



A Small Town with a Big Heart

Taneytown



A REVIEW OF NEWS AND EVENTS

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MAYORS MESSAGE

"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light." - Norman B Rice

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go". So goes the old song. It's true none the less, but boy, what a busy fall we have had! When I last wrote, autumn was in her glory and the "pumpkin people" had invaded Taneytown. The kids were excited, Halloween was just around the corner and Streetscape was winding down. Well, Streetscape has wound down and the "pumpkin people" have gone. Streetscape still has a few final touches to add in order to be 100% complete, but I have had many people tell me, "we look like a new town!" Thank you for your patience during this lengthy process. The results were worth waiting for and will serve us well in years to come. I am now looking forward to a newly revitalized downtown, because of Streetscape, and this revitalization has already begun. Just this month The Flower Shop, relocated from the shopping center to downtown (next to the Tea Room & across from City Hall) and a new antique shop, across from the Country Kitchen, has opened it's doors, with more to come. In City Council action, at the November meeting, 11/14, your council introduced an ordinance that will encourage small businesses to locate in the downtown area. Through a

series of incentives and extended pay programs we will offer potential and current businesses a complete package that will allow newly relocated and start up businesses the ability to get up and growing without a huge outlay for fees or development costs. I think this absolutely is the best incentive package offered by any community in the area. So, if you have ever thought about starting your own business, or if you know someone who has a business that is considering expanding or relocating, check us out. Our economic development Director, Nancy McCormick will provide you with the options available to you from not only the City, but the County, State and Federal programs as well.

Well, it is almost Christmastime. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over, we'll be enjoying the leftover turkey and the memory of "black Friday" will be graying a bit and our thoughts will turn to the most joyous of all seasons. As has been our tradition for many years now, the lighting of the community Christmas tree will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. The event will take place in front of the police station beginning at 6 PM. There will be carols to sing and friends to meet. I even have heard that a special guest has been invited. Santa has promised to take a break from this busy time and join us! Please make plans to join your neighbors at this happy event. Following the tree lighting, many of the downtown businesses will be open. What an excellent way to begin your Christmas shopping, right here at home. Also, the Taneytown History Museum will be reopening. The museum has taken somewhat of a hiatus during Streetscape

and we welcome them back! If you have never been to our museum, or have never taken your kids (or grandkids) to the museum, you owe

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WATER AND SEWER BILLING

Water meters will be read at the end of December. Bills will be mailed on December 30, 2011. Payment is expected within 30 days of the billing date. If payment is not received within that period, there is a 10% late fee on the outstanding balance. Failure to pay in a timely manner could result in water disconnection. There is a \$50 reconnection fee.

If you have a question about your water bill, there are several things you should consider before calling the Town Office.

- If there is a significant increase, you could have a leak.
- Keep past bills so you can compare your usage from billing period to billing period.
- Have your account number ready
- Keep in mind that your September bill will probably be higher than the one you received in July because it covers the summer months when you are washing cars and watering lawns and flowers.

- If you are having financial difficulties: please call the Town Office *immediately* to set up a payment plan. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF WATER CUT OFF TO CALL US.** We are very willing to work out a payment schedule with you. We do request that the payments be divided so that the bill is paid in full before the next billing period.

Taneytown Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

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6:00PM

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE:

Sweeping occurs between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Vehicles should not be parked on these streets until after they have been swept. Construction areas will not be swept. Should inclement weather prevail, sweeping will take place on the following Monday.

Monday, December 19, 2011: East and West Baltimore Streets, Frederick Street, York Street, Cherry Oak Court, Clover Court, Berry Court, Daisy Drive, Chestnut Court, Red Tulip Court, Spring Drive, Skyline Drive

Monday, January 16, 2012: East and West Baltimore Streets, Frederick Street, York Street, Broad Street, Taney Drive, Taney Heights Drive, Taney Court, Tuscarora Trail, Tuscarora Court

LEAF PICK-UP

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 will be the last day for curbside leaf pick-up. Please pack the leaves in plastic bags only and place them at the curb by 7:30 a.m. Bags should not weigh more than 30 pounds each, providing the bags are strong enough to support that weight when lifting. Please limit bag size to 50 gallon. Leaves will be taken to local farms and used as compost, allowing the use of plastic bags. Bags must be tied, and contain leaves only. No tree branches, sod, or trash will be picked-up.

TRASH AND RECYCLING NOTICE

Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, trash and recycling collection will take place on Thursday, December 29, 2011, instead of Wednesday, December 28, 2011, and on Thursday, January 5, 2012, instead of Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Please be reminded trash collection is for household garbage only. The City's hauling company will not collect yard waste material.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The City will provide Christmas tree pick-up again this year. Hughes Trash & Recycling will be collecting trees on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Please place your undecorated tree at the curb by 6 a.m. Since the trees will be recycled, all decorations, plastic bags, and tree stands must be completely removed, or your tree will not be picked up. This is a one-day event only.

SNOW REMOVAL

During a snow event, the priority for streets will be those that carry the heaviest traffic. State Highway crews are responsible for York, Frederick, East and West Baltimore Streets. City crews will initially plow the main arteries followed by side streets, courts and alleys. Please be advised that if you shovel snow from your driveway or parking area and your street has not been plowed, snow will be pushed back to the curb when plowing occurs. Depending on snowfall, it may be necessary to plow streets more than once. Do not push or blow snow back into the street. Please do not approach snow plow operators while they are removing snow from City streets. Contact the Public Works Director at the City Office with any concerns or complaints you may have. On days when there is trash pickup, citizens are encouraged to shovel out a place next to the street where the cans are placed or place the containers at the edge of the street. Please help us maintain accessibility for fire protection, by clearing snow from around fire hydrants that are in the vicinity of your residence.

Persons parking in the metered areas are reminded that they must move their vehicles to the public parking lots, promptly following a heavy snowfall. This is to allow the City to haul the snow from the metered areas. Vehicles not moved promptly after no-parking signs have been placed on parking meters may be towed at owner's expense. Citizens are asked to assist City crews by parking vehicles in their driveways and not on the street; this facilitates much more ef-

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Taneytown City News

EVERY BLOOMIN THING

Every Bloomin Thing opened its doors at 9 York St. during Christmas Season of 1999. The business grew and needing more space, moved to the Carriage House on Church Road with convenient parking at the door.

Jo Ann Kurtz and her associates at Every Bloomin Thing specialize in personal services and create flower designs for every occasion. They are happy to create special requests "on the spot" while you wait - before your very eyes. You can also take advantage of their delivery services, just phone in your order.

Every Bloomin Thing works with brides to create special flower designs for their wedding, from planning to delivery and set up. They do it all from Bridal Bouquet to center pieces and special decor.

At Every Bloomin Thing you can also find blooming plants, and dish gardens as well as fresh flowers and permanent botanicals.

Holiday decorations, home decor and gifts are on display now in a Sparkling Winter Wonderland.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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efficient snow removal and provides you with a wider plowed street. Citizens in cul-de-sacs must park vehicles in their driveway to avoid having snow pushed and piled up around vehicle. Also, vehicles in cul-de-sacs should never park vertically to the curb.

Citizens are reminded that snow removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. Snow must be removed from sidewalks within ten (10) hours of a snowfall. Fines will be assessed for non-compliance, in addition to the cost and expense to the City of the removal of snow. We seek your cooperation, and we will do our best to provide a quality service.

SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

In an effort to reduce infiltration and inflow to the sewer system, this winter the Public Works Department will be

MAYORS MESSAGE

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it to yourself to visit. You will be amazed to see all the local history that is a part of Taneytown. Additionally, the museum will be regaled with many decorated Christmas trees sponsored by local businesses. Stop by and vote for your favorite!

This time of year is a time for joy and a time for giving. For many, tough times are still very much a part of everyday life. As we stop and count our blessings, let us remember those who have been suffering during this terrible recession. If we can, let us reach out to a neighbor or relative or friend that is struggling. If we know of someone that needs help, but that help is beyond our ability, let someone know. Maybe your pastor, or county social service agency will be able to come to their aid. You may even stop by City Hall, and maybe we'll be able to point you in the right direction.

In closing, Myra and I would like to wish you and your family, on behalf of the City Council and City Staff, the most joyous and blessed of holiday seasons. Whether you celebrate Christmas, or Hanukah or any other holiday, for that matter, let the joy of this season carry forward to the new year. Let me be the first to wish you a Happy and prosperous 2012!

completing a sewer rehabilitation project with work areas throughout the city. The work will include conventional open-cut sewer main replacement on Mill Avenue and trenchless sewer lining in portions of Trevanion Road, Baltimore Street, and between Roth Avenue and Canoe Court.

While the work is performed in the section of pipe that includes the lateral to your property, sewer service may be temporarily suspended. Both the contractor and city inspector will be onsite to provide notice to you prior to any interruption of your service. You will NOT be without sewer service for the entire duration of the project, only during a short timeframe within the project work period.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Rick Weaver at the City Office, 410-751-1100.

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Main Street News



TANEYTOWN HOSTS MARYLAND MAIN STREET MANAGERS MEETING

Taneytown was honored to host the Maryland Main Street Manager's Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Social Hall on November 1st. Approximately 24 managers from Dundalk, Bel Air, Easton, Cumberland, Oakland and other Main Street designations in Maryland attended along with City and State representatives and Taneytown Main Street Volunteers. After a tour of our new Streetscape and a short meeting, Silver Oak Culinary students presented us with an outstanding luncheon that was prepared that morning, with homemade soup, fresh salad along with healthy sandwiches and "to die for" homemade desserts. After the luncheon, our Main Street consultant, Mr. Tom Fidler of MacKenzie Real Estate, presented the incentive program for Taneytown's Revitalization Area. We were truly honored to show off our new downtown and most of all to exchange ideas and make new friends.

WE ARE CELEBRATING TANEYTOWN

The City of Taneytown will be hosting a celebration of our community and people on Saturday, April 28, 2012. This celebration was planned for Fall of 2011, but due to street construction, we postponed to spring of 2012.

Individual volunteers and organizations are currently gathering information and planning for various events. The event will run from 9:30AM to 3:30PM from the downtown corridor to Memorial Park. We are currently planning a parade, food vendors, and children's activities along with a performance by the Taneytown Community Chorus.

We are also looking for additional volunteers to assist with the above activities and also as greeters for visitors at various events.

Anyone interested in volunteering or having suggestions for our various events may contact Nancy McCormick at the City Office at 410-751-1100 or nbmccormick@taneytown.org



TANEYTOWN BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Date: Friday, January 13, 2012

Time: 7:30AM – Networking and Buffet Breakfast
8:00 AM – Program

PROGRAM

GANG AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

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CELEBRATE TANEYTOWN- THE AFTER STREETScape PARTY

TANEYTOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PERFORM

Calling All Singers!

After having to postpone the original After Streetscape Celebration, the committee is now back in action picking up where they left off last spring and planning this special day's festivities, which is scheduled to occur on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

All of you singers in town: your voice is needed for the Celebrate Taneytown Community Chorus, which is being formed again to present a concert as part of the "Celebrate Taneytown . . . the After Streetscape Party".

All voice parts are welcomed and invited to be a part of this group in preparing a fun and engaging half-hour musical program to include patriotic, popular, Broadway, bluegrass and folk songs. The rehearsals as well as the performance will take place at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore Street in Taneytown. Rehearsal days and times will be scheduled after the Christmas holidays.

Please contact director Cathy Elkiss, e-mail: celkiss@pa.net, or call the Trinity Lutheran Church Office at 410-756-6626 to sign-up for this group, or for answers to any questions and/or further information regarding the Celebrate Taneytown Community Chorus.

So, all you singers out there, warm-up those vocal-chords, mark your calendars for April 28, 2012, and we look forward to seeing all of you after the holidays!

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Mathias Monument staff with Silver Oak students

WORKING TOGETHER WORKS- ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING, SUCCESS IS A CHOICE

The term "Partnership" denotes "Mutual Benefit". In a small town and in tough economic times, the mutual benefit of partnerships goes so far. St. Joseph's Catholic Church had a great need. The church grounds include a cemetery that dates back to 1789. Many headstones are damaged, cracked, and in disrepair. Monsignor Marty Fields asked a parishioner if the students from Silver Oak Academy could do the repairs. Mr. McLeod visited, looked over the area of about 35 broken and down stones and replied, sure we can do this. How could we make the necessary repairs and serve the community at the same time. Barbara, the Secretary from St. Joseph, called Mathias Monuments to ask how we would go about the repairs since we were all novices. George Irwin, the owner of the monument company said he would send two workers to work with the gentlemen from the school and bring what was needed and teach the guy's the process of repairing and resetting these very old stones.

Silver Oak Academy, located in Keymar, MD is a school for student athletes that have gotten in some trouble in their past, worked hard to work away any time they have and to relearn under the care of great people in Right of Passage, ROP, who really care about the guy's.

Ricky and Ben from Mathias were great. They worked with the young men very closely, spoke to them on a personal level about how they came to be students at Silver Oak and about their own personal history and experiences as young men. They bonded over learning, volunteering, and truly enjoyed the opportunity to learn and grow.

The young men at Silver Oak are very grateful for becoming partners with Taneytown even by Proclamation of the Mayor, Mr. Jim McCarron. They are eager to turn their lives around, focus on

their education and degrees, their future, and be active participants in the community. Not only do they like to volunteer and be involved, they are very interested in gaining scholarships to College, learning trades and gaining employment. They also have community service hours to serve and enjoy having the opportunity to do so here in their own community.

It was a job to be with them all this past week and to see the happiness in us all. They teach me everyday.



Tombstone markers at St. Joseph's before work was done



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Silver Oak Academy presents Ms. Betsy Baker with Volunteer of the Year Award for her time and assistance to the students and staff of Silver Oak Academy. Ms. Betsy, as she is called by everyone, is committed to furthering partnership with staff and students and is loved by all.

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Church News

WHAT TO DO WHILE AWAITING CHRISTMAS?

Worship at Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ during Advent will focus on the question, "What to do while awaiting Christmas"? Each Sunday starting Nov. 27 through Dec. 18 an Advent candle will be lit using the themes: peace, hope, love and joy. On Dec. 18 the children of the church will present their pageant, "From the Manger". The story of the candy cane will also be told. The services begin at 10:30AM. A family Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30pm on Dec. 24. The candlelight service will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through carols and candle lights. Christmas Day worship will be at 10:30AM. Homily's will be delivered by the interim pastor, Rev. Gerald Handberry.

The church is located at 2950 Old Taneytown Rd. (Rt. 832) in Tyrone, MD For more info call the church office at 410-751-1237 or check the church's website at www.ebucc.com.

MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Messiah United Methodist Church invites you to join us as we celebrate Christ's birth with our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 11:00pm. We also invite you to join us for worship on Christmas Day at 10:15am.

Messiah United Methodist Church welcomed their new Pastor, Brenda Shields, on July 1, 2011. Brenda is from Perry Hall, MD. She is a recent graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary. She also has a B.S. in Psychology from Geneva College. During her time at Wesley she served as the Assistant Pastor at Havre de Grace UMC where she was responsible for youth and Christian Education Programs. During her final year at Wesley she served Union UMC in Baldwin. Brenda brings a passion for working with youth and children's ministries as well as her gift for teaching, preaching and pastoral care. Brenda was married on October 8th to Miles Shields.

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT TRINITY LUTHERAN, TANEYTOWN, MD DEC. 11TH - 3:00 PM

On Sunday afternoon, December 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM, historic Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787 presents A Candlelight Christmas Concert. This concert of traditional choral and instrumental holiday music will feature the voices of Trinity Church's Luther and Agape Choirs, with soloists Elaina Perry, Jennifer Gambino, Zayna Null, Owen Ecker, Paul Freundel, and special guest tenor soloist, Ronald Douglass, Sr.; flautist Crystal Perry, percussionist Karen Sirian, and violinist Dale Elkiss. The con-

cert is under the direction of Trinity Lutheran Director of Music Ministry and Organist Cathy Elkiss, and will be held within the beautiful candlelit, stained-class-windowed sanctuary of the church. A light reception will follow the program for a time of friendship and fellowship.

Members and friends of the community are invited to make this event a part of their Christmas celebration. The concert is free and tickets are not required; however, guests are encouraged to bring a canned-good for the Taneytown Caring and Sharing Food Bank.

Trinity Lutheran is handicapped accessible, and ample parking is available in the parking lot behind the church. For further and/or additional information, please call the church office at 410-756-6626, or e-mail at: office@telct.org.

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Church News

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GRACE UCC

Christmas Services at Grace UCC, 49 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown will be held on December 24th starting with our family service at 4:30 pm. Our candlelight service will be held at 10:45 pm. There will not be any services on Sunday, December 25th. You may contact the church office with any questions, 410-756-2302 or visit our website: www.graceucctaneytown.org Please join us in celebrating this joyful season.

WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The White House Christmas ornaments are being sold again by the Republican Women's Club of Taneytown. They can be purchased for \$22.00 each. They are available by calling Fairy Flickinger at 410-756-2245 or at the Hallmark Store at the Taneytown Shopping Center or at Diane's Hallmark Store in the 140 Shopping Center in Westminster.

OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY

The Worship and Music Committee of Grace United Church of Christ at 49 W. Baltimore Street will be presenting an outdoor live nativity for the community on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on the front church property. This living nativity will feature church members, children, a choir and live animals. This is a free and family friendly event.

This is an opportunity for everyone to get away from the rush of shopping. Come and experience the real reason and joy of Christmas.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

In case of inclement weather the alternative date is Saturday, December 17th. PLEASE NO PETS.



ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7 PM

DECEMBER 18, 2011

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Taneytown News

HISTORY MUSEUM RECOGNIZES DOCENTS

The Taneytown History Museum Committee hosted a dinner reception honoring the Docents. The dinner reception was held October 23, 2011 at Grace United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Taneytown. Without the volunteers the museum could not function and we greatly appreciate all of their hours and contributions to the museum. They are doing an excellent job in volunteering in many ways.

Douglas Heck, Chairman, welcomed the attendees and provided a brief overview of Museum activities and the future of the museum.

He thanked the volunteers for all of their contributions. Recently the History Museum hosted the Artists Display at New Windsor State Bank and volunteers were needed each day during the hours the bank was open. Vice Chairman, George Naylor addressed the group and commented "The Docents really stepped up to provide the needed help at the artists display". The City of Taneytown was represented by Mayor James L. McCarron and Councilmember Diane Foster. Mayor McCarron, as well as his wife Myra are also museum volunteers, and he addressed the attendees, thanking them for their volunteerism and contributions to the Museum and what it means to volunteer and give back to their community.

Special recognition was given to Pam Reed who coordinates the Docents schedule. This is a huge task involving many hours of telephone calls to ensure there is adequate coverage at all times. The Museum Committee appreciates the excellent work Pam has been doing, and presented her with a floral arrangement.

The afternoon concluded with the vocal talents of 'Timeless Two' - Audrey and Joe Cimino. They entertained the group with a variety of vocal numbers from different eras.

The History Museum currently has 85 volunteers. As reflected on the Museum web site "We have volunteers from our Chamber, the Heritage Committee, the Lions, local churches and others. We also have volunteers who simply love Taneytown and want our Museum to be a success. Our Docents are the horsepower who keep us going!"

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from left to right are Lion Samuel Foster, Leo Advisor; Carly Weetman, President Leo Club, and Janice Smith, Leo Advisory Committee Member.



Leo Director Bradley Griefzu signs the Certificate of Organization



The Leos are from left to right: Director, Bradley Greifzu; Elizabeth Lowenthal; Historian, Kwami McLeod; Public Information Officer,

Michael Slevin; Secretary, Michelle Hagan (back row); Director, Alivia Burdette; Emily Redmond; President, Carly Weetman; Leo Faculty Co-Advisor, Stephanie Hawtof

NEW LEO CLUB IN UNION BRIDGE

A new Leo club formed in Union Bridge on October 31, 2011 when 16 charter members signed their Leo Charter. The new Leo club celebrated the organization of the Francis Scott Key High School Leo Club at the school on Dec. 2. The Taneytown Lions Club sponsored the new club for young people ages 12-18.

Carly Weetman of Westminster will serve as the first president of the new club, and Michael Slevin of New Windsor will serve as the first secretary. The Francis Scott Key High School Leo Club is planning a Christmas Tree Project for Carroll Hospice, Fleece Blanket and pillows project for the Children's Center at Carroll Hospital and a project for "Pennies for Leukemia".

According to Carly Weetman, "We are excited to give back to our community. Through this important work, we plan to make a difference in our community and school."

The Francis Scott Key High School Leo Club meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the school. Lion Sam Foster is the current Leo Club Advisor. Young people, ages 12-18 who would like more information about the Francis Scott Key High School Leo Club can contact Sam Foster at 410-756-4994 or dafoster2@comcast.net

Lions clubs sponsor more than 5,700 Leo clubs in 140 countries. While helping others in their community, Leos develop leadership skills and experience teamwork in action. For more information about the Leo Club Program, visit the Leo Zone section of the Lions Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.



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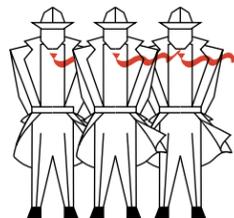
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COMMISSIONER ROBIN BARTLETT FRAZIER

Christians all around the world are celebrating the birth of their Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas season. Many folks you will find baking special cookies and desserts, lighting candles and Christmas trees, getting on Santa's list, and singing carols that tell the story of Jesus; born to die so that we might live. Others will be celebrating the holidays in different ways, but all can feel the love during this special time of year. I am looking forward to joining my neighbors at the Taneytown Police Station on December 3rd at 6:00 PM as we light the tree and share refreshments, singing and fellowship.

One year has gone by already! I am grateful for the many citizens, county employees, and my four colleagues who have given so much of their time, thoughts and talents to make Carroll more people oriented and business friendly. Again in 2012 we'll rely on citizens and employees to help us realize ways to improve needed county services while finding efficiencies and savings so we can cut taxes again! (I'll be looking for at least 3 cents).

A couple of accomplishments in 2011 include the Phase One Economic Relief Plan: tax reduction, streamlined review processes, and reduced regulations. We have just begun Phase two and should have more to report soon. Carroll was instrumental in raising awareness and delaying the over-reaching, under-

substantiated, and simply un-American, PlanMD. Planning and zoning is best handled at the local level where elected officials are held accountable by their citizens.

We will need your help to fight bills that will be coming before the legislature in conjunction with PlanMD doctrine, such as the Septic Bill. This bill will steal property rights from farmers and others just like the Pathways Plan that Carroll-Countians fought against in recent years.

WE NEED THE CITIZENS to fight bad legislation in Annapolis. We will do our best to keep you informed.

Sometimes it seems like we are losing the battle against the enemies of America as they tear down our foundational institutions such as marriage, our Biblically based value system, free enterprise economics and personal rights. But then, I think of the words of the old Christmas Carol which says, I heard the bells on Christmas day . . . Of peace on earth, good will to men. You know the song I mean? Well the last two verses say, And in despair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men." Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men." Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Commissioner Robin Bartlett Frazier

TANEYTOWN FARMERS' MARKET

WOW what a great turn out this summer at our Market in the park.

The Taneytown's Farmers' Market provided locally grown food, fruits, vegetables, bakery, honey, soap, herbs, eggs, plants, flowers, musical entertainment

and Master Gardeners.

We are getting ready for our 2012 Summer season in Memorial Park.

We will be having our returning vendors plus much more; if you too would like to be a market vendor, please call or e-mail me, LaVerne Sokolowski at 443-918-8100 or Ltsoko@comcast.net Thank you to all of you who supported our market.

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SANTA IS COMING TO TANEYTOWN!

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011 starting around 6:30 pm, Santa will be visiting Carroll Vista, the Detour area, Keysville area and around 8:00 pm he will be in the Mayberry area.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2011, starting around 6:30 pm, Santa will be visiting the area of W. Baltimore St., Harney Rd., Westview Dr., Memorial Dr., Pumphouse Dr., Reaverton Rd., Ridge Rd., Maryland Ave., Commerce St., York St., Frederick St., Allendale Ln., Fairview Ave., Middle St., and Roberts Mill Rd. (between Middle St. and York St.).

On Thursday, December 15, 2011 starting around 6:30 pm, Santa will be visiting the area of E. Baltimore St., Trevanion Rd., Trevanion Terrace, Windy Hills Development, Dunkle Ct., Courier Dr., Cambridge Ct., Grand Dr., Carnival Dr., Fairground Ave., White Birch Estates and all streets between Roberts Mill Rd. and E. Baltimore St.

On Friday, December 16, 2011, starting around 6:30 pm, Santa will be visiting the area of Meadowbrook Development, Sara's Choice Development, Roberts Mill Development, and Copperfield Development.

Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 17, 2011, at the Activities Building from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Adult price is \$6.00, Children 6-12 are \$4.00 and under age 6 are free.



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PUMPKIN PEOPLE CREATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The City of Taneytown Main Street Promotion Committee would like to thank all of the business, non-business and residential applicants who participated in our Pumpkin People contest. Please see photos of all entries on page 15. The Taneytown Main Street began this wonderful program in 2006 from a suggestion by one of our volunteers, who had seen this done outside of Nova Scotia. The purpose of this event was to create an event to bring people to our community and see our wonderful town. Our first year had a few entries and piqued the interest of a lot of people which inspired them to participate this year.

This year was a great year for entries. It was amazing how many great pumpkin people there were around the community who were not registered; just think if all the displays were registered how challenging it would have been to select the winners.

We had people from far and near, who came to Taneytown just to look at our great pumpkin people displays and made such positive comments about the creative ideas and unique displays. We heard how much fun people had putting their displays together and the best thing that we heard was "What a great sense of community this unique event created". Thank you to all entries and non-entries for your great displays. Let's make next years even bigger and better.

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TANEYTOWN BRANCH LIBRARY DECEMBER 2011 AND JANUARY 2012

December is busy and full of festivities while January is full of frost. If you need a fun activity to escape the holiday chores or to forget about the cold, check out these terrific programs at the Taneytown Branch.

FOR ADULTS:

Civil War Matinees - Friday, 12/2 & 1/6 at 1 pm

For adults. Commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War by viewing these films. Popcorn will be served. Call 410-386-4488 or visit library.carr.org for movie titles.

Holiday Cookie Exchange* - Monday, 12/5 at 6 pm

For ages 12 - adult. Bring your favorite cookie recipe and two dozen samples to share. Learn about some great cookie websites, simple and inexpensive techniques for presenting a gift of baked goods, and prepare a cookie recipe to bake at home. You'll also leave with your own booklet of new recipes. Refreshments will be served.

New Release Movie Night** - Tuesday, 12/6 & 1/3 at 6:30 pm

For all ages. Watch one of the latest movies on the library's big screen. Movies will be rated PG or PG13. Popcorn will be served.

E-Reader Extravaganza - Monday, 12/12 at 7 pm

For adults. Join us for an informational look at e-readers on the market today and learn which ones can be used to download e-books from the library for free.

Taneytown Book Discussion Group - Thursdays at 6:30 pm

12/15: Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman

1/19: Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich

For adults. Join in for a lively discussion of this month's book. Refreshments will be served.

How to Use an E-Reader - Monday, 1/9 at 7 pm

For adults. Did you get a new e-reader as a gift but you're not sure how to use it? Do you already have the basics down, but want to find out how to download free e-books, both from the library and the web? Come to this program and explore the possibilities!

Drop-In Knitting - Tuesday, 1/31 at 6:30 pm

For ages 12 - adult. Come to share ideas, patterns, books, and projects. (Beginners, please bring size 8 needles and light colored worsted yarn - look for #4 on the label.)

FOR TEENS:

Holiday Cookie Exchange* - Monday, 12/5 at 6 pm

For ages 12 - adult. Bring your favorite cookie recipe and two dozen samples to share. Learn about some great cookie websites, simple and inexpensive techniques for presenting a gift of baked goods, and prepare a cookie recipe to bake at home. You'll also leave with your own booklet of new recipes. Refreshments will be served.

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For all ages. Watch one of the latest movies on the library's big screen. Movies will be rated PG or PG13. Popcorn will be served.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) - Wednesday, 12/7 at 6 pm

For ages 11 - 17. Need service hours? Stop in and share your opinions with library staff about books, music, and programs that you'd like to see.

Library Lock-In - Friday, 1/13 at 5:30 pm

For ages 13 - 17. The library closes at 5 pm, but we'll just be getting started. It's Friday the 13th - the first of the year, so join us for after-hours games, food, and fun from 5:30 pm - 10 pm. Spaces are limited and permission slips are required. Registration at branch only (no online sign-up) and forms must be turned in by 1/12/2012.

Drop-In Knitting - Tuesday, 1/31 at 6:30 pm

For ages 12 - adult. Come to share ideas, patterns, books, and projects. (Beginners, please bring size 8 needles and light colored worsted yarn - look for #4 on the label).

FOR KIDS:

LEGO Creations - Saturday, 12/3 & 1/7 at 11 am

For ages 5 - Adult. We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom and build together!

New Release Movie Night** - Tuesday, 12/6 & 1/3 at 6:30 pm

For all ages. Watch one of the latest movies on the library's big screen. Movies will be rated PG or PG13. Popcorn will be served.

Yoga for Me - Wednesday, 12/7 at 1:30 pm

For ages 3-6, with an accompanying adult caregiver. Shawn Essed, certified yoga instructor, will take you on a fun yoga animal adventure, where you'll experience the fitness and calming benefits of

yoga. Please bring a yoga mat or large towel.

Holiday Drop-in Crafts** - Saturday, 12/10 from 11 am - 1 pm

For all ages. Stop by and create some holiday crafts. Materials will be provided.

Tiny Dancers - Wednesday, 12/14 at 1:30 pm

For ages 3-6, with an accompanying adult caregiver. Join in the fun as Kim Golliday from the Taneytown Dance Center teaches some of the basics of dancing.

Disney Animated Classics** - Mornings at 11 am

Tuesday, 12/27; Wednesday, 12/28; Thursday, 12/29; Friday, 12/30

For all ages. Bundle up the kids and enjoy some Disney "in-the-vault" movie classics. The library will supply the popcorn and big screen, you supply the kids and beverages (if desired). Call 410-386-4488 or visit library.carr.org for movie titles.

Music and More* - Thursday, 1/5 at 1:30 pm

For ages 3-6, with an accompanying adult caregiver. Join the fun with your child and celebrate the joys of music with instruments, dancing, bean bags, streamers, and more!

Math 4 Me* - Friday, 1/13 at 11 am

For ages 3-6, with an accompanying adult caregiver. Help your child get excited about math! Try the fun hands-on math discovery stations.

Cinderella and the Winter Ball Puppet Show**

Wednesday, 1/18 at 6:30 pm; Thursday, 1/19 at 9:45 am*, Friday, 1/27 at 2:30 pm*

For all ages. You are invited to the Winter Ball! Come to the puppet show to see who gets to dance with the prince. Will it be Cinderella or her mean sisters? You'll even go home with a stick puppet craft so you can retell the story!

Art Smart* - Thursday, 1/19 at 1:30 pm

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Chinese New Year Celebration or Gung Hay Fat Choy!*** - Saturday, 1/21 at 11 am

For all ages. Celebrate the Year of the Dragon! Learn about Chinese New Year celebrations in the U.S. and around the world. Refreshments will be served.

Preschool Science: Magnet Fun* - Friday, 1/27 at 11 am

For ages 3-6, with an accompanying adult caregiver. Help your child discover the excitement of science through hands-on experiments.

Crafting for Valentine's Day* - Monday, 1/30 at 6 pm

For ages 6 - adult. Come learn how to make simple Valentine's Day gifts and treats for the ones you love. This is a great opportunity for adults and children to create something together. Refreshments will be served.

REGULAR STORYTIMES:

Read and Play - Wednesdays at 11 am
For ages birth - 24 months, with an accompanying adult caregiver. This storytime features lap games, tickles, bounces and rhymes, followed by a playgroup for meeting and mingling.

Story Pals - Tuesdays at 11 am
For ages 2-3, with an accompanying adult caregiver. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.

On My Own - Wednesdays at 9:45 am
(None in December - resumes 1/4)

For ages 3-5. Adult caregivers welcome. A theme-based storytime for children who are ready for an independent, small group experience.

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Evening Storytime** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (None in December - resumes 1/4)

For all ages. This storytime introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

Year-Round Family Storytime** - Thursdays at 9:45 am

For all ages. This storytime introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

*Program requires registration. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to program and may be done by stopping by the Info Desk, phoning 410-386-4510, or logging onto library.carr.org, clicking on Programs & News and following prompts.

**Children 3 and under must be accompanied by adult caregiver.

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Saturday, December 24

Monday, December 26

Monday, January 2

Monday, January 16



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SPECIAL UP-COMING EVENTS



Thursday	December 6	9:30- 10:30	Blood Pressure Screening
Monday	December 12	11:30 - 2:00	Christmas Party
Tuesday	December 13	8:00 - 10:00	Site Council Breakfast
Wednesday	December 14	12:30 - 4:00	500 Cards
Thursday	December 15	12:30 - 3:30	Nickel Bingo
Monday	December 19	11:30 - 12:30	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	December 21	1:30 - 2:00	Site Council Meeting
Monday	December 26	CLOSED	Christmas Holiday
Friday	December 30	11:30 - 12:30	New Year Party
Monday	January 2	CLOSED	New Year Holiday
Tuesday	January 3	9:30 - 10:30	Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday	January 10	8:00 - 10:00	Site Council Breakfast
Monday	January 16	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Day

NUTRITION CHATS

December 8 (Thurs.) 10:30 am "Cantaloupes, Listeria What To Do"
December 22 (Thurs.) 10:30 am "Potentially Hazardous Foods"

COMPUTER CLASSES: Class size is small and the cost is low. Please contact Paul Garver, Center Manager, at 410-386-2700. Both beginner and advanced classes are offered.



December 2011

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Taneytown News



Runnymede Honors Chorus performing at the 9/11 ceremony

RUNNYMEDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONORS CHORUS

Runnymede's Honors Chorus had a "good ol' time" at the PTO's Fall Fest on October 14 when more than 45 members led the parents and community in an old fashioned sing along of American folk songs. Sitting on bales of hay, adorned with their bandanas, cowboy hats, and new Runnymede Honors Chorus vests, the students were accompanied by guitar, harmonica and piano. Many thanks go to Mr. Carl Freundel and to Mr. Donnie Mills for sharing their musical talents with us! Everyone sang songs like "O, Susanna!", "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain", "Home on the Range", and "I've been

working on the Railroad". A great time was had by all who were singing together the of the songs of our great American heritage.

The monetary donations received last year from two local organizations, Taneytown Lions Club and Grace United Church of Christ, were very much appreciated. These donations made it possible for the school to purchase enough material to have forty vests made by Morgan Stanley volunteers last summer. This school year there are eighty enthusiastic Honors Chorus members, and there is a waiting list of fourth and fifth grade students who would like to join this group of singing ambassadors. This kind of enthusiasm can't be beat!

If anyone would like to make a donation to Runnymede's Honors Chorus so more material may be purchased for additional vests, please contact Mrs. Sirian, vocal music teacher and chorus director at Runnymede Elementary School. 410-751-3203

The next opportunity for this group to sing for the community will be at the Taneytown Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Taneytown Police Station. See you there!

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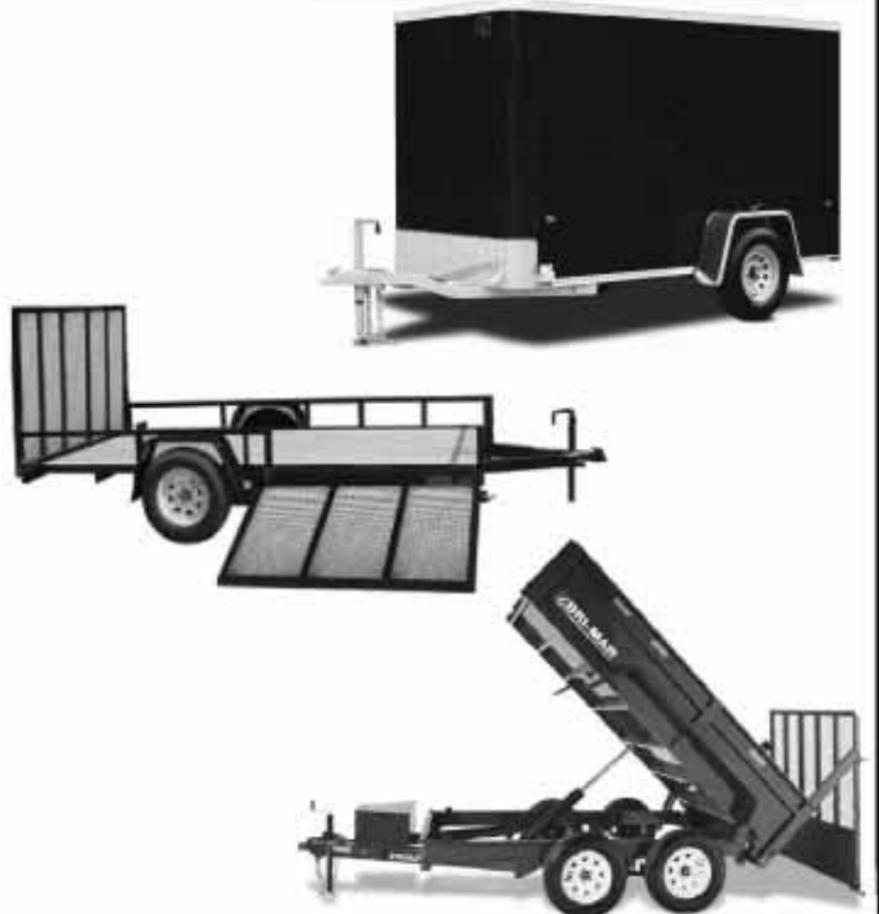


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Local News



TANEYTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM HOLIDAY OF TREES 2011

The Taneytown History Museum will be having their annual celebration of the holidays and the arts. The History Museum has invited businesses, organizations, schools, churches, and local residents to decorate a 2 foot tree, 4 foot tree, wreath and/or centerpiece, making a contest out of it, and donating the decorated items to a silent auction benefiting the Taneytown History Museum. All entries will be on public display during the Holiday of Trees December 3 - 17, 2011 at the Taneytown History Museum.

There will also be a coloring contest for school age children with prizes for each age category of Kindergarten - 2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade; and 6th - 8th grade. All coloring entries will be on display and winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. December 11.

The public viewing, voting

and silent auction hours for the trees, wreaths and centerpieces are as follows:

December 3 & 4 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 9 - 11 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 16 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 17 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - This is the closing date and award presentation.

Trees, wreaths and centerpieces will be voted on by the general public. A collection box will be positioned by each item, and monetary donations will be used as the voting system.

For example, 1 penny = 1 vote, 1 quarter = 25 votes, \$1.00 = 100 votes.

Vote every time you visit the fundraiser.

Admission is free.

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Local News

TANEYTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM HOLIDAY OF TREES 2011

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The 2 foot tree, 4 foot tree, wreath, and centerpiece entry with the most money will be awarded a prize on the final day of the fundraiser. Three prizes will be awarded in each category: Miniature (2 foot) Trees; 4 foot Trees, Centerpieces, and Wreaths.

All money placed in the collection boxes will be donated to the Taneytown History Museum.



The voting will conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17. Raffle prize winners will be drawn immediately following the presentation of awards.

The Silent Auction will conclude at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 17. The winning bids will be announced at 3:45 p.m.

Winning bidders must pick up and pay for their items on December 17 immediately following the presentation of awards.

For questions, please contact event coordinator, Jennifer Helm at 443-398-1654. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Taneytown History Museum, to help continue to provide great exhibits for the community.

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School News

ADVISORY COUNCIL AT FSK LOOKING TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR STUDENTS TAKING AP EXAMS

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a curriculum sponsored by the College Board which offers standardized courses to high school students that are generally recognized to be equivalent to undergraduate courses in college. Each spring, students are eligible to take a rigorous comprehensive exam for each AP course they finish. Participating colleges grant credit to students who obtained high enough scores on the exams. Qualifying scores also allow students to compete more favorably for college admission and scholarship opportunities.

Statistically, Francis Scott Key High School continues to have the lowest number of students taking the exams in Carroll County. Because the communities served by FSK contain some of the lowest socio-economic areas of the county, many of the students who complete AP courses may be discouraged from taking the exams because of the \$86 per exam fee. Many students take multiple AP courses in a year, doubling or tripling the cost for those families.

The Advisory Council at FSK would like to make a change to this data; they are seeking strategies for eliminating barriers for qualified students who would otherwise take the exams. Providing financial support would eliminate one such barrier for these students. Last year approximately 45% of the students (152 of 338) enrolled in AP classes went on to take the exams. Although the school would like to eventually see 100% of enrolled students participate, they feel a reasonable short term goal would be for 70% of the enrolled students to take the exams. There are currently

390 students enrolled in AP courses. The 70% goal would represent an increase of approximately 98 students over last year's participants taking the exams.

The Advisory Council would like to request that various individuals or businesses consider providing a number of full \$86 scholarships for qualified students who would otherwise not take the exams. The school administration would develop a procedure for determining which students would receive the scholarships. The Advisory Council would arrange a public donation ceremony and widespread local media notification of all donations other than those which would prefer to remain anonymous.



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Local News

PREPARING YOUR PETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Centers for Disease Control report an increase in dog bites during the winter Holidays, second only to the summer months in bite frequency. Using this information, when making Holiday plans, it's important to remember the family dog.

Even normally friendly dogs can become very anxious over the Holidays, from household changes with decorations and blinking lights to increased traffic in and out of the home. It is important to remember that dogs react instinctively, and the many changes can appear threatening.

If your dog gets excited when guests arrive now, it's time to teach your pet how to behave calmly when people visit. You can even teach your dog to retreat to a safe place when guests arrive!

If your dog is reactive to the presence of people not of the immediate family, it may be better to secure them to a crate or room in a quiet part of the house and leash walk them out for potty breaks while guests are visiting.

Also, your dog may be the benefactor of tasty tidbits from your table, whether you intend it or not. Ask guests to refrain from feeding your dog samples of the holiday meal. Not only is it bad form to feed someone else's pet, an abrupt change in diet could cause your dog to experience digestive discomfort that will have you disinfecting your carpets in the middle of the night or a trip to the Animal E.R. for life-threatening conditions! Refrain from these tasty but potentially troublesome treats and keep your carpets clean!

There are a variety of local options for the busy Holiday traveler as well. If you are one of the many who will be traveling this season, there are several wonderful boarding options available in Carroll County.

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TANEYTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM
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Public Viewing, Voting, and Silent Auction Hours are as follows:

December 3rd and 4th - 1pm to 4pm
December 9th - 11th - 1pm to 4pm
December 16th - 1pm to 4pm
December 17th - 1pm to 4pm*

Trees, Wreaths, and Centerpieces will be voted on by the general public. A collection box will be positioned by each item, and monetary donations will be used as the voting system. For example, 1 penny = 1 vote, 1 quarter = 25 votes, \$1.00 = 100 votes! Vote every time you come to visit the fundraiser!

The 3-foot tree, 4-foot tree, wreath, and centerpiece entry with the most money will be awarded a prize on the final day of the fundraiser. Three prizes will be awarded in each category: Mainline Trees, 4 Foot Trees, Centerpieces, and Wreaths.

All money placed in the collection boxes will be donated to the Taneytown History Museum.

Closing Event & Award Presentation – Saturday December 17th

Voting will conclude at 7:30pm on Saturday, December 17th.
Winners of the fundraising contest will be announced at 8:45pm.
Raffle Prize Winners will be drawn immediately following the presentation of awards.

The Silent Auction will start at 8:30pm on Saturday, December 17th.
Winning bids will be announced at 9:45pm.

Winning bidders must pick up and pay for the items on December 17th immediately following the presentation of awards.

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School News

FSK HIGH SCHOOL IS MARYLAND FOOD BANK REPRESENTATIVE

Francis Scott Key High School has been selected to participate as a Maryland Food Bank representative. This food pantry opened for business on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Ms. Kim Blasco, RN and nurse at FSK High School, is supervising this endeavor with the help of two senior interns, Megan Fogle, Marketing and Promotion Coordinator, and Darlenna Jean-Baptise, Store Manager and Service Coordinator.

Brochures have been created and passed out at community events and flyers have been posted at local grocery stores and other public buildings. Any support, volunteer work, or donations would be greatly appreciated from any individual, business, or organization.

Francis Scott Key is the first high school in the county to open up a food pantry in their school. FSK will also be the only school with a refrigerator in order to provide foods such as meats and milk, and the hope is to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to families, as they will have the capacity and storing requirements to do so. Plenty of other non-refrigerated foods will be available too, such as day old breads from local grocery stores, boxed foods, and many canned goods. During Homecoming Week at the high school, students were able to buy their tickets for less if they brought in two canned goods. The Homecoming team and FSK students were able to obtain 665 pounds of food and all was donated to the food pantry.

The food pantry at Francis Scott Key will be completely confidential, and run on a first-name basis entirely. Anyone is welcome regardless of their financial situation or where they live, and if one does not have time to stop in and shop, they can always give the food pantry a call, give a list of what they would like, and the bag will be all ready for pick up. It will be open every Tuesday from 3 to 6 pm in room 805 which is most easily accessed from the lower parking lot.

The students and staff putting together the food pantry at FSK are excited about the opportunity to help people in their own community, and looked forward to the opening. They would like to provide assistance to not only Union Bridge, but also to surrounding communities such as Taneytown, New Windsor, Uniontown, Keymar, and Westminster. As the Maryland Food Bank's mission statement says, they would like to "improve the lives of Marylanders by ending hunger."

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Cooking Hazards: Macadamia nuts and nutmeg are toxic to your pets. Keep all chocolate and candies out of reach. The ingestion of grapes or raisins can cause kidney failure. Never feed your pets yeast dough (uncooked bread) as it can expand in their stomach many times its original size. The consumption of alcohol is very dangerous for pets.

Decoration Dangers: Make sure holiday plants are kept out of reach. Holly and Mistletoe can cause issues. The holidays are not complete without pretty decorations and beautifully wrapped gifts however the ingestion of ribbon or tinsel can lead to the need for emergency surgery. Electrical cords can also pose a serious threat if a pet bites into one.

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and would like to thank you for your patronage. We are grateful for being able to care for your pets and look forward to working with you and your pets in the year to come. We wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and joy.