business Breakfast is held on the second Saturday of each month. Doors open at 7am, the breakfast buffet is served at 7:30am, and the program or presentation begins at 8:00am followed by a pass-the-mic opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves. Breakfast typically concludes by 9am.

On Friday, July 14, the program is complimentary open bowling.

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Rose conducted more than 40 years of research to complete her Family Tree and donated this effort in hopes that Generations to come will enjoy! The purpose of this notice is to inform all interested parties of the availability of Rose's research.

The published **KLEIN FAMILY TREE** can be found at
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by Lisa Picker

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While summer reading looks quite different than it did generations ago, at its core the focus is on reading and spending time together as a family. **This year the theme of Carroll County Public Library's (CCPL) summer reading program is "All Together Now."** The program is going on now and runs through August 31. Summer reading is for all ages, and parents and caregivers are encouraged to take part and demonstrate the value and importance of reading. **Sign up for the program through the library's website, <https://library.carr.org>, or at your local branch.** Then earn points by reading, writing, drawing, and completing activities. **Our generous supporters at Penguin Random**

House have provided final prizes of books for all finishers. We'll also have raffles throughout the summer to help you stay on track and accomplish your goals. If you haven't downloaded the library's mobile app Beanstack to track your summer reading progress, you can do so through the Apple or Google stores for free. The app makes it super easy to log and track your progress as an individual or as a family.

CCPL has organized so many fun programs and events this summer that you can never say that you are bored. One program that our staff are all looking forward to is the **Taneytown Scavenger Hunt with Corky**, the library's penguin mascot. **The Scavenger Hunt runs from Saturday, July 1 through Monday, July 31**, and is a great way for your family to explore Taneytown this summer. Corky is a very clever penguin and knows how important reading is and how much fun it can be to read and learn new things about your community and the world around you.

Starting on July 1st, anyone who wants to participate should come to the Taneytown Branch, located at 10 Grand Drive in Taneytown, to pick up a flat paper puppet of Corky and a copy of the Scavenger Hunt rules. Once you have Corky, you have the month of July to visit five different

places around Taneytown and take a picture of yourself with Corky. On this Scavenger Hunt, there are no clues or right or wrong answers. You can pick the places you want to visit, somewhere cool, somewhere you've always wanted to go, or somewhere you recently discovered. If you need some inspiration, we will have a list of potential places to check out including local businesses.

Once you complete your Scavenger Hunt and have your five photos with Corky, **you have until 5:00 PM on Monday, July 31** to turn them into the library or send them to our library email account (provided at signup). This will automatically enter you into a raffle to win a gift card. The winners will be selected in early August.

For more information on our Scavenger Hunt and many other library programs, visit library.carr.org and go to our Calendar of Events or stop by any branch to pick up the details. We can't wait to see you at Carroll County Public Library this summer.





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After August 15, a late Water/Sewer bill will be mailed to anyone with an outstanding balance and will be due by August 22, 2023. **Water shut-off is scheduled after August 22, 2023**. If water service is interrupted for non-payment, there will be an additional restoration fee of \$50.00 to reconnect water service. **On the day of water shut-off only cash payments will be accepted**. Questions regarding your bill can be directed to the Water/Sewer Department at (410) 751-1100.

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2 Independence Day Celebration 6:00pm-10:00pm Fireworks at 9:30p Memorial Park	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	5 Regular Trash & Recycling Pick Up Mayor & Council Workshop Meeting 7:30pm City Hall	6	7	8
9	10 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting 7:30pm City Hall	11	12 Parks & Rec Advisory Board & TAA Meeting 6:30pm City Hall	13	14 Taneytown Business Breakfast 7:00am Thunderhead Bowl & Grill	15 Movie in the Park Jesus Revolution 8:45pm Memorial Park
16	17 No Parking 5a-10a York, Frederick E&W Baltimore Sts	18	19	20	21 Family Food Truck Friday 5:00pm-8:00pm Memorial Park	22
23 30	24 31 Planning Comission Regular Meeting 7:30pm City Hall	25	26	27	28	29 Movie in the Park Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile 8:45pm Memorial Park

August

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- Newspaper bags
- Bread and produce bags
- Food storage bags
- Wrap packaging (the thin plastic wrap covering items such as water, napkins, paper towels, etc)
- Air pillows from packaging

Although these items can't be recycled by our local hauler, some of them may be accepted for recycling at local stores. You may also choose to not use them at all! According to ThoughtCo, plastic bags are used for an average of 12 minutes, take 1,000 years to break down into smaller particles, and can continue to pollute soil and water for years. Reduce the use of plastic bags by using alternative methods such as bringing your own reusable bags.

More information regarding Carroll County recycling programs may be found on the County website and a guide to Waste Management & Recycling is also available.

www.carrollcountymd.gov/medi/3128/acceptable.pdf
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If you are in need of having large items removed from your property, you may call Ecology Services at 1-866-427-8389 to set up a time for them to remove it. Ecology Services will charge a fee for this service. **This fee will not be paid by the City.** You will need to send pictures of the item(s) so they can properly price the cost of this service. Fees are based on size and volume of materials that you are having collected.

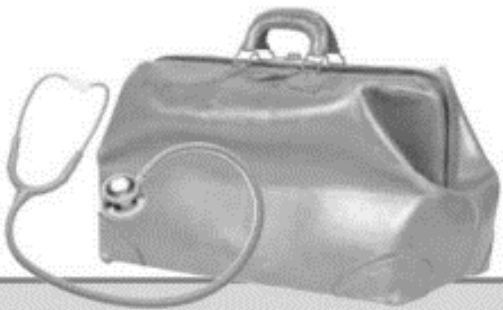
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Myth 3	The bank can foreclose on a home and kick out the borrower's spouse, partner or significant other.
Answer	If the borrower no longer meets the requirements of the loan such as the home is no longer their primary residence, they've passed away, or are not making the required payments (see myth 2), the loan has to be satisfied. If the spouse, partner or significant other are not on title they will need to refinance the loan in their name or purchase the home.
Myth 4	Reverse Mortgages are for those who have no money.
Answer	A Reverse Mortgage is designed to support all socio-economic communities. In fact, individuals with a financial advisor may, by using a Reverse Mortgage, be able to leave a larger legacy to their heirs or estates.
Myth 5	My heirs or estate will be responsible for repaying the Reverse Mortgage.
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This column was originally printed last year in the Taneytown Record, authored by a past Taneytown Police Department Officer. It is reprinted here for the benefit of new parents or anyone who needs assistance with child safety seats.

Typically, when you set up an appointment with a Taneytown Police Officer to discuss car seat safety, you will discuss age and weight restrictions regarding car seats. The officer will show you how to properly install and remove a car seat. They will also go over all the information labels located on your car seat and answer any questions you might have. Our hope is that when you leave your appointment, you can comfortably set up and remove your car seat as needed without help and that all your questions have been answered.

Here are some important factors to consider when educating yourself regarding car seats...

- Don't use a seat that is missing parts or lacks a manufacture's date and model number. If there's no instruction manual available, don't use the seat. Also, check the seat for the recommended "expiration date." If you know the seat has been in an accident and regardless if it "looks good" or not. It is best practice to not use the seat.
- Be sure to fill out the product registration card so you hear about any recalls right away.
- Do not let price or brand be the factor when deciding on car seats. ALL car seats must pass the same safety regulations to be sold in the United States. Choose your seat based on age, weight, and comfort.
- If you go to the manufacture's website, most of them have all their manuals and videos on how to set up online. YouTube would be a secondary option.

To set up an appointment for a car seat check or installation, please contact TPD at 410-751-1150 and ask for Officer Nick Betcher.



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2022 *City of Taneytown*



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The City of Taneytown – Public Works Department would like to present to you this year’s Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day and to help you understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water is supplied by eight wells located throughout the city, which draw from the New Oxford aquifer (or Formation). Each well has its own chlorine disinfection treatment system. The finished (treated) water from each well is pumped into a distribution piping system, which includes two storage tanks.

We have a Source Water Assessment Plan available from our office that provides more information, such as potential sources of contamination. This plan is also available from Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) or at the Carroll County Public Library. For more information call 1-800-633-6101

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Source_Water_Assessment_Program/Pages/by_county.aspx

We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water (SDW) Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the City Office at 410-751-1100 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Council meetings. They are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the City Office.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the SDW Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The City of Taneytown routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022. In this table, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Range – indicates lowest level to highest level of contaminant detected.

N/A - not applicable.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

Parts Per Trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter- or one ounce in 7,800,000,000 Gallons of

water.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in

water.***Action Level (AL)*** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The “Maximum Allowed” is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG):

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

PFAS – or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater, and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain. Beginning in 2020, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) initiated a PFAS monitoring program. PFOA and PFOS are two of the most prevalent PFAS compounds. PFOA concentrations from samples taken from our water system in 2022 ranged from no detect- 6.82 parts per trillion (ppt); PFOS concentrations from samples taken from our water system in 2022 ranged from nondetect- 13.8 ppt. In March 2023, EPA announced proposed Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) of 4 ppt for PFOA and 4 ppt for PFOS, and a Group Hazard Index for four additional PFAS compounds. Future regulations would require additional monitoring as well as certain actions for systems above the MCLs. EPA will publish the final MCLs and requirements by the end of 2023 or beginning of 2024. Additional information about PFAS can be found on the MDE website: mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Pages/PFAS-Landing-Page.aspx

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of contamination
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Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium (2022)	No	0.155	Ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling waste; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (2021)	No	0.38	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum
Copper (2020)	No	0.245 (90% percentile)	ppm	1.3	AL= 1.3 (Action level)	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Selenium (2022)	No	2	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Lead (2020)	No	2	ppb	0	AL= 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) (2022)	No	5	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (2022)	No	3	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from glass and electronics production

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products						
Chlorine (2022) (distribution)	No	1.2	ppm	MRDLG 4.0	MRDL 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (2022)	No	1.2	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (2021)	No	10.3	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Dichloroethylene (based on average for year)	No	1.85-7.89 8	ppb	7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Tetrachloroethylene (2021)	No	7.0	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Radioactive Contaminants						
Gross Alpha excluding radon and uranium (2022) (average)	No	3.81-13.1 (range) 8	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits

Beta/photon emitters (2022)	No	0-4 (range) 4	pCi/L	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined Radium 226/228 (2022)	No	2.2-2.3 (range) 2.3	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (average) (2022)	No	8.3142	pCi/L	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated Contaminants						
PFOA (10/2022)	NO	6.82	Ppt	N/A	N/A	Human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams.
PFOS (9/2022)	NO	13.8	Ppt	N/A	N/A	Human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams.
PFBS (10/2022)	NO	16.7	Ppt	N/A	N/A	Human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams.
PFHxS (9/2022)	NO	7.44	Ppt	N/A	N/A	Human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams.

Note: Test results are for 2022 unless otherwise indicated; all contaminants are not required to be tested for on an annual basis.

Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of samples.

Hardness: Water is a strong solvent that dissolves varying amounts of mineral substances. Calcium and magnesium are the principle mineral contaminants that cause water to be “hard.” (17.1 ppm = 1 grain). While not a health concern, high levels of hardness can cause other issues such as spots on dishes and the need to use extra soap for bathing, dishes, laundry, and hot water scaling.

Arsenic: While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a

mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

lead: Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Taneytown is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Taneytown at 410-751-1100. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Nitrates: Levels above 10 ppm in drinking water is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activities. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Dichloroethylene: Taneytown's system has several treatment plants. Compliance with the MCL is based on the average of the Dichloroethylene results from all of the treatment plants, but the CCR is supposed to show the highest level detected at any sampling point, and the range of all results. The MCL compliance determination is based on the average of the two results (i.e., average of 1.85 and 7.89 ppb).

The Maryland Rural Water Association's State Circuit Rider assisted with the completion of this report.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding. Please call our office at 410-751-1100 if you have questions. We at the City of Taneytown work around the clock to provide top quality water at every tap. We ask that all our consumers, who are the heart of our community, help us protect our water because our way of life and our children's future depends on it.

Carroll County Government

- Department of Social Services- (410) 386-3300
- Dog Licenses- (410) 386-2971
- Health Department- (410) 876-2152
- Marriage Licenses- (410) 386-2022
- Taneytown Library- (410) 386-4490
- Taneytown Senior & Community Center- (410) 386-2700
- Tourism & Visitor Center- (410) 848-1388

State Government

- Driver's Licenses, Westminster MVA- (800) 950-1682
- Driving Test Only- (888) 212-4709
- Maryland Poison Center- (410) 706-7701
Toll free- (800) 492-2414

US Government

- Naturalization & Immigration Information- (800) 375-5283
- Passport Application & Information- (800) 275-8777
- Taneytown Post Office- (410) 756-6411

Taneytown Area Schools

- Carroll Community College- (410) 386-8100
- Francis Scott Key High School (FSK)- (410) 751-3320
- McDaniel College- (410) 848-7000
- Northwest Middle School- (410) 751-3270
- Runnymede Elementary School- (410) 751-3203
- Taneytown Elementary School- (410) 751-3260

Utilities

- Baltimore Gas & Electric- (410) 685-0123
- Baltimore Gas & Electric Power Outage- (877) 778-2222
- Comcast Cable & Internet- (800) 266-2278
- Potomac Edison- (800) 686-0011
- Taneytown Water, Sewer, & Trash- (410) 751-1100
- Verizon- (410) 539-9900

Hospitals & Pharmacies

- Carroll Hospital Center- (410) 848-3000
- CVS Pharmacy- (410) 756-2548
- Frederick Memorial Hospital- (240) 566-3300
- Gettysburg Hospital- (717) 334-2121
- Kennie's Pharmacy- (410) 756-6616

Community Organizations

- American Legion Hesson-Snyder Post- (410) 756-2219
- Caring & Sharing- (410) 756-2302
- Knights of Columbus- (410) 756-2500
- Taneytown Chamber of Commerce- (410) 756-4234

- Taneytown Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary- (410) 756-4208
- Taneytown Lions Club- (410) 751-1120
- Taneytown Museum & Heritage Association- (443) 918-8687
- Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company- (410) 756-6253

Houses of Worship

- Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ
2930 Old Taneytown Road
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 202-8665
- Grace United Church of Christ
49 W Baltimore Street
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 756-2302
- Beth Shalom of Carroll County Synagogue
2020 W Liberty Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 875-2800
- Messiah United Methodist Church
25 W Middle Street
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 756-6085
- Mount Union Lutheran Church - NALC
5000 Middleburg Road
Taneytown, MD 21787
www.mtunionchurch.org
- Piney Creek Association – Reformed Presbyterian
(410) 756-2512
Piney Creek Church of the Brethern
4699 Teeter Road
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 756-2820
- St James Orthodox Church
30 York Street
Taneytown, MD 21787
(443) 821-7246
- St Joseph's Catholic Church
44 Frederick Street
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 756-2500
- Taneytown Baptist Church
4150 Sells Mills Road
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 756-4444
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
38 W Baltimore Street
Taneytown, MD 21787
(410) 756-6626

And just like that, the year is half gone! But there's plenty of action still to come, as the Mayor indicated in his Mayor's Message (on page 2). I particularly want to highlight the upcoming Taneytown Artisan Fest. Details are on the back page of this paper, but it's an exciting collaboration between Taneytown's own Parks & Recreation Department and the Carroll County Arts Council.

Since Arts Council Executive Director Lynne Griffith took over at the organization about a year and a half ago, she has made important strides in increasing the geographic scope of the Arts Council's work. Summer Movies in the Park are one project that they plan, in cooperation with the City and the Taneytown Men of Faith. The July 22 Artisan Fest is another. I look forward to seeing how Lynne's team cooperates with City staff and volunteers as we work to bring public art downtown!

Speaking of volunteers, the City is always in need of them! You may have noticed that we've changed our domain name from www.taneytown.org to www.taneytownmd.gov.

That's not the only update, though. We've added a "Help Wanted" tab on the City website. Here, you can find full-time employment opportunities, the application to serve on a board or commission, and a page describing the current volunteer opportunities that exist.

Before I wrap this up, I do need to make two corrections to the last issue of the paper. A caption listed an incorrect name for one of the attendees of the Grand Re-Opening of Flick's Pub. It was Blaine Flickinger; I mistakenly listed him as Blake Flickinger. I regret the error.

Additionally, an out-of-date ad was run regarding Dr. Jason Tate's medical practice. They no longer perform the laser services that were offered in the ad that went to print. I apologize.

Please let me know if you or someone you know serves in the Armed Forces of the United States and would like to be featured in our Servicemember Spotlight. Thanks,

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TANEYTOWN ARTISAN FEST

SATURDAY, JULY 22 | 10AM - 4PM
RAIN OR SHINE

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Annual Outdoor Festival

The Carroll Arts Center has partnered with the City of Taneytown to present this annual outdoor festival that is held on the beautiful grounds of Taneytown Memorial Park. This event features fine art and craft displays by regional artists. Bring the kids for a free craft activity to inspire artists of the future! A food court and live music round out this family friendly outdoor festival!

Fine Art • Crafts • Food • Live Music

Free Kids Activities

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