

City of Laurel 2014 Annual Highlights



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Message From The Mayor



Dear Fellow Citizens:

I am pleased to provide the City of Laurel community the 2014 Annual Highlights Report.

It details a record number of accomplishments, but it's really just an overview.

You can find the full report and the City's comprehensive Operating Budget at our website at cityoflaurel.org.

There are more opportunities than ever for citizens to get involved in Laurel City government, and I encourage you to take the plunge.

With your help, we can continue to thrive, and be the kind of community that makes Laurel such a great place to live, work, and play.

Best wishes in 2015 and beyond.

Thank you,
Craig A. Moe
Mayor

Message from the City Council



Frederick Smalls,
City Council
Ward II



Donna L. Crary,
City Council
Ward II



Michael R. Leszcz,
City Council
At Large



Valerie M. A. Nicholas,
City Council
Ward I



H. Edward Ricks,
Council President
Ward I

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

This publication is a true testament to just how hard your City Leaders and employees work to make sure that the people of Laurel have everything they need to thrive.

As your new Council President, it's my job to continue the forward progress along with my fellow City Council members, and of course, the Mayor.

The Council is proud of each and every accomplishment revealed here and we want to thank those responsible for all their hard work. We also want you to know that your City Council is primed and ready to make great things happen this year, and for years to come.

All the best in 2015,
H. Edward Ricks
Council President

CITY OF LAUREL DEMOGRAPHICS



Total Square Miles
4.6

2013 Population
26,428

Number of Businesses
1,000+

Dwelling Units
11,707

Single Family
6,014
Multi-Family
5,693

City Government Officials

Executive

Mayor

Craig A. Moe

Legislative

At Large

Council Member Michael R. Leszcz

Ward 1

Council Member Frederick Smalls

Council Member Donna L. Crary

Ward 2

Council Member

Valerie M. A. Nicholas

Council President

H. Edward Ricks

City Boards, Commissions and Committees

- Board of Appeals
- Board of Election Supervisors
- Chief's Citizen Advisory Committee
- Community Redevelopment Authority
- Emergency Services Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Civic Improvement Committee
- Parks and Recreation CAC
- Planning Commission
- Transportation and Public Safety
- Tree Board

Office of the Mayor



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As the leading elected official of the City, the Mayor is empowered to approve or veto legislation, provide an annual budget for City services and have direct supervision of government administration for all citizens and businesses of the City.

Office of the Mayor

Accomplishments

- ✓ In Annapolis, during the 90 day Legislative Session, supported legislation for Laurel and other municipalities;
- ✓ Executive Assistant appointed to Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Committee;
- ✓ Meetings, in Washington, DC with Federal legislators, to secure funding support for City projects;
- ✓ Meetings with Legislators at the Local, County, State and Federal levels;
- ✓ Hosted meetings with Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senators and Delegates, County Executive, County Council Members, State's Attorney, U.S. Congress Representatives, Laurel Clergy, Laurel School Principals;

Office of the Mayor

Accomplishments

- ✓ Attended Neighborhood Watch Program and Homeowners Association meetings throughout the City;
- ✓ Hosted “City Hall in the Park” town meetings and “My Time with the Mayor” Program at City Parks and Facilities;
- ✓ Continued the “Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program” for the 5th year, employing 12 students ages 14 – 16 for 8 weeks;
- ✓ Executive Assistant appointed to International Institute of Municipal Clerks Legislative Committee;

Office of the Mayor

Accomplishments

- ✓ Provided support for Hiring Process to all City Departments;
- ✓ Prepared and distributed the monthly "Mayor Gram" to all City employees; and
- ✓ Attended National League of Cities Conference and the Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention.



Office of the City Council

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The City Council is the legislative body of the City of Laurel and as elected representatives of the citizens, consider and enact resolutions, regulations, and ordinances for the protection of rights and privileges, peace and good government, and safety and health of all citizens.

Office of the City Council

Accomplishments

- ✓ Councilmember Donna Crary was re-elected to the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors sworn-in on Tuesday, June 10, 2014;
- ✓ Councilmember Donna Crary attended MML Board of Director's Retreat in Annapolis, Maryland, September 10, 2014;
- ✓ Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention – June 8 – 11, 2014, Ocean City, Maryland;
- ✓ Councilmembers appointed to MML Committees: H. Edward Ricks, Hometown Emergency Preparedness Committee and Councilmember Michael R. Leszcz, Convention Planning Committee;
- ✓ Councilmember Michael Leszcz reappointed to the Patuxent River Commission as Chair by Governor Martin O'Malley;

Office of the City Council

Accomplishments

- ✓ Councilmember's Crary, Ricks, Leszcz and Smalls attended the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference in Annapolis, September 11 – 13, 2014;
- ✓ Councilmember H. Edward Ricks elected Council President on November 24, 2014. He appointed Donna L. Crary his pro tem;
- ✓ Councilmembers Donna L. Crary, Frederick Smalls and Michael Leszcz attended the National League of Cities Conference of Cities November 18 – 23, 2014, Austin, Texas to attend their respective committee meetings; and
- ✓ Councilmembers Donna L Crary, Frederick Smalls and Michael Leszcz attended the National League of Cities Congress of Cities in Washington D.C., March 8, 2014 to attend their respective committee meetings.



Office of the Clerk



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It is the responsibility of the Clerk to the City Council to provide assistance to the City Council and to maintain and preserve all required legislation in accordance with State, County and City Codes. The Clerk's office also provides administrative and reporting coverage of the Mayor and City Council meetings.

Office of the Clerk

Accomplishments

- ✓ Municipal Government Works Month – November 2014 - Since 1993, Cities and towns throughout the state have been celebrating Municipal Government Week in an effort to educate citizens about the role and function of the government closest to them. This was the second year the celebration was in the month of November;
- ✓ Kimberley Rau, MMC, Clerk, attended the 68th International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI, May 15 – 23, 2014 and Annual Board of Directors Meeting;
- ✓ Kimberley A. Rau, MMC, Clerk attended the IIMC Region II Conference in Bowie, Maryland, January 16 – 18, 2014;
- ✓ Kimberley A. Rau, MMC, IIMC Region II Director attended the Delaware Clerks Academy on Friday, September 26, 2014;
- ✓ Kimberley A. Rau, MMC, attended the Academy for Excellence Leadership Training on Friday, April 25, and Friday, September 19, 2014; and
- ✓ Updated City of Laurel Election Laws.

Office of the City Administrator



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The City Administrator directs and coordinates the general administration of the City government.

In addition to the day-to-day operations of the City government, the Office of the City Administrator is responsible for insurance management, budget preparation, emergency operations and other projects as assigned by the Mayor.

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – City Administrator

- ✓ Supported third year of Patuxent Toastmasters Club for City Employees;
- ✓ Represented City as Ex Officio member of CMRT Board;
- ✓ Represented City during Howard County Regional Transportation Agency meetings;
- ✓ Represented City on Fort Meade Community Covenant Council;
- ✓ Coordinated with Prince Georges County on the Laurel Lakes Upper Fore Bay Dredging Project;
- ✓ Ex Officio member of Laurel Board of Pension Trustees;
- ✓ Executive Officer, City of Laurel Ethics Commission;
- ✓ Executive Officer, City of Laurel Planning Commission;
- ✓ Participated in the Annual LGIT Insurance Renewal Workshop;
- ✓ Continued oversight of Comcast franchise agreement renewal negotiations;
- ✓ Participated in the review and adoption of the City's election laws;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – City Administrator

- ✓ Served as Executive Officer of Community Redevelopment Authority;
- ✓ Coordinated in the development and presentation of the City's CIP and GOB;
- ✓ Continued to coordinate Comcast and Verizon negotiations;
- ✓ Provided support and coordination for Police Body Camera Program;
- ✓ Concluded negotiations for and executed labor contract for Laurel Police Department;
- ✓ Continued to Serve as Executive Officer for the Historic District Commission;
- ✓ Participated in coordination and revisions to City dumpster and donation bin enclosure legislation ;
- ✓ Assisted and participated in the City efforts to host the World Trade Center Institute information exchange with the Jordan and Palestinian contingents;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – City Administrator

- ✓ Coordinated and participated in the City election law revisions from first draft to final version and adoption;
- ✓ Coordinated resolution to Caswell park land encroachment;
- ✓ Coordinated and Participated in negotiations on the Tax Differential with the county Task Force;
- ✓ Participated in planning and attendance at annual Mayor's Open House;
- ✓ Participated in development of annual City Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program;
- ✓ Coordinated and permitted Television filming on Main Street; and
- ✓ Continued to work on Bray Green Road land use issue.

Office of the City Administrator

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Accomplishments – Emergency Services

- ✓ Planned and implemented City Hall security enhancements;
- ✓ Supported design and location of Community Message/Sign Boards at Gude Park and McCullough Field;
- ✓ As a sub-committee to the Emergency Services Commission, investigations were conducted to gather information relating to staffing and response issues at the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad. With the information collected a report was developed that contained suggestions to address concerns;
- ✓ Developed and implemented enhanced fire safety and preparedness training program for senior citizens;
- ✓ Continued to participate with Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management on the development of shelter policies and procedures;
- ✓ Continued to serve on the County Local Emergency Planning Advisory Committee;
- ✓ Continued to serve as Board Member of Prince George's County Citizens Corps Council and Prince George's County CERT Board of Directors;
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security Park Plex Full Scale Mass Casualty Exercise;
- ✓ Coordinated preliminary engineering estimates for 701 Montgomery Street, Laurel Boys and Girls Club;
- ✓ Coordinated obtaining appraisals and engineering estimates for property purchases made by the City's ARC. Also coordinated environmental assessment of 312 main Street for the ARC purchase;
- ✓ Participated in WSSC annual dam failure exercise;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Emergency Services

- ✓ Continued monitoring/coordination of City preparedness for National Ebola crisis;
- ✓ Continued to work with 911, Berlin Wall and Veterans Memorial Committee;
- ✓ Continued to serve as Executive Officer to the Emergency Services Commission;
- ✓ Continued production of public safety newsletter;
- ✓ Coordinated continuation of City Wide AED Program;
- ✓ Continued arrangements for sensitivity training program;
- ✓ Managed revisions to City-wide alert network;
- ✓ Continued to serve on the MML HEPAC group;
- ✓ Participated in HEPAC educational and informational programing for MML Convention;
- ✓ Managed flood event on April 30, 2014 brought about by rainfall and WSSC operations of Howard T. Duckett Dam and after action meeting and briefing for the County Council;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Emergency Services

- ✓ In preparation for a City-wide public hearing, developed and presented PowerPoint overview of flood operations for the April 30, 2014 flood event;
- ✓ Continued to coordinate with Prince George's County, MDE, FEMA and Corps of Engineers City-wide after-action activities geared to restoring the Patuxent River watershed in and around the City;
- ✓ Continued to serve on Prince George's County Citizens Corps Council;
- ✓ Continued to coordinate flood mapping;
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in the Fourth of July celebration, the Main Street Festival, Holiday Parade and Lighting, Emancipation Celebration, Riverfest, Main Street Trick-or-Treat and the Laurel Lions Car Show;
- ✓ Coordinated and assisted with the funeral services and procession for Firefighter Art Staub;
- ✓ Re-Appointment and Continued service as Mayor's Alternate on FEMA Regional III Advisory Board;
- ✓ Participated in the Annual Prince George's County Sheriff's food basket distribution;
- ✓ Attended training for foreign and domestic terrorism;
- ✓ Attended IED response training;
- ✓ Implemented emergency operations grant/low interest loan program;

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Accomplishments – Emergency Services

- ✓ Coordinated/Assisted Laurel Police Department with City's second gun buyback event;
- ✓ Coordinated application for DOJ grant for purchase of additional ballistic vests;
- ✓ Continued Public Safety Breakfasts;
- ✓ Continued monthly meetings with leadership of LVFD;
- ✓ Continued support of CERT volunteers;
- ✓ Coordinated AED training;
- ✓ Coordinated planning and participated in City's Joint National Night Out event with the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department;
- ✓ Provided National Preparedness Training for the Lovely Ladies of Laurel Club;
- ✓ Continued to coordinate City's negotiations with Prince George's County to transfer and assume Rights-of-Way for City maintenance;
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in DHS Bomb Material Awareness and IED Response Planning training;
- ✓ Continued to coordinate City's response to WSSC's concerns over the commencement of assessing fees for their activities in the City's Rights-of-Ways and property;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Emergency Services

- ✓ Continued to coordinate and discuss possibility of establishment of City Fire Department;
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in enhanced City Fire Prevention program for elementary schools;
- ✓ Coordinated City's participation in Laurel Lions Annual Car Show;
- ✓ Coordinated preparation for and exercise of new damage assessment GIS application;
- ✓ Taught/Presented preparedness and utilization of disaster volunteers at FEMA conference;
- ✓ Conducted class for CERT training;
- ✓ Successfully negotiated with Prince George's County DPW&T for sewer extension construction revisions for Andersons Corner;
- ✓ Assisted in the development of damage assessment application and coordinated City-wide exercise using the application;
- ✓ Assisted with City Yard Sale;
- ✓ Oversaw implementation of Juvenile Fire Setting educational program; and
- ✓ Participated in Laurel Volunteer Fire Department Open House.

Office of the City Administrator

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Accomplishments - Economic Development/Community Redevelopment Authority

- ✓ Effectively provided communications between the City, business community and community stakeholders;
- ✓ Main Street Economic Development Signage: Economic Development, Pardon our Preparation and Grant recipient certificates;
- ✓ Revised the Economic Development Grant Brochure;
- ✓ Reconciliation in the Laurel Arts Community - Artists demonstrated support for one another by attending one another's events and performances;
- ✓ Established partnership between the Laurel Arts District and Olive on Main for the monthly art rotation featuring work of Local artists and the monthly Meet the Artist community network event;
- ✓ Established a monthly Economic Development Newsletter, highlighting Main Street businesses, grand openings, accomplishments and events;
- ✓ Taped Laurel Business Today; a half-hour show on Laurel TV, highlighting Laurel Business and organizations;
- ✓ Monthly "Ride Along" with community leaders, City leadership and other community stakeholders, to tour Main Street businesses and make personal introductions;
- ✓ Positive Press – Several articles featured the growth of Main Street, minimization of storefront vacancies, economic development program and business highlights;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Economic Development/Community Redevelopment Authority

- ✓ Worked directly with Code Enforcement for Main Street and Route 1 corridor buildings to be cleaned up and improved;
- ✓ Development of functional forms and documentation for the New Office of Economic Development and data gathering;
- ✓ Development of a Main Street business database/work in progress;
- ✓ Assisted the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA);
- ✓ Nurtured new businesses –
 - ✓ New businesses to open on Main in 2014 (16 plus): Olive on Main-504, Oliver's Old Towne Tavern-531, Emerald's Fashions-357, Ghodfrii Graphic Design and Apparel-357, Grace Boutique-401, Boutique Jacobi-344, Patuxent Financial-377, Chosen Books-509B, Empire Dynasty Travel-3381/2, Tranzitionz Spa-634, Metro PCS-217, Vape Lounge-639, Antique Thrift Store-355, Basket Treats-349, Quick Stop-500, Minuteman Press Expanded to next door, Senate Insurance reopened as Senate Select at 302 Main.

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Accomplishments – Risk Management

- ✓ Attended PRIMA Annual Conference Long Beach California;
- ✓ Attended PRIMA Institute PI14 – Louisville, KY;
- ✓ Attended PRIMA quarterly meeting and workshops;
- ✓ Member PRIMA Maryland;
- ✓ Member PRIMA National;
- ✓ Member of Toast Masters International;
- ✓ PESA Board Member;
- ✓ Chesapeake Employers Insurance Government Council member;
- ✓ Member of LGIT Risk Management Committee;
- ✓ Chairperson of the City of Laurel Risk Management Committee;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Risk Management

- ✓ Chairperson of the City of Laurel Accident Review Board;
- ✓ Attended and planned PESA Annual Conference;
- ✓ Attended Maryland Million Hearts Symposium;
- ✓ Attended Maryland's Employee Wellness Symposium;
- ✓ Attended Maryland Highway Safety Summit;
- ✓ Attended Grant Writing Workshop at MML;
- ✓ Provided training for City Departments of Vehicle Accident Procedures;
- ✓ Provided training for City Departments on Vehicle Inspections;
- ✓ Provided “backer training” for City drivers;
- ✓ Provided training on proper snow shoveling and winter safety tips;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Risk Management

- ✓ Provided training on Hypothermia;
- ✓ Provided CPR and AED training for all CERT members;
- ✓ Provided Departmental training for Suspicious Activity training- MCAC;
- ✓ Wellness Exercise Classes and Walks;
- ✓ Wellness Lectures;
- ✓ Monthly Employee Wellness Lunch and Learns;
- ✓ Awarded 339 Safety Awards to City employees who had no at-fault accidents;
- ✓ Attended WSSC Emergency Operations Drill;
- ✓ Attended Emergency Services Commission Meetings;
- ✓ Attended Public Assistance Workshop presented by MEMA;
- ✓ Attended LGIT's Annual Workshop;

Office of the City Administrator

Accomplishments – Risk Management

- ✓ Attended Workers Compensation Commission Hearings;
- ✓ Worked with LGIT to provide insurance coverage for the Community Redevelopment Authority and their newly acquired properties;
- ✓ Coordinated with City Departments and Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) on insurance management for the floods of 2014;
- ✓ Photographed Riverfront Park and Patuxent Greens during the aftermath of the floods of 2014;
- ✓ Found training opportunities for Distracted Driving training for any employees that had at fault accidents; and
- ✓ Distributed 85 AED's to City employees with an emphasis on police officers.



Budget and Personnel Services



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The Budget and Personnel Services Department's responsibility to the City of Laurel and its citizens is to ensure that adequate controls exist in order to protect the City's funds and maintain adequate and accurate records of all financial transactions.

The Department of Budget and Personnel Services strives for the performance level necessary to achieve a favorable certified audit in order to maintain our current "A" bond rating and eligibility for Federal grant funds. The Department must maintain strict cash controls, diligent monitoring and reconciliation of monies to maintain adequate cash flow.

Budget and Personnel Services

Accomplishments

- ✓ Prepared the first combined GOB and CIP document;
- ✓ Moved entire Department and maintained all Department functions and responsibilities while operating in drastically reduced office space during renovations;
- ✓ Administered the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program: application and interview process, scheduling and moderating group activities (i.e.: Toastmasters speeches, tours of City Facilities);
- ✓ Negotiated the first collective bargaining agreement with the Laurel FOP;
- ✓ Negotiated employee health and dental insurance;
- ✓ Created list and reporting mechanism for tracking Minority-owned and Laurel-based businesses;
- ✓ Continued scanning employee folder contents into document imaging system;

Budget and Personnel Services

Accomplishments

- ✓ Broadened use of document imaging system to minimize physical storage needs and further streamline transmittal of data to auditors;
- ✓ Extended DROP and changed interest accruals for future Retirement Plan participants;
- ✓ Procured an ATM machine and installed it in the lobby of the Laurel Municipal Center; and
- ✓ Managed Secret Santa Program to provide Christmas presents to children in need.



Communications



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The primary function of the Department of Communications is to provide useful information to residents, businesses, and employees within the City limits of Laurel, and the greater Laurel area. The Communications Director develops, prepares, and coordinates the release of official news advisories and disseminates news on the City's public access television station, known as Laurel TV, its companion website LaurelTV.org, the City's website, cityoflaurel.org, mobile My Laurel app, and through a vigorous outreach on social media sites. The Department works closely with other Departments in the City to spread news about the Mayor's Government to the People program and other activities that allow people to live, work, and enjoy the City of Laurel.

Communications

Accomplishments

- ✓ Established a new organizational chart for the Department of Communications;
- ✓ Hired the City's first Media Coordinator;
- ✓ Hired two Production Assistants and an Administrative Assistant;
- ✓ Created, wrote, produced, hosted, and launched the "Laurel Community Spotlight" Community Affairs Program;
- ✓ Developed a spring break TV production class for Laurel High School students;
- ✓ Coordinated 3 hours of live coverage of the Main Street Festival for Fox 5 news;
- ✓ Provided live streaming of Laurel's 4th of July parade;
- ✓ Rebranded Laurel's public access television station, "Laurel TV";
- ✓ Introduced "Turn Your Power On" as the motto for Laurel TV;
- ✓ Held a Launch Party for Laurel TV on August 6, 2014, which was attended by more than 300 people;

Communications

Accomplishments

- ✓ Developed a new Laurel TV volunteer database with more than 40 new volunteer recruits from the Launch Party;
- ✓ Worked with the Media Coordinator to develop and begin production phase of several new programs for Laurel TV;
- ✓ Enlisted volunteers to shoot new programs for Laurel TV and news stories;
- ✓ Held reporter and photographer training sessions for volunteers;
- ✓ Developed a regular show schedule for Laurel TV programs and regularly posted it to social media sites and the City's website;
- ✓ Arranged international coverage of the Laurel Police Department's body cameras to include four Washington DC television stations, three Baltimore Stations, German, French, and Japanese television stations, several newspapers and radio stations, and a German magazine with 6 million readers;
- ✓ Negotiated a deal to produce a monthly health show in partnership with Laurel Regional Hospital;
- ✓ Established relationship with key national production outlets and arranged for monthly content to air on Laurel TV;
- ✓ Changed the graphic look of Laurel TV and the music package;

Communications

Accomplishments

- ✓ Increased our Facebook reach tenfold, regularly posting stories with page views from 1,000 to a top post that received more than 44,000 views;
- ✓ Quadrupled the number of @laurelpio Twitter followers;
- ✓ Successfully held two big media events that received television coverage in DC ,Baltimore, and Virginia;
- ✓ Updated the Volunteer Laurel website and online database of volunteers;
- ✓ Increased our Community outreach for press releases and City website posts by adding the updated HOA contacts, all incoming Volunteer applicants, and Launch Party attendees to the email recipient list;
- ✓ Initiated efforts to increase community and business involvement in Volunteer Laurel, revised all applications and resource materials online, and have begun the transition to an online system of volunteer hourly reporting and oversight;

Communications

Accomplishments

- ✓ Assisted with the design and construction of the LaurelTV.org website;
- ✓ Initiated student involvement with Laurel TV at the two local high schools through classroom visits;
- ✓ Attended an internship fair at Howard Community College and established an internship agreement with the University of Maryland College Park; and
- ✓ The City of Laurel Passport Office passed its inspection by the U.S. State Department on December 16, 2014 and has been given its seal of approval through 2016.



Community Planning and Business Services



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The Department of Community Planning and Business Services maintains and oversees the built environment within the City of Laurel and is responsible for code enforcement, building and fire inspections, property standards, rental licensing, permit review and issuance, and implementation of the City Master Plan, just to name a few. These activities are intended to ensure public safety, protect property values, and improve the life quality in the City. Community Planning and Business Services staff strive to provide these services in a timely and efficient manner while promoting high-quality development which is compliant with State of Maryland regulations and statutes.

Community Planning and Business Services

Accomplishments

- ✓ Continued to administer the Animal License Program;
- ✓ Continued the administration of the Foreclosure Registration Program;
- ✓ Administration of the Main Street Economic Development Program;
- ✓ Staffed the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, as well as the Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Historic District Commission and Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA);
- ✓ Continued to participate in the Fort George G. Meade Community Covenant Committee and the Regional Growth Management Committee;
- ✓ Continued coordination with the Maryland Transit Administration on the proposed mixed-use facility for Transit Oriented Development at the Main Street MARC Rail Station;
- ✓ Maintained membership in the Greater Washington Initiative and the ABDOC, Area Business Development Officials Committee for regional marketing;
- ✓ Participated in Regional meetings of the Greater Washington Initiative and the Area Business Development Officials Committee;
- ✓ Participated in the Regional Transit Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) sustainability group, as well as the TRIP Board for affordable transit;

Community Planning and Business Services

Accomplishments

- ✓ Participated in the Maryland State Sustainable Growth Commission representing the Maryland Municipal League;
- ✓ Continued City Code enforcement sweeps in City neighborhoods;
- ✓ Began inspections at the C Street Flats project;
- ✓ Participated in Envision Main Street, a group to coordinate improvements and necessary code compliance to improve the Main Street business area;
- ✓ Participated in LADEC, the Laurel Arts District Exploratory Committee with the local arts and business community;
- ✓ Coordinated applications for small businesses in the Neighborhood Business Works program of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development;
- ✓ Staffed the Employee Relations Committee;

Community Planning and Business Services

Accomplishments

- ✓ Reviewed tenant fit-up plans for zoning compliance for Towne Centre at Laurel;
- ✓ Completed final plan review and staff report for Revitalization Overlay Application No. RO6-1-2012 for the redevelopment of the former Laurel Police Station located at 350 Municipal Square;
- ✓ Completed addressing for the new C Street Flats project;
- ✓ Reviewed site plan for Andersons Corner/Avalon Bay project;
- ✓ Reviewed site plan Westside/Mill Creek project;
- ✓ Staffed the Risk Management Committee;
- ✓ Administered the City of Laurel Economic Development Program which included Main Street Business Relocation Grant, Retail Store Front Façade Improvement Grant, Main Street Sign Grant and Main Street Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program;

Community Planning/ Business Services

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Accomplishments - Fire Marshal

- ✓ Participated in the Emergency Services Commission meetings;
- ✓ Oversaw the production of the City's annual 4th of July celebration;
- ✓ Conducted inspections of various City businesses during the holiday season to ensure that live Christmas trees were not present;
- ✓ Conducted inspection of various City businesses for potential holiday overstock and blocking of aisles;
- ✓ Served as Chairman of the State Fire Marshal's Sub-Committee and attended monthly Committee meetings;
- ✓ Served as City's representative to the Metro Fire Chief's Association;
- ✓ Continued inspections at the Laurel Gardens redevelopment project;
- ✓ Continued Tenant-Fit Up and New Construction plan review for Towne Centre at Laurel;
- ✓ Conducted inspections of new businesses at Towne Centre at Laurel;
- ✓ Produced Fire Prevention Month shows at four local schools;

Community Planning and Business Services

Accomplishments - Fire Marshal

- ✓ Conducted all inspections of daycare facilities;
- ✓ Prepared monthly Public Safety Newsletters;
- ✓ Created and produced monthly public safety cable shows;
- ✓ Began inspections of new multi-family buildings at C Street Flats project;
- ✓ Completed plan review for Westside development;
- ✓ Began inspections at the Westside development;
- ✓ Began review of building plans for the Goddard School on Park Center Drive;
- ✓ Completed plan review and conducted inspections associated with the façade upgrade at Boulevard Shops; and
- ✓ Continued inspections at 800 Main Street for the new St. Mary of the Mills Church Community Center.

Information Technology



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The Department of Information Technology is committed to providing the systems necessary to enable employees to achieve their goals, to support computer training throughout the City, and to assist the City in effective management, administration and service operation and in delivery of its services; to provide the widest possible access to computer systems; and, to provide appropriate support in the use of these systems.

Information Technology

Accomplishments

- ✓ Expanded City wireless network and turned on guest access in all our public including both pools;
- ✓ Developed online GIS applications for our public safety use;
- ✓ Conducted successful drill utilizing application to conduct real damage assessments and photo documentation;
- ✓ Upgraded the voice mail system to include mobile device integration;
- ✓ Installed (2) security cameras at Sweitzer park;
- ✓ Installed a security camera at the Dog park;
- ✓ Installed a security camera and swipe card for the gate at the new Skate park;
- ✓ Upgraded security cameras at the Municipal Center;
- ✓ Supported Municipal Center renovation technology installs; Transitioned Municipal Center security system to self-monitoring;

Information Technology

Accomplishments

- ✓ Supported (3) GIS interns during the year;
- ✓ Supported (3) network interns during the year;
- ✓ Provided Public Works and City Planners with GIS and map support;
- ✓ Provided technology support for the Mayor's summer jobs program;
- ✓ Upgraded City radio system to new FCC approved licensing scheme;
- ✓ Participated in Comcast cable franchise negotiations;
- ✓ Transitioned City mobile devices off Blackberry management; and
- ✓ Installed mobile device management system for all City mobile devices.

Parks and Recreation



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The Department of Parks and Recreation is a full service agency that maintains and operates six facilities and 19 park sites encompassing over 222 acres of parkland. The Department offers a comprehensive program for parks and recreation to ensure the delivery of a variety of leisure services and facilities that enhance and enrich the quality of life for the residents of the City of Laurel.

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments - Recreation

- ✓ 21st consecutive year for Tree City USA recognition;
- ✓ 8th consecutive year for Play City USA recognition;
- ✓ New LED digital signage at Granville Gude Park and Alice B. McCullough Field;
- ✓ Expanded Youth Sports Alliance with new partnership with W.I.S.E. basketball, 90 children registered;
- ✓ Added new youth volleyball instructional program run by Vivian Abalama;
- ✓ 2014 MRPA Award winner for Best Social Media. Our Facebook and Twitter presence has become more consistent and allows us to provide information to the masses quickly;
- ✓ Provide staff representation on Summer Youth Camp Council for regulation review and development;
- ✓ RJDCC Facility Manager became a certified youth sports administrator;
- ✓ Added flat screen TV and gaming system to RJDCC game room for use by Weekend Teen Club;
- ✓ Replaced preschool tables with new colorful tables;
- ✓ Completed painting of preschool room;

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments - Recreation

- ✓ Expanded movie series to include two free indoor movies at Partnership Activity Center;
- ✓ Added Spring and Fall Teen Outdoor Trips to Terrapin Adventures Outdoor Challenge Courses;
- ✓ Installed computerized membership system at skate park;
- ✓ Added agility course features to large and small dog park areas;
- ✓ Purchased new pedal boat for Lake operations as fleet replacement;
- ✓ Replaced TV in Armory Lounge;
- ✓ Expanded swim lesson program to include special needs offerings;
- ✓ Hosted first Fun In The Sun event at Greenview Drive pool;
- ✓ Expanded Water Zumba, Water Aerobics and Water Fitness classes to three times per week;
- ✓ Assisted Department of Communications with Pool Safety Information video;
- ✓ Trained all pool staff in new CPR/AED certifications;
- ✓ Co-sponsored health workshops for seniors with Prince George's County Department of Health;

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments - Recreation

- ✓ Developed a new wheelchair rider policy for Senior Van Transportation to address needs of scooter riders;
- ✓ Provided space, tables and staff support for first Laurel Arts Festival at Laurel Armory;
- ✓ Provided space for LPD Block Party at Laurel Armory;
- ✓ Assisted with coordination of Lost Limb Walk for nonprofit group;
- ✓ Assisted Lovely Ladies of Laurel with their first 5k;
- ✓ Added P&R Facility Conference Room at 7705 Sandy Spring Rd. to room rental availabilities;
- ✓ Implemented 10% discount for Sunday facility rentals to encourage usage;
- ✓ Instituted changes to employee rental policy;
- ✓ Upgraded holiday decorations for City Hall exterior and Council Chambers;
- ✓ Enhanced and expanded exterior lighting features for Armory Illumination;
- ✓ Donated unused props and building materials from Haunted Trail program for use at the new Laurel Haunted Movie Theatre;
- ✓ Assisted Laurel Board of Trade with Adopt-a-Family for Holidays program;

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments – Facilities and Grounds

- ✓ Complete demo and rebuild of Centennial Park Playground with state of the art playground equipment and safety surfacing;
- ✓ New Park landscaping to include tree removal, walking path and park benches;
- ✓ Installed holding pond area to address drainage issues;
- ✓ Installed gated skate park area complete with rails, ramps and steps;
- ✓ Complete renovation of City Hall entrance, waiting room, reception desk, Finance Department payment window, Passport Office and Council Chambers to enhance security and improve efficiency;
- ✓ Refurbished office space for new Department of Communications and TV Production Studio;
- ✓ Completed POS window renovation project, brick repointing and lintel repair at Armory;
- ✓ Completed floor tile replacement and painting to Gymnasium stage areas;
- ✓ Installed interior wood blinds to all windows at Armory;
- ✓ Completed replacement of new sound proofing material to Armory Gymnasium ceiling;
- ✓ Completed interior wall waterproofing and repair and installed window protection, light filtering curtains in Armory Gymnasium;

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments – Facilities and Grounds

- ✓ Repair and painting of exterior cement in entrance way and steps at Armory;
- ✓ Completed and accepted bids for upcoming light replacement project at Armory and roof repair project at Municipal Center;
- ✓ Replaced ice machine at Laurel Armory;
- ✓ Installed new paved walking path around Cypress St. Field to include renovated steps leading into the community homes;
- ✓ Installed new outdoor cameras at Cypress St. Field, Sweitzer Park, Centennial Park and Leo Wilson Park;
- ✓ Installed flood gates on south side of Barkman-Keiser Safety Complex building;
- ✓ Installed generators at RJDCC and Armory CC;
- ✓ Replaced one new HVAC unit for Robert J. DiPietro Community Center;
- ✓ Installed new lighted flag poles at the Robert J. DiPietro Community Center and McCullough Field;
- ✓ Landscaped Cypress Street Athletic Field signage;

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments – Facilities and Grounds

- ✓ Met with engineers regarding Armory first floor renovations;
- ✓ Removed the overhead BGE wires and buried them under ground at the Laurel Armory;
- ✓ Began Lake dredging on Lake 2;
- ✓ Patched, painted and repaired tennis and basketball courts at Greenview Dr. and Duniho/Nigh Community Park;
- ✓ Assisted Community Garden members as needed;
- ✓ Landscaped Greenview Drive entrance and relocated informational signage;
- ✓ Reinforced walk bridge footer at Greenview Drive Pool, as well as cleaned up and lined with new rock water way in front of Greenview Drive Pool;

Parks and Recreation

Accomplishments – Facilities and Grounds

- ✓ Removed pool motors for winterization and repair;
- ✓ Installed new “touchless” paper towel and soap dispensers through the buildings; and
- ✓ Assisted with various community special events to include: 4th of July Celebration, Main Street Festival, Riverfest, and Relay for Life.



Laurel Police Department

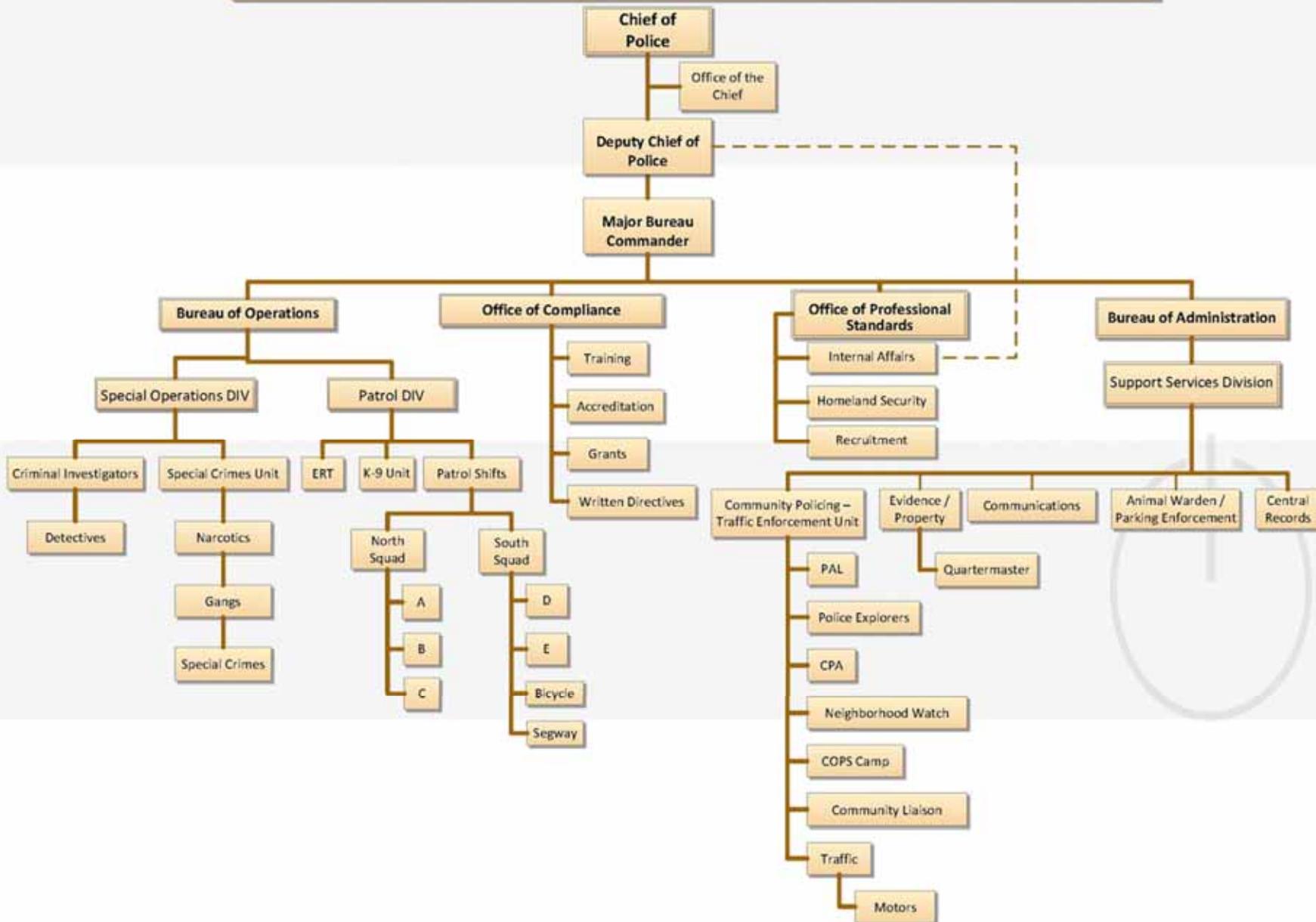


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The Laurel Police Department is a full service, accredited law enforcement agency providing law enforcement services to all citizens and visitors of the City of Laurel twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The primary services include police patrol of residential communities and business, response to emergency and non-emergency calls for police service and the investigation of all violent and property crimes.

Laurel Police Department – Organizational Chart



Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments

- ✓ Maintained and added to the “Safe School Zone” automated speed program and introduced the speed awareness display signage;
- ✓ Added additional Red Light Automated Enforcement Cameras and introduced new red light awareness signage;
- ✓ Maintained the relationship with CAFY for Domestic Violence resources;
- ✓ Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) placed in all police vehicles;
- ✓ Converted existing Command Post to an Evidence Response/Negotiations Vehicle;
- ✓ Continued and increased personnel wear camera program (32 cameras assigned / 75% of Patrol officers);
- ✓ Maintained In-Car Video Cameras in Patrol vehicles;

Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments

- ✓ Continued a teen dating/sexual assault awareness program in the High School;
- ✓ Maintained the DARE program/4 schools;
- ✓ Expanded hours for the Live Scan Fingerprint unit for civilian prints;
- ✓ Installation of flood proofing for the Police Headquarters;
- ✓ Maintained a PINK police car for Breast Cancer Awareness;
- ✓ Held a Guns for Gift Cards buyback event;
- ✓ Awarded an Award of Distinction from CAFY for Domestic Violence Program;
- ✓ Awarded Above and Beyond Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization;
- ✓ Continued Domestic Violence Program;

Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments

- ✓ Obtained Drug turn-in box for disposal of unwanted/unneeded drugs;
- ✓ Collected 13 trash bags of unwanted/unneeded prescription medications for destruction, totaling more than 100 pounds; and
- ✓ Completed over 40 ride-along opportunities, allowing citizens to experience police work.



Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments - Patrol

Calls for Service January to December 1:

- ✓ Calls for service: 58,015
- ✓ Adult arrests: 991
- ✓ Juvenile arrests: 89
- ✓ DUI/DWI arrests: 165
- ✓ Accident Reports: 447
- ✓ Incident Reports: 4111
- ✓ Parking Citations: 2321
- ✓ Traffic Citations: 6674

Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments – Recruitment

- ✓ Tested 226 applicants for Police Officer;
- ✓ Attended a number of job fairs, started advertising through Officer.com;
- ✓ Hired 7 police officers;
- ✓ Hired 6 Civilians;
- ✓ Provided job announcements to multi-cultural outlets to include the Hispanic resources and the NAACP; and
- ✓ In process of developing and producing a recruitment video.

Demographics of new hires:

Race / Sex	Sworn	Civilian
✓ B/M	0	1
✓ W/M	3	1
✓ H/M	2	0
✓ B/F	0	1
✓ W/F	2	2
✓ H/F	0	1

Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments – Criminal Investigations

- ✓ *Investigations have obtained a 43% closure rate of all part 1 offenses; and*
- ✓ *Assigned 122 cases.*

Accomplishments – Special Crimes Unit

- ✓ *Obtained and executed 19 search warrants;*
- ✓ *Resulted in over 45 Arrests;*
- ✓ *Combined efforts with Prince George's, Howard, Anne Arundel Counties, DEA, resulted in a number of various case closures, to include crimes of violence; and*
- ✓ *Seizure of:*
 - ✓ *Approximately 480 pounds of Marijuana*
 - ✓ *Assorted other Controlled Substances*
 - ✓ *5 handguns, 1 rifle, and 1 shotgun*

Accomplishments – Records

- ✓ *Continued Livescan fingerprinting for civilians being done by Records every weekday;*
- ✓ *Red Light Camera program continued and new cameras placed online; and*
- ✓ *Extended hours of operation on Tuesday to mirror City Hall hours.*

Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments – Communications

- ✓ *New Police Communications Specialists hired and trained as well as new police officers; and*
- ✓ *Provided communications support in EOC during major weather events.*

Accomplishments – Emergency Response Team

- ✓ *4 Narcotics Cases; 5 Search Warrants; and 1 Barricade;*
- ✓ *Participated in a Sniper competition finished 13th out of 30 teams; and*
- ✓ *Competed in the Iron Team competition hosted by PGPD finished 6th and 31st out of 33 teams*

Accomplishments – K-9 Unit

Added a new K-9 team, bringing total to 5:

✓ <i>CDS Scans –</i>	<i>164</i>
✓ <i>Tracks –</i>	<i>30</i>
✓ <i>Building Searches</i>	<i>49</i>
✓ <i>Apprehensions –</i>	<i>6 (All On Tracks or Building Search without Force)</i>
✓ <i>K-9 assisted arrests –</i>	<i>52</i>
✓ <i>K-9 Demonstrations –</i>	<i>54</i>

Accomplishments – Community Events

- ✓ *Tip a Cop Fundraiser, Winter Games, Regional Meeting, Summer Games, Cops on Roof Tops, Deep Creek Dunk, Photo – Op for Plunge, Torch Run events.*

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Accomplishments – Community Policing Programs

- ✓ Assisted with multiple random locker searches with the K-9 unit;
- ✓ Conducted career days at Laurel Elementary, Scotchtown Hills, St. Mary's, Bond Mill, St. Francis Fuch, PELC, Laurel Boys and Girls Club, Laurel High, DeerField Run, Oakland Mills Elementary, and Martin Luther King Middle School;
- ✓ Attended multiple Home Owners Association meetings;
- ✓ Attended monthly meetings with Laurel Board of Trade;
- ✓ Continued the Domestic Violence Program and monthly meetings;
- ✓ Started a teen violence program in the City with Laurel High School for awareness;
- ✓ Multiple tours of the station with CRT school, Boy Scout, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts;

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Accomplishments – Community Policing Programs

- ✓ Assisted with the Fourth of July event, Main St. Festival event, Emancipation Day Celebration, Riverfest event, College Bound 5K run, Turkey Trot 5K, Holiday Parade, Laurel Homecoming Day Parade, National Night Out, Cops Camp, Fire Prevention week shows, Halloween Trick or Trick on Main St., Lion's Club Car show, and National Preparedness Day;
- ✓ Assisted with Laurel Grad Night, Prom and Prom Promise;
- ✓ Conducted multiple young interventions for troubled children in the area;
- ✓ Assisted with the Mayor's Open House and Fire Department Open House;
- ✓ Continued with the Automated Speed Camera Approvals;
- ✓ Conducted surveys to relocate speed cameras;
- ✓ Assisted the crossing guards at the schools with traffic control;
- ✓ Assisted Maryland National Park Police with two community events; one at Watkins Park and the other at Snow Hill Manor;

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Accomplishments – Community Policing Programs

- ✓ Continued the Winter Cops Camp program during the holiday break;
- ✓ Assisted with the Police Explorers Program;
- ✓ Distributed Operation Chill free Slurpee coupons;
- ✓ Participated in Relay for Life events;
- ✓ Continued to participate in the Santa with a Badge program;
- ✓ Crosswalk Enforcement in various locations throughout the City; and
- ✓ Distracted Driving Education and Enforcement throughout the City in various locations.

Laurel Police Department

Accomplishments – Training

- ✓ *Sworn - Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC) Approved Over 7,540 hours;*
- ✓ *In-service - Active Shooter Training, Asp Recertification, Building Searches and Tactical Room Clearing Training, OC Recertification, TASER Recertification, Firearms Qualifications, Firearms Simulator Mandatory Training, Domestic Violence; and*
- ✓ *Specialized Training - Handcuffing Training, Identity Crime Training, Internet and Social Media Training, Field Training Officer, Fingerprinting Training, Explosive Energy Breaching, Tactical Command School, Sniper Training, SWAT School, SWAT Prep School, Crime Prevention training, Home and Commercial survey training, Human Sex Trafficking Investigations and Cell Phone Investigation Training.*

Accomplishments – Grants

- ✓ *Total Documented Grants since 2007 - \$3,074,524.72*
- ✓ *Grants Obtained In 2014:*
 - ✓ *Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention*
 - ✓ *State Aid for Police Protection Fund \$ 514,444.00*
 - ✓ *Monies received for 22 vests totaling 15,966.72*
 - ✓ *\$5,924.27 from DOJ on 3/14/14*
 - ✓ *\$1,987.00 received from GOCCP on 1/31/14*

Public Works



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The Department of Public Works provides a wide range of services to the citizens of Laurel. Services include residential and commercial refuse and recycling collection, street and sidewalk maintenance and repair, storm drain maintenance, tree management, engineering solutions for public safety, effective management of the Capital Improvement Program, which includes upgrading roads, sidewalks and curb and gutters, maintenance of the automotive fleet, snow and ice removal and quick and effective responses to inclement weather damage.

The mission of the Department is to provide the best possible services to our residents in the most efficient, professional and economical way possible.

Public Works

Accomplishments

- ✓ Completed the Laurel Public Safety Complex Flood proofing;
- ✓ Installed a new traffic signal cabinet at Fourth Street and Cherry Lane;
- ✓ Installed signal cameras at Olive Branch and Van Dusen Road, North Arbory and Van Dusen Road, Arbory court and Van Dusen Road and at the Hospital and Van Dusen Road;
- ✓ Installed a GPS system for the signals on Cherry Lane at Fourth Street and Laurel Place to keep traffic moving during peak hours;
- ✓ Rewired entire traffic signal at Ashford Boulevard/Cherry Lane and Fourth Street/Cherry Lane;
- ✓ Awarded a contract to Royal for sidewalks, curb and gutter improvement projects throughout the City with all engineering and inspections done in-house;
- ✓ Provided traffic and speed data for the Police department on numerous City Streets with specific times given for speeding so radar could be done at that time; thus saving manpower hours for the City;
- ✓ Awarded a contract to M. T. Laney for sidewalks, handicapped ramps, deep asphalt patching, resurfacing, curbs and gutter work at various CIP identified streets throughout the City;
- ✓ Accepted a new intersection and signal at Laurel Place and Cherry Lane;
- ✓ Completed a CDBG grant for Public Safety repairs to Bowie Road with the signal light installation work ongoing;
- ✓ Funded the milling and overlay of West Circle to resolve drainage issues;

Public Works

Accomplishments

- ✓ *Continued to provide engineering/design review services for numerous new developments within the City provided inspection services for all right-of-way construction on these projects;*
- ✓ *Installed new and/or upgraded street lighting where needed;*
- ✓ *Awarded an MDOT bikeway grant for Van Dusen Road and is being engineered at this time;*
- ✓ *Awarded a contract to Espina Paving for various deep patch repairs throughout the City with all engineering and inspections done in-house;*
- ✓ *Upgraded the pedestrian ramps and installed a new crosswalk to cross Sandy Spring Road at Philip Powers Drive/11th Street/Snowden Place;*
- ✓ *Recommendations made to accept the Crescent's development before year end to include the following streets: Archsine Lane, Robertson Place, Gatehouse Place and Breckenridge Street; and*
- ✓ *ADA Modifications made to the pedestrian signal at Cherry Lane and Van Dusen Road.*

Accomplishments - Fleet Maintenance Division

- ✓ *Truck #91 was refurbished and put back into service with a new dump body and salt insert;*
- ✓ *Procured and awaiting delivery of 7 new police vehicles; and*
- ✓ *Procured and obtained 1 Front end loader for DPW and waiting for the delivery of 1 CPBS vehicle, 1 mowing tractor for P&R, 1 4x4 pickup truck with a snow plow for DPW and 1 refuse packer for DPW.*

Public Works

Accomplishments – Streets Division

- ✓ Coordinated with Parks and Recreation to cut back overgrowth along various City rights-of-way;
- ✓ Completion of the Spring and Fall tree planting produced 68 new trees throughout the City;
- ✓ Completed numerous new traffic markings and bikeway markings along resurfaced streets;
- ✓ Worked with numerous City departments during several flooding events to hit Laurel throughout the year;
- ✓ Removed a large tree from City property in the rear of the single family homes in the Greens of Patuxent area creating a flooding issue;
- ✓ Continued to install signs along Main Street onto the existing light poles and remove the wooden 4x4 post; and
- ✓ Painted double yellow lane markings along Cypress Street in the Wellingtons for public safety.

Public Works

Accomplishments – Waste Management

- ✓ Awarded an MDE Electronics Recycling Grant in the amount of \$12,500, allowing for additional electronics recycling events. Electronics recycling, both curbside and recycling events resulted in over 100,000 lbs. of electronics recycled;
- ✓ Delivered over 5,000 2014 City of Laurel/DPW calendars within three working days;
- ✓ Delivered 460 35- and 65-gallon recycling carts throughout the year;
- ✓ Added 8 commercial recycling customers; and
- ✓ Increased recycling collection by 33 tons as compared to 2013 figures.

Public Works

Accomplishments – Other Agencies

- ✓ Worked with SHA to upgrade the Pedestrian Crosswalks at Washington Blvd and Main Street. Project is still being engineered;
- ✓ Worked with SHA to upgrade the signal and pedestrian crosswalk at 7th and Main Street;
- ✓ Coordinated stormwater basin improvements in various areas in Laurel with Prince George's County;
- ✓ Worked with SHA and Prince George's County to correct stormwater management issues along Rt. 197.
- ✓ Sent out another set of easement letters to residents along Old Sandy Spring Road and Haines Road so Prince George's County can complete sidewalks; and
- ✓ Worked with SHA to fix the bridge foundation along Rt. 216.





In Memorium

Karl Brendle - 1954 - 2014

Karl Brendle enjoyed an excellent career with the City of Laurel, first hired by Mayor Robert J. DiPietro as the City Planner in December of 1979.

He became one of the City's strongest supporters for economic development, and in October of 2014, Mayor Craig A. Moe named him Laurel's first Economic Development Officer.

Mr. Brendle took on his new role with passion and much excitement, but his progress was stalled by health problems.

He died after a bout with severe respiratory distress on December 24, 2014.

Mayor Moe said it was a very sad day for the City of Laurel to lose an employee with the talent, insight, and love for the City that Mr. Brendle displayed and expressed his sympathy to Mr. Brendle's sister Joyce and to the family of City of Laurel employees.

Thank You!



The Mayor, City Council and City Staff wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable 2015.

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