MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love. - Mother Teresa

Well, it's official, almost. Coming up this Saturday, December 4th we will gather once again to dedicate the City's Christmas tree. As in past years, we will gather in front of the police station at 6 PM for the "Lighting of the Tree". Please make an effort to join your fellow citizens and Mayor and City Council for this happy time. I have even talked to Santa, and he has agreed to stop by once again to greet the kiddies. There will be refreshments and songs to be sung, so come out one and all. I trust everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and all have survived "Black Friday" and a busy decorating for the holidays. What a great time of the year!

A lot has gone on since the last edition of the Taneytown Record. I guess some of the biggest news is that we have been able to smooth out some of the streets, particularly in the downtown area. The state's contractor has milled East Baltimore Street so that passage is easier and safer. (Continued on page 3)

RICK HESS
COUNCILMAN

Rick is a native of Carroll County and has resided in Taneytown with his wife June for the past 32 years. They have a daughter Jennifer and her family reside in Taneytown, and son David serves in the United States Air Force, currently stationed in Dover, Delaware. Rick recently retired after a 33 year career at Random House, and enjoys spending time with his family and three grandchildren. Rick is a fellow in the Academy of Excellence in Local Governance. Rick served on the council from 2003 - 2005, and his previous experience was with Parks and Recreation. Rick graduated from Westminster Senior High School, and attended Catonsville Community College. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a member of the American Legion, Hesson- Snider Post 120. He currently serves on the Board of directors for Mayberry Game Protective Association.

CLARA MINNICK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Clara Minnick is the Administrative Assistant and "go to" person for the Clerk's office at the City. Clara originally began as an office assistant and receptionist, and was promoted to Administrative Assistant after the retirement of Fran Weller. Her easy going manner has been an asset to our team. Clara is married and has one child.

FOR DECEMBER ACTIVITIES AT THE TANEYTOWN SENIOR CENTER
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEAF PICK-UP

Tuesday, December 7, 2010 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.

HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING

There will be no change to the trash and recycling collection during the Christmas & New Years Holidays. Collection will take place on Wednesdays, the normal scheduled day.

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 6, 2011. 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.

SNOW REMOVAL

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 efficient snow removal and provides you with a wider plowed street. Citizens in cul-de-sacs should 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.
a bit more comfortable. Plans are to begin two way traffic on the portion of East Baltimore St. between the junction of Trevanion Rd. and the circle as early as the middle of December. The end of our Streetscape project is in sight. Projections are now to be finished with the majority of the construction by springtime and to put the finishing touches in place in the downtown area by early summer (you may have already seen some of the new street lights). Thank you once again for your patience. Another project has begun, north of town, on York Street. We are replacing the York Street Pumping Station (YSPS) just across from Crane Masters on Rt. 194. This project will replace the existing, old pumping station which goes back many years and is inadequate. This project has been funded by a loan and grant from USDA. Taneytown recently hosted a meeting at our waste water treatment plant on Whippoorwill Dr. that features a new technology we are employing to remove nutrients from our waste water. This new system is referred to as a “Bio Mag” system and is environmentally friendly and offers cost savings with the future possibility of increasing our wastewater plant's capacity. Waste water treatment personnel from all over the mid-Atlantic region attended this open house demonstration. This project is being funded in part by Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and is the first of its kind in the area (other plants are in operation in New England). I have mentioned other construction projects in past “Mayor’s Comments”. Now underway are expansions of the Evapco facility on Frederick St. and Flow Serve on West Baltimore St. The new Kennies Supermarket is underway and plans for a new Sheetz are being finalized. I think once our Streetscape project is finished, you will see new life in the downtown business area.

In other Council news, at the November Council Meeting, held on 11/8, I was proud to issue two Proclamations. The first proclaimed November as “Municipal Government Works Month” in Taneytown. This proclamation draws attention to the fact that your local city government is the government closest to the people. It is your city government that is closest to you, our citizens, and hopefully the most responsive to your needs. As a part of Municipal Government Works month I visited Taneytown Elementary School and talked to the fourth graders about municipal government. It was gratifying that even at this young age the children seem to understand what their city government does for them. I encouraged each of them to submit an essay of 275 words or less to the “If I were Mayor” contest. This contest asks the fourth graders to write an essay about what they would do to improve the City, if they were mayor. The contest is sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and will have eleven winners, one from each of MML’s districts throughout the state. The writers of the winning essays will be awarded $100 prize money, a certificate of recognition and a trip, along with their parents to Annapolis later this spring. If you have a fourth grader encourage her/him to participate. The contest is open to all Maryland fourth graders, whether attending public, private or home schools. You may contact me, through the City office if you would like to find out more.

The other proclamation issued was used to recognize the students at Silver Oak Academy, near Middleburg. These young men have been a great help over the years to the City in helping staff events, and providing other service/volunteer work around town. The proclamation is (Continued on page 13)
FALL FEST

Behind the scenes it takes volunteers hours and days to organize and coordinate an event. Over the past four years we have grown our two annual events Swing into Spring/Wellie Wanging and Harvest Fest/Barnyard Bingo. Although Mother Nature has sometimes put a damper on our events we have never given up. We continue to learn what works and what doesn’t and know that coordinating more then one event on the same day is beneficial to all.

What started as a small committee of 7 volunteers has grown into a networking of volunteers working hand in hand with other organizations in town to help bring fun and community spirit not only to Taneytown but surrounding areas.

So often those who give their time are never thanked. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped grow these two events and look forward to others joining in the fun to help develop more events for the Taneytown community.

Thank you, Betsy Baker, Gail Zeihner, Mary Head, Jim Head, Bob Sokolosky, Sherry Thompson, Don Williams, Wayne Lutz, Leo Krajewski, Jim Reid, Linda Heine, Donna Sako, Nancy Kenyon, Matt Parrish, Sonya Hands, Rick Galloway, Annette Williams, Taneytown Utility Crew, Mayor & City Council, Taneytown Chamber, Taneytown History Museum, Lions Club, American Legion, The Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company, Cub Scout Troop 633, Library, Silver Oak Academy, all the Churches, all the local businesses, vendors who come into town and set up rain or shine, hopefully I have not forgotten anyone and all the citizens who come out to celebrate and support our town.

I look forward to working with you in the near future. Please contact me if you would like to join in the fun.

Cynthia Lamirande
Chair- Main Street Promotion Committee
clamirande@newwindsorbank.com

Silver Oak Academy students at the new NEO Playground

The new NEO Playground Ribbon Cutting on October 16, 2010. Mayor Jim McCarron; Councilwoman Diane Foster; Councilman Carl Ebaugh; Councilman Rick Hess; Councilman Angelo Zambetti; Parks and Recreation Director Bob Mitchell; Tim Boyle, rep from Playground Specialist (equipment provider); Cub Scout Pack 633

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NEW OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Taneytown Chamber of Commerce is announcing their officers for their next Fiscal Year November 1, 2010-Oct 31, 2011. Top Row Rear left to right: Past Pres. - Robert Miller; 1 yr. Dir. - Wilma Brown; 2 yr Dir. - Ken Rozanski; 3 yr Dir. - Mark Riggs (absent). Bottom Row Front left to right: Secretary - Linda Dennis; Treasurer - Tim Owings; President - Jennifer Helm; 1st V/P - Michelle Wagner; 2nd V/P - Susan Mease

MUSEUM SELLING ORNAMENT

The Taneytown History Museum is selling a 3rd Edition Ornament picturing the Central Hotel in the early 1800's. The reverse of the flat star china piece is printed with a brief history. It sells for $12.00, including tax. It is available at the Chamber Office-24 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, 410-756-4234, Every Bloomin Thing Flower and Gift Shop, and Crouse Ford; or you may call Sandy Crouse at 410-756-6077. There are also a limited number of 1st and 2nd Edition Ornaments available.

SANTA HOUSE OPENS IN DECEMBER

Santa House will be open 11AM-2PM December 11-12 and the 18-19th. Children who visit get their pictures taken and receive the pictures for free along with fruit and candy canes. A donation box is available to help defray picture costs.
TANEYTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT MORE THAN HALFWAY FINISHED

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is improving nearly two miles along MD 140 (Baltimore Street) as part of the "Taneyscape" project. The work should be complete next summer, weather permitting.

Completed Work:
To complete the project in a timely manner and as efficiently as possible, crews have simultaneously been working along MD 140 in both directions of the Taneytown square and also along MD 194 (Frederick Street) south of the square.

Improvements to the stormwater management system and water service needed to be completed before SHA began much of the repairs and improvements to MD 140/MD 194. Last month, SHA completed waterline installation and service connections to residences throughout Taneytown. Storm drains, curb, and gutter are also installed along MD 140 east of Trevanion Road.

Progress has not just been limited to the waterline and stormwater management work. SHA recently resurfaced MD 140 between the town square and the railroad tracks to repair a rough section of road.

UPCOMING WORK:
Next month, SHA will remove the detour of eastbound traffic on MD 140 by mid December. SHA temporarily detoured eastbound traffic along MD 140 to Trevanion Road to Antrim Boulevard through the roundabout and back to eastbound MD 140. The detour enabled construction on the streetscape to be expedited along MD 140 between Roth Avenue and Trevanion Road. Once the detour has been removed westbound and eastbound traffic will flow simultaneously on MD 140 as crews continue to work in the center of the road behind protective barrier walls.

Crews are continuing work on
(Continued on page 22)
WHY VOLUNTEER?

To each person many talents are given. Identifying those talents can be the hard part. Our talents and the things we have to offer, change as our lives grow and change.

Little did I realize how rewarding volunteering could be? Yes, I have volunteered off and mostly on over many years in various capacities throughout my life. But as a volunteer in Taneytown, my world opened to many incredible experiences, opportunities, and people. I have met and interacted with people who will be part of my life forever; I have learned so much about this wonderful town we live in; I have had the opportunity to experience and participate in music, plays, new places to go, new worlds to see with friends. All of this and more through volunteering to serve a community which I have come to love.

Taneytown has become my family, and I care about the health and vitality of our community. Seeing what part we play in maintaining and continuing the vibrancy and vitality can be challenging. Seeing where we can help and support may be blurry. Sometimes we have to try something new in order to discover hidden talents we never knew we had. Volunteering takes courage and commitment and love for a community’s success.

As many new volunteer opportunities become available here in Taneytown, I encourage each of you to be bold, take a step forward where you may not have before. Take your love of a hobby or a skill and share with others who will also have great ideas.

Thanks for the opportunity of sharing with you.

- Anonymous

NOTE: This was written by one of our key volunteers. Anyone interested in the rewarding experience of volunteering, please contact the City office.
SANTA IS COMING TO TANEYTOWN!

**ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2010, STARTING AROUND 6:30 P.M., SANTA WILL BE VISITING CARROLL VISTA, THE DETOUR AREA, KEYSVILLE AREA, AND AROUND 8:00 P.M. THE MAYBERRY AREA.**


**ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2010, STARTING AROUND 6:30 P.M., SANTA WILL BE VISITING THE AREA OF MEADOWBROOK DEVELOPMENT, SARA'S CHOICE DEVELOPMENT, ROBERTS MILL DEVELOPMENT, AND COPPERFIELD DEVELOPMENT.**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2010, AT THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**

- **ADULTS:** $6.00
- **CHILDREN 6-12:** $4.00
- **UNDER 6:** FREE

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**KEY VOLUNTEER**

Matt Parrish is one of our key volunteers for Taneytown Main Street. Born and raised in the Taneytown area, Matt is involved in the 4-H, the Taneytown Volunteer Fire Department, and the Taneytown Promotion Committee. Taneytown honors Matt as one of our top volunteers.

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Taneytown News

Pictured are Ruth and Justin Ready who modeled wedding fashions by DeMario Bridal and Formal. Justin Ready is the Republican candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates.

The Women’s Republican Club of Taneytown sponsored a fashion show at the Pavilion at Antrim 1844 on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Taneytown Mayor Jim McCarron welcomed guests. The fashion show featured clothing by Belk, Dress Barn, and wedding fashions by DeMario Bridal and Formal. Lia Sophia jewelry was provided by Caroline Ridgeley. Joe DiMaggio was emcee. All fashions were modeled by Republican primary candidate winners and their family members.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The Taneytown Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING:

• Dress casually and comfortably. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
• Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
• Keep cash in your front pocket.
• Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
• Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
• Be careful when you carry a wallet or purse; they are prime targets for criminals in crowded shopping areas.

CHILDREN

• Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you are separated from each other.
• Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
• Accompany your child to the restroom.
• Don’t leave your children alone in a vehicle.
• Teach children their full name, address, and telephone number to give to police officers.
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YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE

• Keep all vehicle doors locked and windows closed.
• When shopping at night, park in a well-lighted area.
• When approaching and leaving your vehicle be aware of your surroundings.
• Never leave your vehicle unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
• Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
• Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your vehicle. This creates a temptation for thieves. Lock your gifts in the trunk or put them out of sight.
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USING AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE

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HELP LOCAL CHILDREN, VOLUNTEER WITH VOICES FOR CHILDREN

As the thanksgiving holiday draws closer, our county's citizens look forward to gathering together with family to give thanks for our good fortunes throughout the last year. This year, Voices for Children of Carroll asks that you take a moment and imagine how some of our children will spend this holiday season without their families or a permanent home because they have been abused or neglected and are in foster care. Imagine yourself as a child who is suddenly thrust into the foster care system. You would likely find yourself moving from one foster family to another, from one unfamiliar neighborhood and school to another, without permanence and stability, so critical in a child's life.

CASA volunteers ensure that their assigned child's educational, medical, social service and mental health needs are understood, that the Court hears what is in the child's best interest, and that these children have hope for the future. Voices for Children of Carroll County is the local Court-appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program working with the juvenile court system to speak in the best interest of children in our community who have been abused and/or neglected. Becoming a CASA volunteer is a volunteer opportunity like no other. As "friends of the court" CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Being a CASA volunteer does not require any special education or background, simply the desire to help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes. Appointed by Juvenile Masters, CASA volunteers typically handle just one case at a time, and commit to staying on that case until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. While others may come and go, CASA volunteers provide that one constant that children need in order to thrive. Our vision is that every child who needs a volunteer will have one.

With your help, we can reach that goal. This holiday season consider how you could provide a child with empowerment and support during a traumatic period of their life. Volunteer, give a child the gift of a permanent nurturing home, because in the end this is something we all deserve this holiday season and beyond.

If you want to make a difference in a local child's life, join us at an upcoming informational session on November 22nd 2010 or January 18th 2011 from 7-8 pm at the Nonprofit Center 255 Clifton Blvd, Westminster and learn about being a CASA volunteer and the many other ways to support our mission. You can also visit our website, www.voicesforchildren-cc.org or contact our Volunteer Coordinator Anna Beers at 410-840-2495, abeers@voicesforchildren-cc.org to learn more and request a volunteer application.
I have always been aware of the fact that people get a lot out of giving. A couple of days I recently spent with two lifelong friends really made that fact so clear in my heart and mind. While my friends were visiting, we toured, chatted, and ate our way through the area, taking in the beauty and rich history we have here in the Taneytown area. After having dinner at the Carriage House, we were excited to start the next day early with a tour of the Grotto in Thurmont. We moved on to the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity. The Sisters are devoted to giving and serving those less fortunate. We worked our way to Gettysburg where one can’t miss noticing the amount of giving that took place there. We had lunch out, of course, then on to the Cyclorama which blew us away with all of it’s history. Leaving there we stopped at the Fairfield Inn and toured the building that housed an underground railway and a room for slaves to hide in the daytime - talk about giving!! The Fairfield Inn is now a B&B and fine restaurant. The Inn’s pub also housed a picture of my great-great-grandfather who was wounded while saving the flag during the Civil War. We headed home to Taneytown, exhausted. Turning toward Trevanian, I suggested we stop by the Antrim so I could show them the most beautiful historic B&B Mansion in the town I now proudly call home. While we had no intention of dining there, as we entered the pub for a toast to the great day, we began speaking with a young gentleman standing at the pub bar. I asked what brought him here to our town on a Veterans celebratory week. He excitedly shared with us that he is Captain Robert Boyd, Commander of D Co. 3/103 Armor Regiment, and that the Antrim was part of a nationwide Select Registry offering evenings at their places of business as gifts to Veterans for their service. After contacting several of the B&Bs on the Registry, he felt so lucky to have found and been selected by the Antrim for a free evening and dinner there.  

Captain Boyd has had three deployments in his 12 years of service to our country, most recently to Afghanistan in 2008. As many of you know, the Antrim is owned by Richard and Dort Mollett who are well-known for their many contributions to our wonderful community. (Continued on page 18)
MAYORS MESSAGE

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tion recognized their past efforts and encouraged future efforts. As I have said many times, volunteers of any age, are what makes Taneytown the special place that it is.

I guess I can’t conclude these remarks without saying something about the recent elections. Certainly, for the country as a whole we will be facing a new direction when the new congress takes its seat in January. The economically tough times have been going on for more then a couple of years now and I think, whatever our political persuasion, we can only hope that these changes may soon bring an end to these hard times. Likewise in county government we will be faced with new opportunities as we welcome for the first time a five member County Council. My hat goes off to the men and women who stepped forward and offered their candidacy for these positions. To those elected, I hope that they will be responsive to the needs of all of Carroll County’s citizens.

Well as I have said, it is the holiday season. A time for family and friends to gather, a time to pause and reflect on our many blessings, a time to give thanks and renew hope. So it is my wish and that of my wife Myra, and from the whole City Council and City Staff, from our families to yours, that you have the most blessed Christmas season and the Happiest Hanukah. I will see you at the Tree Lighting!
MARRIAGE EDUCATION WORKS

A national survey of over 1500 individuals not too long ago revealed some interesting things about how Americans view marriage. In the report, “With This Ring”, we learned that, overwhelmingly, people still believe in the institution of marriage and they definitely wanted to be married if they were single at the time of the study.

Why then are so many couples choosing to divorce rather than stay married? There’s a cynicism among today’s marrying population that love can actually last for a lifetime. Yet, four of the frequently chosen reasons for divorce: too much arguing, unrealistic expectations, married too young, and inadequate preparation for marriage can be directly addressed by the skills taught in relationship programs such as we are teaching (or training others to teach) at the Marriage Resource Center.

"Happily married people aren't any more similar to each other than those who divorce," says Michele Weiner-Davis, Founder of The Divorce Busting Center. "They just learn how to handle their differences. They have skills for dealing with conflict."

A meta-analysis of 16 studies showed meaningful impact on a Couple’s relationship in regard to gains in communication skills, Marital satisfaction, and other relationship qualities. In fact, on average, couples taking ME classes were able to out-perform 83% of the couples who had not taken the program in the critical area of marital communication.

If marriage is on the horizon for you

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

With the holidays upon us, I want to reach out to the community concerning a very personal sensitive issue, adoption! Every pet I have ever owned was adopted from one rescue or another; all proved to be great additions to my family. I believe adoption is the best way to find a perfect pet, however, the process should not be taken lightly for the pet return rate is the highest around the holidays, especially after Christmas. Thanks to such rescues as Mastiffs to Mutts, a detailed adoptions process guarantees the pet gets placed with it’s forever parents based on an application with references, and in-depth interview process as well as a home visit from one of the agency volunteers. This way you are fitted with the pet that best suits your lifestyle and best suits the pet’s temperament and needs. Rebecca and Tim Myers of “Muddy Paws Farms”, located right here in Taneytown, have been a satellite adoption facility for Mastiffs to Mutts since April of 2009. When they lost a pet to cancer, like so many pet lovers, they wanted to fill the void; that’s when they contacted Mastiffs to Mutts. It was during the in-home interview that the volunteer saw a perfect farm and great set of foster parents to help the organization; that was over 80 dogs...

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EMMANUEL BAUST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

All are welcome to participate in any of the worship, education, service, and fellowship programs of Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ, located on Route 832, 2950 Old Taneytown Road. There are some special events and plans for worship in the Advent/Christmas season. On Sunday, December 12, our Choir will present a choral music program, a cantata: "Follow the Star; Follow the King". This lovely service with scripture-based narration and music that often reflects variations of traditional Christmas carols and songs is presented as part of our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Families with children are especially encouraged to come and participate in a family-oriented worship service involving children and youth of the church and Christian Education program in the worship experience in the final days leading up to the celebration of Christ’s birth. Friends and neighbors in the community are invited to join us on Christmas Eve for a Candlelight Worship Service of scriptures, carols, special seasonal music, and a candlelighting ceremony celebrating our receiving and sharing of Christ as the Light of the World. Sunday morning services are at 10:30 a.m. The Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, is at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School Classes (pre-school, elementary, youth, and adult Bible Study) meet each Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship each Sunday is at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

For information about these and other events and programs of Emmanuel Baust Church, contact Pastor Jerry Fuss at 410 751-1237 or pastor@ebucc.com

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Grace, Peace and Holiday Cheer from Grace United Church of Christ at 49 West Baltimore Street.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. Sunday Advent Services begin at 10:15 a.m. starting November 28th. Our Family Christmas Eve service begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. This service is focused on sharing the joy of the Christmas Story with children. All children will be able to participate in singing Christmas carols and ringing in the cheer with Christmas bells. All are invited to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of scriptures and carols beginning at 10:45 p.m. These two services provide a great way to renew your faith and celebrate the birth of Christ. Join us on Sunday, December 26th at 10:15 a.m. for a Hymn Sing of favorite Christmas Carols. We hope to see you at Grace UCC. Christmas Blessings to All!

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 30 & Wednesday, December 1 - Open House at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. Tuesday, November 30: 7-8 PM and Wednesday, December 1: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information meeting 11:15 a.m. For more info or to schedule a school tour, call 301-447-3165 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org

Saturday, December 4 - Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg invites you to a fun morning of breakfast with Santa and also a great "one stop shop" for your holiday gift giving. Open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, and home fries. Cost of breakfast is $6.00 ages 7 to adult; $4.00 ages 3 to 6; and ages 2 and under are free. ($1.00 will be added to each ticket purchased at the door.) Have your picture taken with Santa for $5.00. Holiday gifts for purchase will be available from local crafters and home business consultants. A bake table with delicious pies, cakes, and cookies will also be available. To pre-order tickets or for more information, please contact MSS at 301-447-3161.

Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception Mass at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. Mother Seton School invites you to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception at our school mass, 10:15 a.m. at Mother Seton School. All invited. Info: 301-447-3161

Monday, December 13 - Annual Christmas Program. Mother Seton School invites you to join us for our annual Christmas concert and program at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the school.

MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19th, Christmas music, anthems, sermon, and confirmation service at 10:15 AM. The Children will present their Sunday School Musical program at 9:00 AM.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service with Lessons and Carols will be held on December 24 at 11:00 PM.

Messiah Church is located at 20 Middle Street, Taneytown.

BINGO

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown, MD will hold bingo on Saturday, December 4, 2010 and Saturday, January 8, 2011. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. Early Bird games begin at 6:40 P.M. Regular games immediately follow. Homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts will be available.

Snow date is Monday, December 20. For more info: 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org

Thursday, December 16 - "The Storytime Show with Miss Jenni" Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 10:45 a.m. This exciting and FREE program for preschoolers brings learning alive with music, singing, and puppets. "Toys and Tunes" is the featured show. Due to the great response, please pre-register by calling 301-447-3165 or email: development@mothersetonschool.org
The "RIPPLE-EFFECT" OF GIVING

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I asked the Captain if he was with anyone and he proudly said, "Wait till you see my girlfriend, she's a knockout!" When I inquired if he had a camera, he noted that his girlfriend Teanne would really have liked if they had brought one, but he did not. That's when I realized that I could give them a gift as well. As a lover of photography, and being so honored to have met this dedicated soldier, I held up my camera and said to my friends, "We're staying for dinner." My breath was taken away by the majesty of the mansion, the noble soldier in his dress uniform, and his beautiful and devoted girlfriend at his side. I just started clicking away. So grateful to have pictures of the evening, Captain Boyd shared his address with me and I was able to put together a CD with almost 20 photos for them.

As the facts and events of the evening came together, I was struck by the beauty of all the giving that I had seen in just one day. I knew I had to write this article about giving and the amazing ripple-effect that giving has. From the history of the Grotto, to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth A. Seton and the founding of the Sisters of Charity, to the dedication of the soldiers of the Civil War, including Col. Ege who built the Antrim and named the property after his wife's birthplace and gave it to his daughter as a wedding present, to the Mollett's who graciously and proudly restored the Mansion after years of sitting, offered an evening at their Inn to Capain Boyd and the gift he gives all of us each day by protecting the freedom we so often take for granted. Even I was able to give a gift of photography - but boy did I get so much more in return!

I am so thankful to have such good friends who travel so far to visit, for children who are all close and will visit this holiday season, for the wonderful friends I've met in this town who take good care of me, for this wonderful town and all it has to offer, and very thankful for the Veterans who give their lives to protect our rights and dreams. Join me in giving and then watch the ripples continue on forever, you'll receive so much more in return.

- Anonymously written

Marriage Education Works

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or a loved one, why not sign up today for January's Make It Last class (410-386-9003) and watch our website for more information on Adventures in Marriage coming in 2011.

If your church is interested in developing a marriage ministry that includes mentoring (something that can almost divorce-proof your congregation) please contact our offices today.

Amy Gilford
Director of Communications
Marriage Resource Center of Carroll County
MRC is a non-profit marriage and relationship education organization. Located on the Carroll NonProfit Center in Westminster.
TANEYTOWN SENIOR CENTER - UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 10 Friday 11:30-1:30 Christmas Party
Dec. 10 Friday 11:30-1:30 Country Jazz Band
Dec. 14 Tuesday 8:30-11:00 Site Council Breakfast
Dec. 15 Wednesday 1:30-2:30 Site Council Meeting
Dec. 21 Thursday 11:30-12:00 Christmas Dinner
Dec. 24 Friday CLOSED Christmas Eve
Dec. 31 Friday CLOSED New Year's Eve
Jan. 3 Monday 11:30-1:00 New Year's Day
Jan. 11 Tuesday 8:30-11:00 Site Council Breakfast
Jan. 12 Wednesday 12:00-4:00 590 Cards
Jan. 17 Monday CLOSED Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 19 Wednesday 1:30-2:30 Site Council Meeting

**NUTRITION CLUBS**

December 2 (Thurs.) 10:30 am “Don’t Let The Flu Get You Down!”
December 30 (Thurs.) 10:30 am “Food Activities”

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

For more information contact the Manager at (410) 756-2430. Please contact and reserve spaces in advance.

**FREE NUTRITION SCREENING**

December 7 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
In the Dining Room

**NEW COMING ENSAMBLE**

December 14 11:00 a.m.
In the Dining Room

**DINNER PARTY**

December 14 5:00 p.m.

**FREE NUTRITION SCREENING**

December 14 11:00 a.m.
In the Dining Room

**HANDS ON CRAFTS**

December 14 1:00 p.m.

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

December 11 1:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Friday, December 10, 2010
Dinner at 11:30 A.M.
Menu: Roast Turkey, Bread Stuffing, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy, Sauerkraut, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Roll, Cake, Punch, Coffee, & Milk.
Cost is a donation up to $6.00.
Reservations need to be made by December 3.

Country Musical Entertainment by:
"THE COUNTRY JAM BAND"
1:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

For more information and/or reservations call: (410) 386-2700
* Santa Claus will be stopping by to see everyone during the party.*
Taneytown City News

UPSCALE ANNIES

Self-described salvage artist Annie DeGeorge has arrived at Pristine. The shop on Baltimore Street is showing many of her items “upcycled” from cast-awy materials, as well as vintage items with an animal theme. “I’m all about animals, and saving stuff from the landfill. I guess I am just a rescuer at heart.” DeGeorge will also be featured at the Stone House Shop when it opens in November.

She has been making items for retail from materials cast off by society since she can remember. “My Mom used to give me trouble for picking things out of the gutter when we went for walks. What looks like a bottle cap to others, I see as a teeny picture frame that could be made into a brooch.” While DeGeorge has been doing this for decades, it has recently become a trend. What was once called Trash to Treasure is now referred to as “upcycling”.

She makes purses from retired sweaters, hats, boxes, and books. What’s left of a sweater after she has made a purse becomes other fashion accessories. Five sleeves become a scarf when stitched together. Some of the sweaters too thin to be purses (such as angora and cashmere) are stitched into hats and wrist/arm warmers. Socks and mittens become cell phone and camera cases. These items are embellished with castaway jewelry such as “orphan” earrings.

Annie is also a Santa maker. The Santa figures are made entirely from scratch, almost all of the materials being salvaged from yard sales and thrift shops. The only new material is the polymer clay used for the faces which are all individually formed and hand painted. The bodies are made from wood gleaned from construction sites or wire tomato cages.

My parents grew up in the Depression and they never forgot the hardships. They taught me to value what I had and take care of things. I am 64 years old and still have the wooden trucks and blocks that my Dad made for us in the 1940’s and 50’s. He made them from fruit crates. We had furniture made from (Continued on page 22)
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ago, five of which they have adopted themselves as part of their permanent family.

If you have considered a dog for a Christmas gift, consider adoption. Know what you are getting into and know that Becky will give it to you straight about the adoption process and your possible selection. You can see all the dogs available through the MastiffstoMutts.com website or you can contact Rebecca and Tim Myers by emailing them at muddy.paws.farm@hotmail.com or call them at 410-756-1533. You will be giving this wonderful adopted dog a wonderful gift of a second chance.

Please also remember grooming during the winter months and when our pets hair grows longer for the cold temps. With the holiday approaching, be sure you call for an appointment a week or two early due to groomers intense booking schedule. I offer a 50% discount off the first groom when you adopt a pet.

Thank you to all my current and new customers and have a blessed and safe holiday season.

Angie - All About Furr

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sidewalk installation along eastbound MD 140 between Roth Avenue and Chevro Drive. West of the square crews are beginning to install ornamental street lights.

The work and timeframes are tentative as much of the work is dependent on the weather. Inclement weather may cause timeframes to be adjusted.

SHA will continue work on this project throughout the winter. SHA and Kibler Construction thank the residents of Taneytown for their patience and understanding during construction.

Customers who have questions about traffic operations on MD 140 or MD 194 as part of the Taneytown streetscape project may call David James, SHA's Project Engineer at 410-756-4981 or Geoff McCammon SHA's Community Liaison at 301-624-8131. Additional project information, including a monthly newsletter, is available on the Taneytown Project website.

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**UPSCALE ANNIES**

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fruit crates. The first poem I can remember is "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

Now the motto is "reduce, reuse, repurpose, recycle." DeGeorge would like to add to that "refuse to buy things not made in the USA." Her personal motto is "Starve the Landfill."

Her basement is full of items that will eventually become something else. "I sometimes actually get dizzy at thrift shops. It's just so much stuff that could be something else, it's overwhelming. I wake up in the night sometimes wondering if it would be possible to make a purse out of an old checkerboard."

The answer is "Why not?"

"I dabble in buying and selling antiques and was always seeing damaged dishes being tossed out. Then I saw a man at a craft fair selling beautiful jewelry made from broken china. Wow!"

She now has stacks of chipped plates waiting to be made into mosaic table tops, birdhouses, and garden orbs (with a bowling ball as the core). DeGeorge lives on a small farmette in Southern Pennsylvania with a Boston Terrier, five rescued miniature horses, and a flock of rescued tropical birds.

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**TANEYTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**HOLIDAY OF TREES 2010**

December 3rd – 11th

New Windsor State Bank – Taneytown Branch

225 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787

Due to Streetscape Construction, this year the Taneytown Historical Museum has moved its annual Holiday of Trees fundraiser to the Taneytown Branch of New Windsor State Bank.

The Museum Committee would like to thank NWSB for its generous offer to host the event.

**Public Viewing, Voting, and Silent Auction Hours are as follows:**

- December 3rd – 2 pm to 6 pm
- December 4th – 9 am to 7 pm
- December 5th – 9 am to 12 noon
- December 6th – 9 am to 6 pm
- December 10th – 9 am to 7 pm
- December 11th – 9 am to 1 pm

Trees, Wreaths, and Centerpieces will be viewed by the public. A collection box will be positioned by each item and monetary donations will be used in the voting system. For example, 1 penny = 1 vote, 1 quart = 25 votes, $1.00 = 100 votes! Voting every time you come to visit the trees!

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: Miscellaneous, 4 Foot Trees, Centerpieces, and Wreaths.

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

**Closing Event & Award Presentation – Saturday December 11th**

Voting will conclude at 11 am on Saturday, December 11th.

Winners of the decorating contest will be announced at 11:30 am. Raffle Prize Winners will be drawn immediately following the presentation of awards.

The Silent Auction will conclude at 11:45 am on Saturday, December 11th. Winning bids will be announced at 11:45 am.

Winning bidders must pick up and pay for their items from 12-4 pm on December 11th.

The Taneytown Historical Museum thanks you for your support! www.taneytownmuseum.org
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PARKING IN REAR

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WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010
WHERE: TANEYTOWN POLICE STATION
TIME: 6:00 PM
JOIN US IN KICKING OFF THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS
SURPRISE GUEST WILL JOIN US

TWINCREEKS KENNELS

HAPPENINGS

We are still moving along pretty steadily this year. Things just keep getting better and better. Renovations are coming along great and the animals seem to love all of the new creations.

Precious Lucy, a sweet little Yorkie who comes to visit often, just loves her indoor condo we got for her. The painting is slow but still moving along. We hope to have the awnings done before the snow arrives this year.

We also had another type of excitement out at the kennels. We have won one of the 'Punt, Pass, and Kick' event spots to go to the Raven's Training Center and kick-the-ball around with them a little. Then we get to sit and enjoy a meal with the team members. Kind of exciting!
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