

City Invests Big in Small Businesses



Service Spotlight: Bryce Buie

Even before Bryce Buie graduated from high school, there were signs that he was going to pursue a different path than his two brothers. Rather than the marching band at Francis Scott Key High School, for instance, he joined the Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Following his 2014 high school graduation, Buie attended Carroll Community College for criminal justice.

Instead of pursuing a law enforcement career, though, Buie enlisted in the Unit-
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After years of stagnant growth or outright loss of businesses, Taneytown's commercial scene is beginning to thrive. This is due in large part to a decision by the Mayor & City Council to invest grant funding in renovating building interiors.

In the past, Main Street Taneytown offered a façade grant that would reimburse property owners up to 50% of the cost for improving the exterior of their buildings. One of the conditions was that only

buildings in the small Main Street district were eligible for improvements.

In 2018, Main Street Taneytown received a \$50,000 grant from the State of Maryland for façade grants. By March of 2021, only \$20,000 had been awarded and the State was threatening to reclaim the unused money for distribution to more effective Main Street programs.

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The Mayor's Message

This warmer weather is a welcome change, for me at least! I am personally grateful for an uneventful winter, although I believe this is the first time in my memory that we had no snow. But with this beautiful spring weather, the outdoor activities can begin. Spring sports are in full swing, and it's refreshing to see our young people out and getting some activity.

Further improvements in our parks are underway and probably already completed by the time you read this. The community skate park has been completely renovated to now incorporate more permanent concrete fixtures along with the existing ramps and activities, and also includes a dirt track for bicycles. Thank you to our Parks & Rec Department for working so hard in acquiring the funding to make this project possible!

Water and sewer work continues on Roberts Mill Road and certain connecting streets. This project will replace some of the oldest utility lines in the City and provide a long-term benefit in regard to our ongoing struggle against storm water inflow and infiltration. This improvement is expected to significantly lessen the burden on our wastewater treatment plant during rain events. Additional projects addressing "I&I" will be undertaken in the near future.

We are excited to acknowledge that we have more businesses operating in the City than we have had in over a decade!

Downtown storefronts are showing signs of life again and more opportunities are coming before us regularly in our thriving commercial district. Taneytown is ramping up to a boom! In a 2019 interview with Carroll Magazine, I stated that Taneytown was on the cusp of something great. We are seeing that "something great" happen before our very eyes!

Our local government is enjoying renewed partnerships and cooperation with county and state agencies that are helping push some of our projects ahead, and I am particularly excited about a new partnership with the Maryland Department of Commerce in working to help our business community succeed while sourcing funding for potential new businesses.

We have built amazing momentum during my Administration, and it has been an absolute honor to guide our City through unprecedented difficulties and come out stronger than ever. Taneytown is in its strongest financial position thanks to aggressively pursuing funding from other sources instead of always laying the burden on our tax base. Our goal is to reclaim taxes paid to the State through grants so that those funds are put back into our own community, and we are exceeding expectations in that regard.

I want to remind you that the City Election for the Mayor's seat and two City Council seats will take place on Monday,

May 1, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Taneytown Police Station. I encourage every registered voter in city limits to take this opportunity to choose the future of your community. Take the time to learn about each candidate so that you can place an informed vote and have your voice heard. Public service is not easy, and I thank everyone who is willing to put their name in for the opportunity to serve this beautiful City.

I hope you have plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy what Taneytown has to offer during the sunny days ahead! Thank you for this opportunity to move Taneytown forward!
-Mayor Bradley J. Wantz



Mayor Bradley J. Wantz with scholarship winning teachers Samantha Miller (L) of Taneytown Elementary School and Michele Gorman (R) of Northwest Middle School at the Carroll Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teacher Awards on March 19, 2023



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From 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the City will provide compaction trucks and dumpsters at Taneytown Memorial Park for the removal of bulk trash. Citizens are asked to observe the following procedures:

- Citizens are responsible for bringing their trash to the park for disposal.
- All persons who are dumping material must show proper ID to the attendants, before they can drop off items. Only citizens of Taneytown will be allowed to dispose of trash. All others will be turned away.
- Please do not leave trash in the park after hours specified above. The disposal service only operates during listed hours.
- Vehicles transporting bulk trash for disposal must be limited to passenger vehicles and pickup trucks. Larger trucks should haul their items directly to the Carroll County Landfill.
- All items containing oil and/or gas must be drained.
- The attendant will direct you to dedicated dumpsters for metal items and appliances.
- There will be one compaction truck designated for all other acceptable recyclable items, which includes little tyke play equipment, plastic trash cans, etc.
- To keep the flow of traffic moving, all recycling items should be separated before entering the drop-off area.
- Dirt, sod, tires, propane tanks, paint (**not dried out**), concrete debris, or chemicals of any type **will not be accepted**.
- Yard waste is limited to grass clippings, flower & shrubbery trimmings only, and must be placed in paper— kraft bags.
- This will be the only bulk trash event for 2023, so please have your unwanted items ready for disposal this spring.



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How Do They Do That?

In 2021, this column explained how municipal elections are administered. This issue looks at the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Ethics Commission, and how the voter registration list is compiled.

The City Charter specifies that the Mayor appoints the Board of Supervisors of Elections “on or before the first Monday in March in every odd-numbered year” and that they serve for two years. The Mayor’s nominees must be approved by the City Council. In addition to the regular elections that happen in odd numbered years, the Board is also responsible for administering any special elections that happen. Members are eligible to be reappointed.

Members of Ethics Commission serve for three-year terms and are appointed when vacancies occur. Members of the Commission must also be confirmed by the City Council. In general, the role of the Ethics Commission is to ensure that neither City employees nor candidates for office have financial entanglements that would cause a conflict of interest and put the interests of taxpayers in jeopardy. City elected and appointed officials and staff fill out a financial disclosure form each year, and each quarter they must certify that nothing has changed on their financial disclosure.

In August 2022, there was some controversy over how many registered voters there are in the City. In an effort to clear that up, here’s a brief description of how voter registration happens:

A person grows up here and turns 18 or moves here. That person registers to vote. In Maryland, each county has an elections office. That is who receives your voter registration, whether you fill out a traditional form or whether you check the box when you’re getting a driver’s license or register any of the other ways. The county elections office is also who runs elections for county, state, and federal offices and reports those results to the State elections office.

An extra thing happens when you register to vote and you live in a municipality. The county has a list of addresses that are inside a municipality, and if you live at one of those addresses, it automatically puts you on the voter list for your municipality too. Every time that there is a municipal election – a regular one for mayor and/or council or a special one about annexation or something else – there is a registration deadline or cut off set by the county office based on how long it will take them to produce the voter list for the municipality. In this case, the deadline was April 3, and then the Carroll County elections folks send that list to the City Clerk, and that’s the official list of who can vote. Only people who are within the city limits and who register in time with the County can vote. And that is an update on how City elections work.

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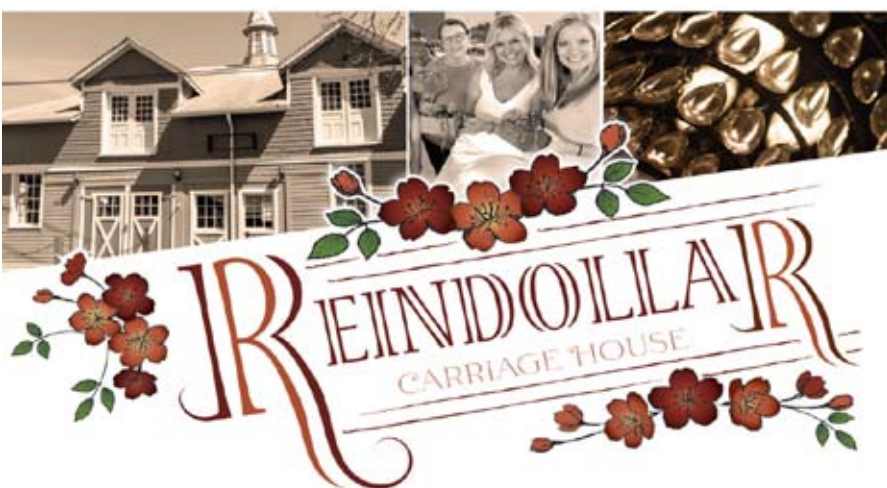


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- What's a major threat to your organization?
- What are some steps that you can take now to prepare for this future?

You're invited to register now for this important presentation. All are welcome to attend. See more details and **learning objectives** for the meeting at <https://lnkd.in/e6HQU4Tu>

This event is hosted by Carroll County SHRM and sponsored by NFP.

Water & Sewer Billing Information

Water/Sewer bills were issued April 1, with a **due date of April 30, 2023**. Any bill not paid by April 30 will be assessed a 5% late penalty fee; on May 8 an additional 5% will be added to any unpaid balance, and on May 15 an additional 5% will be added to any unpaid balance.

After May 15, a late Water/Sewer bill will be mailed to anyone with an outstanding balance and will be due by May 22, 2022. **Water shut-off is scheduled after May 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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If your bill has the "Estimated Reading" image, please contact the City Office at (410) 751-1100 immediately and we will schedule a time to physically check the meter, obtain an actual reading and/or complete the needed repair so we can obtain future radio reads. This process takes 10-15 minutes. The next billing date will be **July 1, 2023**. *Thank you.*

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt Kicks Off Busy Event Season



Scenes from the Taneytown Easter Egg Hunt, including the 7-9 age group getting ready and an Easter Basket that was raffled off.

On Saturday, April 1, the Easter Bunny made its annual visit to Memorial Park, hiding 4,000 eggs in the process! It took nearly 300 Taneytown kids and parents to locate the hidden eggs. And while the fun of the Taneytown Easter Egg Hunt lasted for just one afternoon, a whole slate of events will provide fun all summer long and into the fall.

April included an Earth Day Cleanup and Taneytown's first Parks & Rec-organized community flea market. The flea market idea grew from Facebook comments that residents made. Taneytown Parks & Recreation Director Lorena Vacarre said that it was an event that was relatively easy to plan, so she was glad to be able to respond quickly and positively to what residents expressed on Facebook.

The annual **Fishing Derby** at Roberts Mill Park Pond will take place on **May 6**, the same time that the Department of Public Works will be conducting **Bulk Trash Day** at Memorial Park. The end of May sees the traditional **Memorial Day Ceremony** at 10:00am at Memorial Park followed by the **Memorial Day Parade** beginning at 1:00pm and marching from the American Legion to Kennie's Market.

On **June 10**, the **Wine, Art & Music Festival** will take place from 11:00am-4:00pm, and hopefully the weather will be less oppressive than last year! **Yoga in the Park** sessions also begin in June this year.

The first **Movie in the Park** night is **July 1**, followed by more movies throughout July and August. On Sunday, **July 2** the City will host its free **Independence Day Celebration** from 6:00pm-10:00pm, with fire-

works beginning at 9:30pm. Also in July, Memorial Park will host **Family Food Truck Friday** on **July 21** and the next day will be the site of Taneytown's first art in the park event, planned jointly with the Carroll County Arts Council and called **Artisan Fest**. That's to avoid confusion with a Westminster event called Art in the Park.

National Night Out on August 8 kicks off the final full month of summer. It also falls in the middle of the Reading in the Parks Contest that runs from August 6-12. August will likely also be the time that Instructor Stephanie Sullivan of Choe's HapKiDo offers free classes. It's a summer schedule full of fun brought to you by the hardworking Taneytown Parks & Recreation Department and Advisory Committee!

Taneytown Water 101

On Saturday, February 25, City elected leaders and staff joined members of the public at the Taneytown Branch of Carroll County Public Library in order to present a forum called “Taneytown Water 101.”

Public Works Director Kevin Smeak and Assistant Director Randy Myers explained details about the water and wastewater system. Smeak and Myers brought props including recently removed pieces of piping from under the City and the three different kinds of water meters on Taneytown homes.

For nearly two hours, City representa-

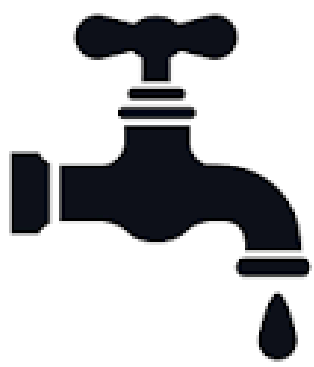
tives used a dozen PowerPoint slides and their combined knowledge to explain how water gets from the ground to residents’ faucets and from residents’ drains to the treatment facility and beyond. They also took a wide range of questions, including ones not specifically about the water and sewer utility.

Officials also delivered the presentation at Carroll Vista, working to meet residents close to where they live.

Any interested residents who didn’t have a chance to attend Taneytown Water 101 in person can find it on the City of Taneytown YouTube channel. The

direct address for the video is youtube.com/watch?v=R09k3Nzsqrg

As always, residents who have questions are encouraged to speak to City staff. Public Work staff are very used to being asked questions and are very knowledgeable about the process.





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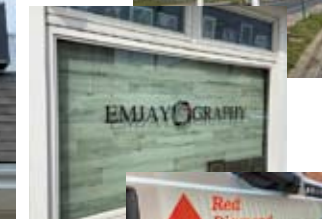
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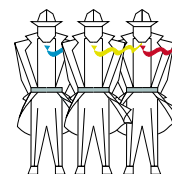
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7	8 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting 7:30pm City Hall	9	10 Parks & Rec Advisory Board & TAA Meeting 6:30pm City Hall	11	12	13 Taneytown Vol. Fire Company Pit Beef 11:00am-2:00pm Activities Building
14	15 No Parking 5a-10a York, Frederick E&W Baltimore Sts Street Sweeping Week (see Public Works notice on page 21)	16 Street Sweeping Week (see Public Works notice on page 21)	17 Street Sweeping Week (see Public Works notice on page 21)	18 Street Sweeping Week (see Public Works notice on page 21)	19 Street Sweeping Week (see Public Works notice on page 21)	20
21	22 Planning Comission Regular Meeting 7:30pm City Hall	2	24	25	26	27
28	29 City Government Closed for Memorial Day Memorial Day Ceremony 10:00am Memorial Park Parade 1:00pm American Legion to Kennie's Market	30	31 Regular Trash & Recycling Pick Up			

June

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Recycling & Waste Reminders & Rules

RECYCLING

The following items are **not** permitted in curb-side recycling:

- Plastic shopping and grocery bags
- 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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BULK TRASH

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 service. Fees are based on size and volume of materials that are being collected.

PLEASE REMEMBER

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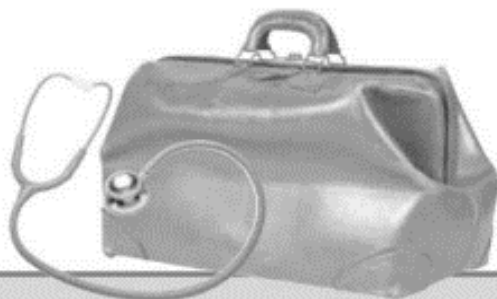
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Venue Bouchon Pops Bottles & Opens Its Doors

Most everyone calls the building at 5525 Taneytown Pike by one of its old names: the old Havilah Inn, the old Gunner's Grille, the old Broken Spoke Bar & Grill, the old Easy Does It. But with the popping of corks on Saturday, April 15, new owners Dominique and Jessica Mouton firmly banished any old ghosts or vibes from the past. The renovated and rehabilitated property is now Venue Bouchon!

The recent occasion for all of the cork popping was Venue Bouchon's inaugural Bridal Expo. More than forty vendors attended, including some familiar Taneytown names like Georges on York Bed & Breakfast, Stone House Cakery and Café, and Finch Market.

Bouchon (pronounced "boo-SHAWN") is French for "cork," a name that the

Moutons settled on because of the celebratory association with "popping" the cork of a bottle of champagne.

The Moutons bought the property in June 2021 from the previous owner, ending a six year search for a space that was "just right." But the couple aren't Goldilocks, just stumbling into the business and testing things out randomly. They've been in the wedding and event business for twenty years, providing a different service than the one they are now. They've owned and operated Maryland Event Rentals since 2003.

The Frederick-based rental company offers equipment and decor, tents and accessories, linens, helium tank rentals, and entertainment, inflatables, and games. After many years of supplying the

essentials for weddings and other parties, the Moutons were persuaded by their customers to open a venue that offers the same high level of service and reasonable prices for which they have become known.

Although the renovations at Venue Bouchon included a substantial kitchen upgrade, the venue does not currently offer its own catering services. In a surprise twist, however, Taneytown may see a pop-up restaurant in the space in August this year. Sebastien Mouton, one of Dominique and Jessica's two adult sons, is a student at the Culinary Institute of America, and he hopes to bring a fun and tasteful menu to Taneytown during his summer break. No details are available yet, but the Moutons promise to publicize the event widely if it comes to fruition.



Owners Jessica and Dominique Mouton and Taneytown Mayor Bradley J. Wantz lead the toast at Venue Bouchon's April 15 Bridal Expo



Approximately forty vendors participated to explain and sample their services for more than one hundred attendees at the Bridal Expo.

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.

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING: The City's Water Department will be Flushing fire hydrants in the areas listed below. City hydrants are flushed regularly to ensure they are in working order for fire protection, and to remove sediment in pipes. These sediments, which do not pose a health concern, are comprised mostly of minerals which have accumulated over time. The annual flushing program helps to keep fresh and clear water throughout the distribution system. Customers may notice a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration. Restaurants and those using washing machines are cautioned to check their water supply. If tap water does become discolored, turn on several cold-water faucets to run for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear faster.

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SWEEPING OF ALL STREETS: All City street curbs will be swept beginning Monday May 15, 2023 and run until May 19, 2023. Sweeping will begin in all developments north of Roberts Mill Road. Please park vehicles in your driveway until sweeping is completed on your street. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Myth 2	The bank can kick me out of my home by foreclosing on my home.
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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.
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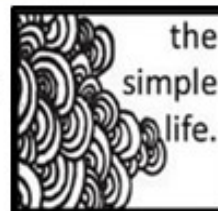
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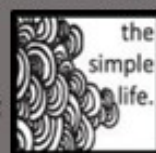


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Photos Around Town

Right: Maryland Secretary of Commerce Kevin A. Anderson speaks at the April Taneytown Business Breakfast, held at Venue Bouchon

Opposite Page:

Top right: Matthew Winston of Truist bank conducted a class called "Grow Your Business" for local small business owners. Topics included how to track your cash flow and manage it, how to structure payroll, how to improve your chances for getting a commercial loan or credit, and the importance of business insurance.

Bottom right: A busy night at Brewery Fire, Taneytown's only microbrewery. Brewery Fire hosts trivia weekly on Thursdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Top left: Jen Elliott, owner of Finch Market at 25 E Baltimore Street, takes part in the Bridal Expo at Venue Bouchon. Finch Market offers unique and curated wine and beer options as well as bartenders for special events.

Bottom left: A grilled chicken salad served during lunch at the soft opening of Flick's Pub.



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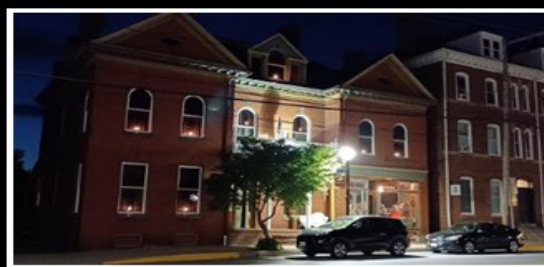
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INVESTMENT, continued

Faced with the loss of more than \$30,000 in State funding for Taneytown businesses, the Mayor & City Council made a bold decision.

On the advice of newly hired Economic Development Director Jay Meashey, elected officials decided to expand the program beyond the narrow Main Street district and to increase the reimbursement amount from 50% to 75%. Critically, they also determined that the funding could support interior renovations to commercial buildings as well as façade work. This new program, providing funding for both interior and exterior renovations, and serving an expanded geographic area, is called the Consolidated Building Improvement Program (CBIP).

The practical outcome of these decisions is that owners of vacant or underused buildings have been encouraged to put them into use.

In 2022, Brandi Bollinger bought the building at 1 York Street on the town square; it's sometimes called "the old Chinese restaurant." After sitting unused for many years, the inside was in very poor condition. The kitchen exhaust and duct system had to be torn out and completely replaced, floors needed to be torn up and replaced, the dirt floor basement had to be converted to concrete to support the weight of a walk-in cooler, and the bathrooms needed to be upgraded to meet the standards of the Americans

with Disabilities Act.

The total cost of interior renovations will be more than \$70,000 before Bollinger can seek a restaurant operator to move in. The City's updated program will reimburse her approximately \$50,000 of the cost that she incurs.

Similarly, Taneytown Auto Parts was looking to upgrade the exterior of their buildings. Although the store is not in the Main Street Taneytown district, owner Pat Small was able to be reimbursed for part of the cost of exterior improvements that he did because of the updated program.

While 1 York Street and Taneytown Auto Parts received assistance under the first round of CBIP, a second round recently closed. Approximately \$45,000 in total was available in the most recent round, with the potential to leverage up to \$180,000 in private investment. By the end of summer 2023, the City is projected to have delivered more than \$100,000 in State-funded, City-directed aid to business and property owners seeking to improve their buildings.

And the \$30,000 that Taneytown was at risk of losing due to past negligence? When the City provided its new CBIP to the State for approval, authorities allowed Taneytown to keep the \$30,000 and use it to generate increased investment.

SPOTLIGHT, continued

ed States Army as a cavalry scout.

After he graduated from Basic Train-

ing at Fort Benning, Georgia, Buie was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he stayed until 2022. Two significant things happened while at Fort Hood: Buie married his Howard County girlfriend Jacquie (née Woodward), and he completed his first rotation for Operation Atlantic Resolve. Operation Atlantic Resolve is the name of the American military response in Europe to the Russian war on Ukraine. Under the current parameters of the Operation, American armed forces are typically deployed to Poland, Latvia, Estonia, or Lithuania.

Last year, Buie was transferred to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While there, he was promoted to sergeant and again sent to Europe as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

In his spare time, Buie, who is currently back in Colorado, enjoys volunteering with fundraisers for veteran groups, hiking and exploring Colorado Springs with his wife, and playing with his dog Romeo, who also comes on hikes and explorations.

Recently, Sgt. and Mrs. Buie announced to their families, including longtime Taneytown residents David and Kelly Buie, that they will welcome their first child in August 2023.

"Service Spotlight" highlights the men and women of northwestern Carroll County who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. Please email jmeashey@taneytown.org to suggest American heroes as future subjects for this column.



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Flick's Pub Re-Opens at Lorien Taneytown

Just over three years since it closed to the public due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, popular restaurant and watering hole Flick's Pub has reopened!

The reopening was strategically promoted on Facebook beginning on March 8, when restaurant manager Sonya McMillion posted a TikTok of herself and other Lorien employees sitting at the bar with celebratory drinks. The post listed Saturday, April 15 as the date for a grand opening. For the rest of March, Flick's Facebook page teased new menu items like the Open Sesame Salad, the Antrim

Kickin' Chickin' Sandwich, and the Flick's Fizz, a cocktail made with white Zinfandel wine, raspberry liquor, Damrak gin, and club soda.

The reopening process also included six days of a reservation-only soft opening, allowing staff members to get up to speed on using the computer system, delivering orders, and taking care of customers.

The Grand Reopening and Ribbon Cutting took place as planned on April 15, featuring a special guest: Fairy Flickinger, widow of former Taneytown Mayor

Robert Flickinger, in whose honor the Pub is named. Flickinger was joined by her son Blake, current Taneytown Mayor Bradley J. Wantz, Taneytown City Councilman Daniel Haines, Lorien Taneytown Administrator Bernadette Beard, McMillion, and a representative from Lorien's corporate office. A crowd of customers forty people strong cheered as Fairy Flickinger cut the ribbon to officially reopen Flick's Pub.

The current menu offers options including soup and salads, shareable appetizers, sandwiches, a variety of side dish options, and seasonal features such as the Spring Genie Panini - roasted turkey breast, cheddar cheese, avocado, bacon, lettuce, tomato, and pesto mayo served as a panini. Flick's also boasts a full bar including draft and bottled beer.

Believed to be the first public bar in a nursing home in the United States, Flick's Pub is located in the Lorien facility at 100 Antrim Blvd. Lorien offers assisted living, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation to patients. The need to prioritize patient safety during the most dangerous parts of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that it was impossible to open the restaurant and bar to the public. On at least two prior occasions, staff began to make plans to reopen Flick's Pub only to be confronted with a "COVID spike."

To check hours, make a reservation, or for any questions, visit Flick's Pub on Facebook or call (410) 756-6400.



From left: Lorien Taneytown Administrator Bernadette Beard, Taneytown Mayor Bradley J. Wantz, Taneytown City Councilman Daniel M. Haines, a Lorien representative, Fairy Flickinger, Blake Flickinger, and Flick's Pub Manager Sonya McMillion prepare to cut the ribbon to reopen the restaurant.

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First, I have a confession. I don't much enjoy making the Taneytown Record. I like many parts of my job as Economic Development Director and Main Street Manager. But this newspaper in your hands? Not one of them.

I went on a listening tour of businesses when I started my job on March 1, 2021, and lots of residents reached out to me too. One of the things I heard often was that The Taneytown Record was worthless. And in fact the Mayor emphasized during my job interview that he wanted to transform the paper into something that was both useful and visually attractive. You can see many of my innovations by simply flipping through this issue.

We have the centerfold calendar now that you can keep and refer to for questions about City meetings or Parks & Rec events or Fire Company pit beef days. We salute those serv-

ing in our military. We tell you about how your money is spent. And we have full-color pictures throughout.

It takes a lot of work to write most of the articles in this paper, to either take or find the photos, to get information from other City departments, to lay it all out in Adobe InDesign. And sometime last year, I just let myself believe that the paper was as worthless as people told me it was. But it's not.

The Taneytown Record is an important way that your government tells you what it's doing, and it's an important way for Taneytown businesses to advertise to you. I apologize to everyone who looks forward to getting the Record. Thank you for your continued interest in your town.

Second, I want everyone to know that the elected folks - the Mayor and City Council

members - don't know what's going to be in The Taneytown Record until they receive it in their mailboxes.

I know that there is a City election on May 1, and I also know that incumbents have been accused of using their positions to campaign. The elected officials on the front page of this issue did not decide who was going to be awarded the grant money. They did not volunteer to deliver the checks. They didn't ask to be photographed. And they didn't know they were front page news until they got this in the mail.

Those decisions were made by me. As was the decision to promote the good work we've been doing to support and encourage businesses. Elections come and elections go, but Taneytown's businesses and my commitment to them stays strong.

-Meashey

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WE NEED HELP WITH:

- * **EVENTS:**
Assist with setting up on event days and running errands at the event.
- * **PARK CLEAN UP:**
Litter pickup; Raking mulch in playgrounds (generally under the swings and around merry-go-rounds).

BENEFITS:

- * **GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET SERVICE HOURS!**
- * **GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY IN A HANDS-ON WAY!**

CONTACT US!

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