MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY REPORT, 2012

Welcome, I am pleased to be able to report on another great year for the City of Taneytown and its citizens. The year just past has truly been a “hallmark” year for all and one we may look back on with a sense of pride and accomplishment. While everything we hoped to accomplish in 2012 was not realized, much of what we planned was, and more! I hope to spend a few moments with you tonight, and recall the accomplishments we have made together, and outline for you some of the goals and plans for 2013.

In order to focus the direction for the growth and development of our community, it is necessary to sometimes stop, step back and take a look at where we have been, where we are going and what we shall become. In order to do this, it was decided by Council, during last January’s Council/Staff retreat, to form a committee to create an updated version of our current Mission & Vision statements. These statements have been part of our planning focus for several years now, but we felt because the City has grown, it would be prudent to re-examine these statements to make sure they reflect the current attitudes and plans of our citizens, staff and Council. This committee was formed in late summer and consisted of Councilman Rick Hess (Chairman), myself, Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Wieprecht, citizen Judith Archie, and a professional facilitator from Carroll Community College. Additionally, Economic Development Director Nancy McCormick attended several meetings. We met throughout the

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WATER/SEWER BILLS

Water/Sewer bills that have not been paid by January 31st, 2013 will be assessed a 10% late penalty and will be due by February 15th by 4:30 p.m. If water service is interrupted for non-payment, there will be an additional fee of $50 to reconnect water service. Water shut off will begin Wednesday, February 20th, 2013.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE:
Monday, February 18, 2013
From 5AM to 10AM (no parking allowed):
- East and West Baltimore Streets
- Fairground Avenue, Genevieve Drive, Carnival Drive, Village Drive, Gate Drive, Fourth Street, and Cambridge Court will also be swept.

Monday, March 18, 2013
From 5AM to 10AM (no parking allowed):
- East and West Baltimore Streets
- Grand Drive, Windy Hills Drive, Zephyr Court, Starboard Drive, Starboard Court, and Dunkle Court will also be swept.

2013 HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE:
- Week of Memorial Day: Collection will take place on Thursday, May 30, 2013, instead of Wednesday, May 29th.
- Week of Labor Day: Collection will take place on Thursday, September 5, 2013, instead of Wednesday, September 4th.
- Week of Christmas Day: Collection will take place on Thursday, December 26, 2013, instead of Wednesday, December 25th.

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 efficient snow removal and provides you with a wider plowed street. Citizens in cul-de-sacs must park vehicles in their driveways to avoid having snow pushed and piled up around vehicle. Also, vehicle
summer and autumn, and the result was a new Mission & Vision statement adopted by Council in December. Please take time to visit our web site (www.taneytown.org) to see the finished product.

The economic “tough times” that we have endured these past several years are still with us. The presidential election has occurred, complete with promises for a better future. We can only hope this is true. From a local stand point, we are seeing some bright spots. New housing construction had been non-existent since the recession began. Recently though, the Creek Side Development, next to Food Lion, has begun construction of new housing, and the developer seems very satisfied with the amount of activity. Also, the Village at Meade’s Crossing, on the Littlestown Pike, is in final stages of development approval.

As is my custom, I have solicited the input from our department heads and City Manager in preparing this report. As Mayor, and you as citizens, we are truly blessed to have such a talented group of employees at our service. Citizen cynicism with government is prevalent in today’s society, and not without good reason, but municipal government is unique. Municipal government is the government closest to the people. It is the first point of contact when something goes wrong or a public need has to be met. This responsibility is an awesome challenge to those of us elected to serve and to those who work on your behalf. However, even the best employees and the most dedicated elected officials can’t accomplish alone what is called for to meet the demands of running our City. There is another crucial ingredient in the success of municipal government and that is YOU. Truly the success and progress of our City depends on the many citizen volunteers that serve on our committees, boards, civic and community associations. Thanks to all of you who help in our community. Please continue to volunteer! If you do not currently volunteer, you may want to give it a try. This is a great way to begin the new year, you will be glad you did (and so will we).

BUDGET

Each year, your Mayor with the help of City staff and by approval of City Council, is charged with preparing a balanced budget to fund the services you have come to expect. During a time of sluggish economic conditions, the task is doubly challenging. For several years now, we have cut expenses, reduced and delayed capital improvement projects and “walked the tightrope” between the positive and the negative. Once again, we were challenged to fund the City’s services without the burden of imposing more taxes on an already over-taxed citizen base. The task has not been easy in the past; it will truly be a challenge for 2013. I know, I speak for the City Council when I offer my commitment to do my best to hold the line on increased taxes, once again.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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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.

YARD WASTE

Beginning in March, the Public Works Department will pick up grass clippings on Tuesdays. You must call the City Office no later than 3 p.m. the Monday before the Tuesday you wish to have yard waste collected. Currently there are no charges to Carroll County residents for disposal of yard waste, at the County Landfill in Westminster (410) 386-4550:

- Please place your bags at the curb by 7:30 a.m., the morning of pick up.
- Yard waste must be placed in paper craft bags only.
- Please limit the weight of bags so they can easily be lifted for loading and unloading without bag breakage.

This service is limited to grass clippings, flower & shrubbery trimmings only. Please do not dispose of dirt, sod, thistle, or household garbage.

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TANEYTOWN BUSINESS BREAKFAST

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2013
FRIDAYS - March 8, 2013

TIME: 7:30AM - Networking and Breakfast
9:00AM - Program

PROGRAM - FEBRUARY
Tools to Help the Small Business Owner Be Successful
Presenter: Andy Wallace
Small Business Development Center Carroll County

PROGRAM - MARCH
Competition in Small Towns - Leveraging multiple business and resources to attract out of market business
Presenter: Casey Wilson
Maryland SBDC - College Park

Location: Thunderhead Building Centre
4337 Old Taneytown Rd.
Taneytown, MD 21787
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COMING SPRING 2013- A NEW SUNROOM DISPLAY!

Central Maryland Sunrooms is owned and operated by Kiser & Sons Construction, Inc., a family owned business started in 1975 by Terry Kiser. The company also includes sons, Mark and Dave, who you will see on your job site along with Terry. In 2001 Central Maryland Sunrooms began selling and installing sunrooms and porch enclosures. In 2002 a showroom was opened at 5241 Taneytown Pike just outside of Taneytown across from the town park. Since then the business has grown and expanded. Currently there are three sunroom displays on site as well as deck products, replacement windows and more. The showroom is open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 till 5:00 and Saturday 10:00 till 1:00. Stop in and take the time to browse through the display rooms, check out the different decking options, look through the many albums of completed sunrooms, decks and remodeling jobs.

This Spring we will be introducing a New Joyce Sunroom Display. We have joined with Joyce Manufacturing Company, located in Ohio. They have been manufacturing sunrooms for over 50 years. All the Joyce Vinyl Oasis Sunrooms have tempered glass for protection, never needs painted and is scratch and impact resistant.

Joyce not only manufactures sunrooms, they also manufacture Replacement Windows, providing high-quality for any climate and region. Joyce Replacement Windows, are energy efficient and are Energy Star certified, custom sized, maintenance free and offer a lifetime warranty. Stop by our showroom and see the Joyce Windows on display and pickup more information.

We have also been a dealer of Sunspace Sunrooms for seven years now, selling and installing a wide variety of America’s Finest Sunrooms & Vinyl Window Products, offering year round comfort and three-season flexibility.

Sunrooms installed by Central Maryland Sunrooms are designed to extend your enjoyment of the outdoors without the usual annoyances of wind, rain, insects and harmful UV rays. Not only will a new sunroom add beauty and comfort to your home, it will also increase it's value.

We can also convert your existing screen room into a more usable area of your home. The Sunspace Vertical 4-Track System will give you 75% screen when open, to enjoy the breeze and when closed provide protection from the changeable weather. Have a deck you don't use much because of too much sun, consider one of these sunroom options to bring you more enjoyment.

A visit to our showroom to tour the models on display and to create your sunroom using the Sunspace Cad System will help you decide which model will be the best fit for your family. Whether it's a Sunroom or Home Improvements Kiser and Sons Construction, Inc., DBA Central Maryland Sunrooms will provide you and your family with the lifestyle change that you will enjoy for years to come.

So give us a call or better yet, stop by our showroom, our staff will be happy to show you the many photos of completed sunrooms and testimonials from our customers. We are located at 5241 Taneytown Pike in Taneytown, Maryland.

Visit our All-Season and Three-Season Sunroom Displays, and Coming Spring 2013 a New Joyce Sunroom Display.

Don't hesitate to give us a call at: 410-751-1512

You can also visit our web site at: www.centralmarylandsunrooms.com

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Taneytown, MD 21787

Showroom Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 am to 5 pm * Sat. 10 am to 1 pm
*Closed Sunday & Monday
*After hours call for an appointment

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

One of the most important jobs, particularly in times of recession, is to continue unabated our economic development efforts. Nancy McCormick, our Economic Development Director knows this better than anyone else. Her efforts this past year have paid dividends in many ways. New businesses have discovered just what a special place Taneytown is. Joining our expanding business community this past year has been Peebles Department Store, The Tobacco Zone (both in the shopping center), Affordable Pet Supply on E. Baltimore St., Andrew Quinn, Attorney on York St. and Backyard Bar-B-Q, across from PNC Bank. New businesses to look for in 2013 are a new Dollar General Store on Antrim Blvd., a new Sheetz at the traffic Circle and coming soon to downtown, a new Coffee Shop at the corner of Baltimore St and Frederick St. Businesses continue to expand. In the works is a major expansion of Flow Serve, adding as many as 40 new jobs. Lorien Taneytown Rehabilitation Care facility is adding assisted living and (Continued on page 10)
Local News

TANEYTOWN PARTICIPATES IN GEOCACHING MARYLAND

Hundreds of hobbyists are expected to take part in the Discovering Maryland Geotrail, the second of its kind staged by the Maryland Municipal League. The first one, established in 2009, had more than 30,000 “finds,” according to Paula Chase-Hyman, the league’s member relations manager.

The first 200 people who find and record at least half of the new Maryland geocaches get a “geocoin,” prized by the hobbyists. Some geocachers do it for the modest rewards, others for the simple challenge and pleasure. Many do it to explore and enjoy the outdoors and stay active.

Geocaching is a free real-world outdoor treasure hunt. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a smartphone or GPS and can share their experiences online. There are 1,972 active geocaches and over 5 million geocaches worldwide. Explore the world as you search for the cache using a GPS device or smartphone. Find the cache, sign the logbook and see what others have left behind.

Taneytown’s geocache is hidden somewhere within the town limits. Interested in locating it and perhaps moving on to discover others around Maryland, log on to www.geocaching.com. Scroll down to “Browse” and insert 21787, click on Taneytown on the next page and you’re on your way.

TANEYTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM HOLIDAY OF TREES 2012 EVENT

The end of the year fundraiser for the museum - Holiday of Trees was held at the New Windsor State Bank, Taneytown, December 2 - 15, 2012. Upon entering the bank the hallways were lined with beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and centerpieces.

Businesses, organizations and residents were invited to participate. All of the entries were part of a silent auction starting with a minimum bid.

An opening reception was held Sunday, December 2, 2012 with light refreshments being served.

A huge thank you to the 2012 Sponsors - Evapco and No Anchovies. Raffle sponsors were Lyndi McNulty, Douglas Heck and Michael Smith.

Winners from each category were:

- Wreath: 1st - New Windsor State Bank; 2nd - Jennifer Helm; 3rd - BB&T Bank
- Centerpiece: Taneytown Heritage Committee

Two Foot Trees: 1st - Callie Helm; 2nd - Sarah Helm; 3rd - Catherine’s Cause
Four Foot Trees: 1st - Community Foundation of Carroll Co. Audrey Cimino & Kathy Brown; 2nd - Wilma Brown; 3rd - Republican Women’s Club of Taneytown.

Thank you to the many others who supported this event. Thank you to all the supporters, the Docents, the donations, those who voted, bought raffle tickets and to all those attendees who viewed the Holiday of Trees. The Taneytown History Museum appreciates the support.

The museum has begun making plans for the 2013 event. The proceeds go toward supporting future efforts of the museum.
Church News

OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY

Luminaries and bamboo tiki torches lighted the way the evening of December 15 at Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown where the second annual outdoor live nativity was held. There were two performances at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. This very well attended nativity provided live performance, live music, a narrator and live animals. Presenting this outdoor nativity serves as a way for the church to reach out to the community.

Participants in the nativity: Mary and Joseph entered the manger area with Christian the donkey being led by his owner, Chris Hevner. Tina Brauning (Mary); Eric Brauning (Joseph); Buck Mehring (Innkeeper); Nicole Mehring (Gabriel); Abigail Brauning, Leah McCauslin, Hannah McCauslin, Aubrey Larson, Mikayla Hornby (angels); Carroll Hahn, Kevin Peck, Steve Ostendorf-Snell, Delbert Brauning, Luke and Addie Ostendorf-Snell (shepherds); Mike Couse, Bob Flickinger, Steve Schaefer (Wise men); Bob Rock, narrator; the Grace Choir directed by Sarah Larson, and accompanied on the clavinova by Fairy Flickinger. The sheep and calf along with the donkey completed the manger scene. The evening concluded with a special performance solo by Sarah Larson singing O Holy Night.

All ages participated. Children as young as 3 years took the roles of the littlest angels to a teen as the lead angel. Shepherds and wise men included ages 7 to in their 70’s.

The live animals were enjoyed by everyone and added color and sound to the scene. The sheep were provided by Carroll Hahn; the calf by Doug and Cindy Reifsnider, and the donkey, Christian provided by the Hevner Family of Keymar. Those who diligently worked behind the scenes volunteering to get the nativity scene staged for the evening were - Bill West and Bob Flickinger the stable; Joe Larson the sound system and set up along with music played prior to each performance; Blaine Flickinger lighting and electrical; Michelle Vaughn, Paul and Carol Brown bamboo torches, Carroll Hahn the fencing for the animals. Straw bales were available for seating, provided by Delbert Brauning. Fairy Flickinger and Elaine Hoover were the Nativity Co-Chairs.

CANDY CANES provided by the Outreach Committee were distributed to attendees and refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served immediately following each performance in the Fellowship Hall. It was a very special evening with many wonderful comments received.

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST BUFFET

(All you can eat), St. Joseph’s Church Hall, 44 Frederick Street, Taneytown, Md. 21787
Sunday, March 10, 2013, 7 a.m. - Noon. Cost: Adults $7.00, Children 7-10, $3.50, (6 & under Free). EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: 7 a.m. to 8a.m. Adults: $6.00 Children (7 - 10), $3.00 Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pan Cakes, French Toast, Toast, Potter, Pomegranate, Sausage gravy, Hash, Fruit cup, Orange Juice, Tea, Coffee. Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Taneytown Council 11631.
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Medical facilities to their current location.

Economic Development also involves insuring the City is attractive and business friendly. The economic incentives your Council approved late last year are the model for new business incentives throughout the State. The Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) has nominated Taneytown for a top award “Best Revitalization Project” and State Highway Administration (SHA) has nominated us for the MEDA award! I hope you have been able to spend some time in our downtown since the completion of Streetscape. I hope you have been able to take the walking tour of Taneytown. As part of the completion of this project, the historic significance of our City has been memorialized. Four historic markers have been placed strategically, around the downtown to recognize our community’s growth and development since our founding in 1754. The Markers describe the history of our Faith Based Communities, Notable Persons and Places, the Military History of Taneytown, and our particular importance during the War Between the States, and the Industrial & Commercial businesses of bygone days that made Taneytown a hub of regional activity. What a great thing to do with the kids, or grandkids, on a Saturday afternoon! Free Walking Tour guides are available at the City office and various locations around Taneytown.

Speaking of volunteers, Main Street Taneytown, a Main Street Maryland Community, has sponsored a monthly event that helped everyone celebrate Taneytown, year round! I hope you had a chance to participate in some of these fun times like the Wine & Art Festival in June, Tails of Taneytown Pet Parade in August, Harvest Fest in October, and The Elf Hunt and Christmas Tree lighting in December or any of the rest. Thanks to all our volunteers that made these events possible. Look for another great season of family fun in 2013!

PARKS & RECREATION

“For a town of your size, you all sure have some great parks!” was a comment I received from a mayor of a nearby town, recently. What a great compliment, what a great statement. Because, it’s true! No matter where I travel throughout the area, when I mention I am from Taneytown,

WANTZ CHEVROLET IS GROWING!

Wantz Chevrolet is pleased to welcome Stan Hollinger as Sales Manager. Stan comes to us from the former Davis Buick/GMC. His automotive career here in Carroll County spans 35 years. When asked why he chose to come to Wantz Chevrolet he said, “Wantz is a friendly service and sales oriented dealership. They value relationships with each and every customer.”

Wantz has also added Bob Kennedy as their new Service Manager. Serving as Service Manager at Davis Buick/GMC for 25 years, Bob also has a long standing background in Carroll County’s automotive community. Also, we now have a new Parts Manager, Pete Hagarman that comes to us with over 28 years of automotive experience. No worries, you will still find Mike Blaker in a new role at Wantz Chevrolet as our Body Shop Manager. Congratulations Mike!

Several new Sales Associates were added this year, and we would like to welcome them: Beatrice Buckland, Internet/Sales Associate; Jim Rouchard, Commercial Sales; Penny Kirdy, Sales Associate and Jeff Wantz, Sales Associate.

Marvin Glass, Sales Associate, Herman Johnston, Commercial Sales, Penny Kirdy, Sales Associate and Jeff Wantz, Sales Associate.

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**** CONVENIENT DRIVE-UP WINDOW ****
HELLO, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As most of you probably know, I have Kennedy’s Disease, an inherited neuromuscular condition that is both rare as well as debilitating. It slowly progresses and affects muscles used for walking, lifting, and rising from a chair as well as swallowing. See www.kennedysdisease.org for more info on this rare condition.

I have been an out-patient at the NIH in Bethesda, MD for the last 10 years, where progress is slowly being made to find a cure for KD. I am in a wheelchair much of the time. That said, my foot still gets in my mouth daily.

My daughter, Sarah Kawa, has un-selfishly started and is chairing the First Annual “Queen Anne’s Race”, a 5K Trail Run to end Kennedy’s Disease. It will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2013. All proceeds from this event will go to the Kennedy’s Disease Association (KDA), a tax exempt 501-C-3.

Some particulars:
• Where: Gary J. Arthur Community Center, Glenwood - Howard County (MD) Western Regional Park
• Address: 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723 (Look on Bing Maps: http://www.bing.com/maps and type in the address)
• Entrance to Community Center: Behind the small stores - off of Carrs Mill Rd
• Time: 8 AM — Sharp — Please plan accordingly
• Suggestion: Consider picking up your race packet on Saturday 4/6/13 between 12-3pm at the running shoe store Feet First, 6420 Freetown Rd, Columbia, MD 21044
• Registration for Runners: (copy and paste the following) http://www.active.com/running/cooksville-md/queen-annes-race-a-5k-trail-run-to-end-kennedys-disease-2013
• Alternate Registration: http://bullseyerunning.com and look for Queen Anne’s Race on April 7, 2013.

I invite you to participate by running and/or becoming a sponsor, or helping as a volunteer. There are different sponsorship levels available, and we want your business to participate as a sponsor as you are able. The KDA is recognized under United States of America Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3, and all donations are tax deductible.

Please see the attached Sponsorship Opportunity flyer and please note that all information for sponsors must be received by March, 1, 2013. Thank you for your help and participation, and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday April 7 in Glenwood. Call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,
John A. Coakley, Sr.
GETTYSBURG CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

The Gettysburg Children's Choir, formerly Gettysburg College Children’s Choir, and HS Vocal Ensemble will perform a spring concert preview on Sunday, March 24, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD. This free concert will begin at 4:00 pm and will feature diverse choral works ranging from classics to gospel. The Gettysburg Children’s Choir is led by Artistic Director Dr. Brent Talbot and is accompanied by Jamie Buxton.

The Gettysburg Children’s Choir is an auditioned community group of singers in grades 3 through 8. Singers in the group represent Bermudian Springs School District, Fairfield School District, Gettysburg Area School District, Saint Francis Xavier School, Littlestown Area School District, Upper Adams School District, and VIDA Charter School. This year the Choir has added a select High School Vocal Ensemble for students in grades 9 - 12. In addition to its own concerts, the Choir’s performances have included the opening of the Majestic Theater, Carmina Burana with the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra, the Music! Gettysburg concert series, and the community Martin Luther King Celebration. Two Choir members will perform with the ACDA National Honor Choir in Dallas, Texas, in March.

The Choir is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and by the Adams County Arts Council's STAR Grant Program, which is funded by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Adams County Commissioners, and the Borough of Gettysburg, and many individual donors. The Choir receives in-kind support from Gettysburg College and corporate support from Adams Electric Cooperative. More information may be found at www.gettysburgcc.org.

Donna Hinkhaus of Taneytown celebrated 15-years of employment at Carroll Lutheran Village on January 5. She is a prep cook in the Health Care Center and Diven House for Assisted Living.

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Dr. Talbot, artistic director, holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Music Education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. He was the founding director of the Eastman Young Children’s Chorus, Director of the Eastman New Horizons Chorus, and founding director of the Electronic Music Studio at the Eastman Community School of Music in Rochester, NY.

Jamie Buxton is accompanist for the Gettysburg Children’s Choir. She is adjunct accompanist for the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College, serving the department for auditions, recitals, and ensemble groups. She is also the pianist for the Hanover-based adult choir, Belle Voix.

For further and/or additional information about the concert, please contact Trinity Lutheran Director of Music Ministry Cathy Elkiess at (717) 359-4784, or the Trinity Lutheran Church Office at (410) 756-6626.

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Grace United Church of Christ celebrates 35th Year of Serving Their Spring Public Supper.

Thirty five years ago Grace United Church of Christ began offering their Fried Oyster, Fried Chicken and Ham Suppers. In the beginning the suppers were held at the church but later moved to the current location Taneytown Fireman's Activities Building located at Memorial Drive in Taneytown, Maryland. The community has enjoyed this event each year which is served family style from noon until sold out. The menu has included not only Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken and Ham but parsley potatoes, green beans, pepper slaw, pickled beets, applesauce, rolls with cake and coffee.

In addition to the meal, baked goods such as pie, cookies, fudge, cakes, apple dumplings, and more are sold. Washburn Knife Company products such as 7 inch slicer knives, 10 inch long forks, 10 inch chef spoon, 4 inch steak/utility knives, 2 piece set of 11 inch fork and knife sets are also sold. And as usual buses are always welcome.

The next event is March 2, 2013 held at Taneytown Fireman's Activity building on Memorial Drive in Taneytown, Maryland beginning at noon. Pricing is Adults $17, ages 5-12 is $8 and 4 and under are FREE. Carry Outs are still available $18. For more information call 410-756-2302.
Church News

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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" Philippians 4:4

Trinity Lutheran Church invites the community to join them for worship each Sunday morning with services at 8:00 and 10:15 AM, and Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:00 AM. The community is also invited as well to partici- pate in the following activities and wor- ship opportunities during the coming Lenten and Easter season:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday evening, February 12th - 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Free-will offering. Reserva- tions needed by Feb. 3rd. Please contact Maryanne Turner at 443-340-1000, or natinent3@gmail.com for additional or further information.
- Ash Wednesday Service: February 13th at 7:30 PM - service includes Holy Communion and the disposition of ashes. Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance and Celebration of Love: Saturday evening, February 16th - 6:00 PM. Dinner buffet catered by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant includes roast turkey, pork, mashed-potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut and red beets. Dance the night away to music provided by DJ Les DeBelius. Tickets are $20.00 per person. Call the church office to make res-ervations - 410-756-6626.
- Holy Week at Trinity:
  - Palm-Passion Sunday: March 24th - services at 8:00 and 10:15 AM
  - Maundy Thursday Service: March 28th - 7:30 PM
  - Good Friday Service of Shadows: March 29th - 7:30 PM
  - Easter Vigil Service: Saturday, March 30th - 7:30 PM
  - Easter Sunday Services: Sunrise service 6:30 AM -Easter Breakfast - 7:00 AM
  -Easter Resurrection Celebration Ser- vices - 8:00 &10:15 AM

Wednesday Night Lenten Soup, Salad and Services: every Wednesday evening during the season of Lent, be- ginning with a light supper at 6:00 PM, followed by Vespers at 7:00 PM.
- Saturday morning Chrismon-mak- ing classes meets the 1st Saturday of each month starting March 2nd from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon, led by Sue Helmken.
- Chrismons, ornaments depicting the symbols of Christianity, are used to deco- rate trees in the church during Advent and Christmas. Please join us as we learn to make beaded, styrofoam, and felted Chrismons. No experience is needed. Materials and instructions will be pro- vided. (**Small donations to help cover costs are appreciated.) Light snacks and juice will be provided. For additional or further information contact Sue Helmken at 410-861-5807, or barefootweaver@earthlink.net
- Gettysburg Children's Choir Con- cert: Saturday afternoon, March 23rd at 4:00 PM - This free concert will feature diverse choral works ranging from clas- sics to gospel. The Choir is led by Artis- tic Director Dr. Brent Talbot and is ac- companied by Jamie Buxton.
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one of the things that most often come up is how impressed people are with the quality of our parks. Bob Mitchell is the person that oversees our Parks & Recreation Department. Not only do we maintain one of the most impressive parks systems for a community of our size, we use the parks to benefit our City. In addition to the many sports teams that use our athletic fields, we offer family activities throughout the year including a fishing derby, movies in the park and other events hosted by the City and various civic organizations. We plan to build on our success, so tune in frequently to our web site or Follow us on Twitter to find out the latest.

To keep our parks in the enviable shape that they are, requires ongoing maintenance. This is a big issue that consumes a large portion of the Parks & Recreation budget. You can do your part by cleaning up after you use our parks, reporting items that need attention or reporting vandalism. Help keep your parks clean and safe!

As is the case in all areas of the City, but perhaps, even more so in the case of the Parks & Rec Department, volunteers are crucial. We have a group of citizens, dedicated to improving our facilities and sports programs that put in untold hours to support our City's youth and to mentor them. Thank you for all that you do! One goal of mine, that has fallen short, is the completion of Bollinger Park on Littlestown Pk. as a family nature park. I had hoped to see this as a reality for this coming spring, but budget restrictions have delayed the final project. Hopefully sometime in the near future, perhaps next year, we will have this available to enjoy.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is one department that touches us all. Rick Weaver is the department head and manages not only the Public Works, but the Waste Water Treatment Plant as well. Our expanding City has caused us to add the position of Assistant Public Works Director. Please welcome Kevin Smeak to this position. Kevin is a long time City employee and previously supervised the waste water treatment plant.

With Streetscape behind us, we find the attention of the Public Works staff turning to the ever demanding infrastructure needs of our expanding city. Recently completed was the addition of a new York Street Pumping Station (YSPS) which replaced a 1950's version that has been less than adequate for a number of years. The YSPS serves nearly the entire north side of town. Also recently completed was the (new) Well 17 water main. This main will connect our new well with the City's water distribu-

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In the works is the rehabilitation of Well #10, which will further insure our water supply. Other projects completed this year were the Mill Avenue rehabilitation project. Sewer lines were relined, storm water infiltration prevented and tree roots removed. We replaced the Rt. 194 water main (York St & Frederick St) and water supply lines, service lines, curbs and sidewalks this past fall. While the project is not quite complete, we expect final paving to occur in early spring. Thank you for your patience!

Last summer, we provided residents with new, larger recycling containers. Some residents objected to the larger size, while some welcomed the additional increased capacity. The reason for the new container was to make it more convenient to recycle. I must say, this has paid off. Rick tells me the recycling rate continues to increase. I hope we reach my personal goal of 25% of our waste stream recycled by spring! Remember, recycling saves tax dollars by reducing landfill fees. Please continue your efforts. It is simple and easy: A recycling guide may be found on the City’s website or on the recycling containers themselves.

PLANNING & ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jim Wieprecht is the City's Planning & Zoning administrator and Code Enforcement officer. He is charged with working with potential and existing residences and businesses to ensure the City's building codes and statutes are followed. The adverse economy has really taken a toll on the amount of new building activity Jim has dealt with, again this year. There seems to be some cause for optimism, though. Zoning certificates were up by over 22% from 2011. Of the 122 zoning certificates issued, 13 were for new houses. This is a welcome increase over the last few years. We did see a significant new residential project receive final plan approval. As I mentioned, The Village at Meade's Crossing was approved. This project initially includes 160 new dwellings.

On the Code Enforcement side, we tracked very close to last year's numbers. We sent 138 formal "Code Violation... (Continued on page 21)
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The Taneytown Chamber of Commerce is seeking sponsors for its Annual Summer Business Shaker, co-sponsored by the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce, City of Taneytown, and Wantz Chevrolet. The event provides an opportunity to network with other businesses and individuals from Taneytown and the surrounding communities, and is free to attend. The Summer Shaker will be held on Tuesday, June 25th, 2013 in the showroom at Wantz Chevrolet in Taneytown, located at 1 Chevro Drive. The event will be from 4-6pm, and will include entertainment and light refreshments. Table space is available at a cost of $25 for Taneytown Chamber members, and $50 for non-Chamber members. Sponsors are asked to donate a door prize to be given away at the event. For more information or to request a sponsor registration form, please contact the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce at 410-756-4234 or biz@taneytownchamber.org.

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School News

DIANE A. FOSTER APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Diane A. Foster has been appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Carroll Community College.

Foster is a council member of the Taneytown City Council. She is also a member of the Maryland Municipal League and serves on the Legislative Committee. Foster is a council liaison to the Department of Parks and Recreation. She represents Taneytown on the Carroll County Human Services Program Board of Directors and on the Carroll County Economic Development Commission. The newly-appointed board member has over 40 years of service in various positions within the federal government.

"I am very pleased to welcome Diane Foster to the board," said College President Dr. Faye Pappalardo. "She brings significant experience and knowledge to her new position as a board member."

The board consists of seven members. Officers include a chair, vice-chair and secretary-treasurer. Members represent a range of educational, economic and professional backgrounds.

The Taneytown Record

FSK CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Last fall, Mr. Glen Kikuchi, owner of the Taneytown McDonald’s Restaurant, presented the Francis Scott Key High School Advisory Council with a check for $3,000.00 to be used for the school’s Character Education Program. Les Douglas, FSK Advisory Council Chairman, presented Mr. Kikuchi with a plaque of appreciation at the school’s Holiday Assembly, Friday, December 21, 2012.

The FSK Character Education Program seeks to improve the culture of the school by providing initiatives to improve school attendance, grades, and behavior. At the Holiday Assembly, the names of students who had good attendance and demonstrated good character were entered in a drawing for prizes. Students’ names were chosen for ice cream coupons, discounted dance tickets, parking spots and lunch with a teacher or administrator. Because of Mr. Kikuchi’s generous donation, prizes also included gift cards to McDonald’s, Dunkin Donuts, Sheetz, Buffalo Wild Wings, and iTunes. The school will continue to use this funding throughout the year to recognize students for their outstanding achievement in these areas. FSK would like to thank Mr. Kikuchi for his gracious participation in the community and the school in particular.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Join the Francis Scott Key Advisory Council Monday, March 18, 2013 from 6-9 PM at Gunner’s Grille at Taneytown. For more information contact Ken Fischer, kfischer@carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3320.

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Notices” along with follow up letters. We
have been able to resolve these violations
at a rate of 94%.

Like other departments in the City,
we have strived to make our systems
more efficient. We began a new system
to track zoning certificates, violation no-
tices and reports, also providing more
detail and a broader reporting capability.
The system will also generate invoices
for residential benefit assessments and
water/sewer connection permits. This
replaces a system that required manual
implementation across departmental
lines.

The Maryland Legislature has had
a major impact on the way local govern-
ments handle septic system placement
and storm water runoff. SB236 requires
jurisdictions to adapt “tiers” in conjunc-
tion with the County’s tier map. We have
satisfied our portion of this legislation.
Additionally, we also updated sewer and
water service area maps and infrastruc-
ture data in response to MDE’s comments
on the draft Water & Sewer Master Plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

One of the City’s biggest assets is
our Police Department. All the accom-
plishments that this department has
reached are too numerous to mention but
the ability for our Police Department to
positively affect the lives of our citizens
are self-evident. Chief Tyler and his team
of 14 sworn officers are a crucial part of
the region’s law enforcement effort. Our
small force has been instrumental in ap-
prehending lawbreakers of every ilk. We
had 6,535 calls for service in 2012. We
logged in 438 adult arrests and 67 juve-
nile arrests. The Police Bike Patrol
logged 630 hours, placing our officers in
the community in a more visible way.
Community outreach efforts include a
joint partnership with Northwest Middle
School, called “Junior Police Academy”,
showing youngsters the way the Police
Department is run. One tax saving ac-
complishment achieved by our police de-
partment this year was a grant from the

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US Army “Program 1033” that allowed us to obtain enforcement assets of about $14,000 without the use of local tax dollars.

We are fortunate to have a police force of this quality at our service. Please be sure to take time and thank our officers for all they do when you see them next.

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Linda Quinn serves the City as the Clerk-Treasurer. An important function of the Clerk-Treasurer's office is to conduct City elections every two years. The Clerk is charged with the responsibility of organizing and supervising these elections. On Monday, May 6th, we will be electing three Council positions. Please be sure and set aside time to vote. Many of the other functions of what Linda and her staff do is often unseen by the public, but nevertheless is critically important. Among those responsibilities are to assure the fiscal operation of the City remains sound and according to acceptable standards. Again this year our annual audit was outstanding. Her department has implemented several improvements that will go a long way in saving tax dollars. Internal controls have been strengthened by adding more checks and balances. We have streamlined the water/sewer billing procedures to make them more "user friendly", we have formalized policies and procedures to provide better guidance and information to the Council and staff and have partnered with the Code Enforcement Department to enforce the collection of infraction fines.

Training also continues among the Clerk's staff. Some of the training programs attended this past year include Professional Business Skills training, accounting courses, and advanced training for Microsoft Excel. Be sure to stop in and visit Linda and her staff; they are eager to help with any issues you have.

**CITY MANAGER**

This position requires that the day-to-day operations of the City are handled in a professional and expedient manner. Our City Manager, Henry Heine, is the one that holds all our departments together. It is Henry’s job to implement the plans for the City as directed by the Mayor & City Council and carry all this out within our budget. It is Henry’s job to be the interface, the voice of the City to various county, state and federal agencies and to be the final point of contact for everyone else. Henry serves also as visionary, one able to not only oversee the day-to-day operations of the City but to develop plans how we may do things better. In this regard many of the updated systems I have already talked about are a result of Henry’s vision. Future visions include a fiber optic conduit system that will connect us with the county and provide internet connectivity for our industrial parks.

Managing grants and awards is critical, especially in times of recession. Major funding has been received as a result of our City Manager's leadership, including a $31,000 grant for upgrading our HVAC systems at the Police Station and the Community Building in Roberts Mill Park and a $300,000 MDE grant received for the design of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

On a sad note, this past fall, the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Taneytown History Museum decided to close its doors at the City-owned facility on East Baltimore Street, due to concerns about ADA accessibility. The Museum Committee is attempting to partner with other organizations in Taneytown and is actively searching for a new home. We wish them well and are willing to offer our support to help them reopen this great community asset.

All our accomplishments this year are a result of your support. Thank You. I look forward to another great year in the best small City in Maryland: Taneytown, “The small town with a big heart.” Remember to vote on May 6th!

James L McCarron, Mayor

Regular Mayor & City Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and a Council workshop is held the Wednesday before that date. These meetings are open to the public, and you are encouraged to attend and participate. Additionally, the Planning and Zoning Board meet on the last Monday of the month. These meetings are open to all. If you have questions with new building, zoning issues or business expansion, the Board would welcome your comments.

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