

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: SPRING ARRIVES AND FUN FLOURISHES!

The City of Laurel will be jumping right into it this spring, so check out what we have planned for the upcoming months!

City's Pilot Program - Speed Humps & Raised Crosswalks

City of Laurel's Department of Public Works has started a pilot program for three locations around the City, one on Irving Street, which has a crosswalk in the raised section, the second speed hump is located on Olive Branch and the third is located on Sandy Spring Road. We will be gathering feedback to see if they are working to slow cars down. Once complete, a policy will be established on speed humps and raised crosswalks. Please let us know what you think of them.

Laurel's Farmers Market Returns

Happy to announce that the Laurel Farmers Market, 378 Main Street, will re-open for the season on May 11th from 3pm to 7pm! The Market will run every two weeks until September 28th. If you're a local farmer/artisan and would like to participate in the market, please contact ecd@laurel.md.us.

T. Howard Duckett Community Center - Stream Restoration Project Announcement

The project will treat the runoff from the adjacent roadways and ballfields that becomes concentrated causing significant erosion and the formation of an entrenched channel into the Rocky Gorge Reservoir. As water quality is of critical importance, especially for drinking water reservoirs, this project will help in treating the runoff into the reservoir by reducing sediments into the reservoir by 322 tons per year and restoring 56.7 of impervious acres towards the County's NPDES Permit. DoE will commence the construction phase in Fall 2023 and anticipates completing construction operations by February 2024. Landscaping will be completed in Spring 2024.

City Hall in the Park

We are looking forward to getting back to the meetings in the Parks. The 2023 CITY HALL IN THE PARK will begin in April. All meetings start at 6:30 pm and go until 8:00 pm. Come and visit with the Mayor and members of this Senior Management Staff and let us know your concerns or issues.

The dates and locations are listed below.

Wednesday, April 26th
Emancipation Community Park

Wednesday, May 24th
Discovery Community Park

Wednesday, July 26th
Overlook Community Park

Wednesday, August 23rd
Greenview Drive Pool and Park

Wednesday, September 27th
Centennial Community Park

Look forward to seeing you in the Park on April 26th!

Community Clean-Up Kits

The Departments of Parks and Recreation and Economic and Community Development are working together to encourage environmentally minded citizens to CLEAN UP AND GREEN UP around the City. Individuals, families, or friends wishing to clean up litter in their own neighborhood or local park can contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 301-725-7800 and request a COMMUNITY CLEAN UP KIT. Kits will contain supplies that you can use to sponsor your own clean up activity.

The Department will arrange for the collected debris to be picked up. Events can be one day or an ongoing effort. Reducing litter helps control the rodent population, promotes a safer and healthier habitat for wildlife and improves the quality of life in our community!

Check Out Woodland Job Corps

The Woodland Job Corps Center in Laurel, MD, operated by Education and Training Resources, and teamed with MINACT, Inc., is an Equal Opportunity Employer actively seeking to recruit, hire and promote qualified applicants. Learn more about their job openings at <https://woodlandjcc.applicantpool.com/jobs>. For more information regarding their qualifications, job description, salary, etc. is available by contacting HR Manager Mrs. Ann Butler-Jackson at 301-362-4404.

Please note, only applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be considered for interviews. Qualified applicants will not be discriminated against due to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, GINA or other attributes protected by federal, state or local EEO laws. MINACT, INC., a federal contractor, desires priority referrals of veterans, and reserves the right to limit the interview pool based on review of requirements and number of applications submitted.



LAUREL GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEER FAIR - APRIL 19TH



Learn what Volunteer Opportunities your local Government has to offer and attend our Volunteer Fair on April 19th, from 6 - 8pm at the Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Road!

Whether you want to sit on a Board or Commission, have some office skills one of our Departments could utilize or just need Community Service Hours, this is the Fair for you!

AND speaking of Community Service Hours, if you are still in need of some hours, then you'll DEFINITELY need to stop by because we are going to need **YOUR** help assembling Emergency Kits! Make sure to bring your Service Hours form so we can sign it!

Plus there will be raffle prizes of **One-Day Passes to the Laurel Pool** and **Free Paddle Boat Rides!** And refreshments will be available, along with some goodie bags!



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN APRIL!



Seeds of Change: Connecting Laurel with its Native Plants - Saturday, April 22, 2023, 1pm to 3pm – a community event held at our newly renovated Farmer’s Market Lot (378 Main Street). Residents are invited to join our City of Laurel staff to learn about the importance of native plants, how to correctly plant your natives and hands-on experience by joining together to plant native plants at our Farmer’s Market Lot. Come and be part of a lasting change to our Market Lot landscape. Light refreshments will be served and extra plants are available for volunteers to take home for their own gardens. Event is free, but registration is required. To register or get more information about the City’s Green Living resources, visit www.cityoflaurel.org/green.

Green Goals: Water Conservation

Water is the most important natural resource that living things need. But at the same time, it has also been misused and wasted. This month, and every month, be aware of how you use water and how you can help conserve it! Simple everyday activities we do without a second thought may contaminate our water sources or compromise the sustainability of our water usage. What can you do to help conserve water? Check your toilet for leaks; take shorter showers; install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors; turn off the water while brushing your teeth and/or shaving; don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables; keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator so that you always have cool water to drink, if you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing; and plant drought-resistant trees and plants.

Recycle Right!

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle! Repurpose! Not only can you recycle through the City’s recycling program, but mark your calendars for the Public Works’ spring Eycling/Paper Shredding event coming Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 8:00am to Noon. Residents can drop off Entertainment Electronics, Paper for shredding, Styrofoam for recycling, and gently-used clothing and household items for repurposing through GreenDrop. This event is for City residents and businesses only. Official IDs with a city address must be presented to enter the drop off site. Visit www.CityofLaurel.org for more information.

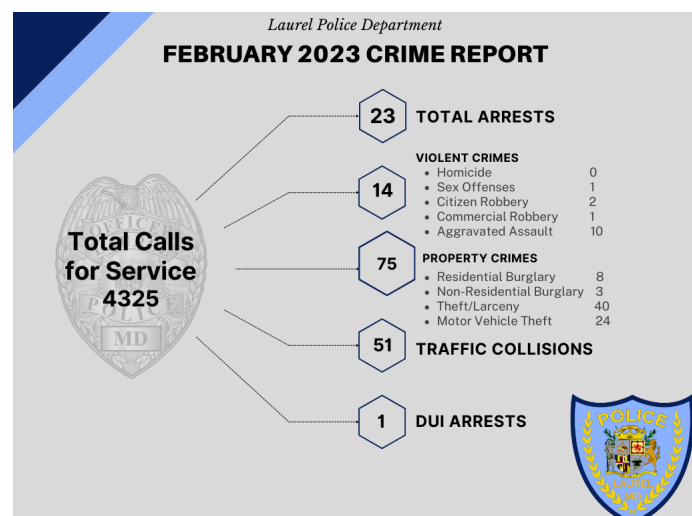
We Want to Hear from YOU! Sign up for Green Living updates at greenliving@laurel.md.us.

OFICINA DEL ALCALDE: LO QUE ESTA PASANDO EN LAUREL

¡La Ciudad de Laurel se lanzará directamente a esto esta primavera, así que vea lo que hemos planeado para los próximos meses! El Departamento de Obras Públicas de Laurel ha iniciado un programa piloto para reductores de velocidad en Irving Street, Olive Branch y Sandy Spring Road. ¡Háganos saber lo que piensas! ¡Feliz de anunciar que Laurel Farmers Market, 378 Main Street, volverá a abrir para la temporada el 11 de Mayo de 3:00pm a 7:00pm! Y la serie 2023 City Hall in the Park comenzará el 26 de Abril a las 6:30pm en Emancipation Park. ¡Con tantas cosas sucediendo, visite nuestro sitio web, www.cityoflaurel.org, para ver todos los eventos que estan sucediendo en Laurel!



LAUREL POLICE MONTHLY CRIME REPORT FEBRUARY 2023





Legislation

Listed below are recent actions taken by the Laurel City Council during past Mayor and City Council meetings. For further information on any of these actions, please feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk at 301-725-5300 x2121 or at clerk@laurel.md.us. For the full agendas, visit www.cityoflaurel.org.

Approved Ordinances/Resolutions:

- **Ordinance No. 2007-** Chapter 18 Amendment - to update the permit requirements for sediment and erosion control plans - Approved 03/27/2023
- **Resolution No. 4-2023** - Accepting No-Kill Community Animal Shelter Task-Force Report - Approved 03/27/2023
- **Resolution No. 5-2023** - Setting date, time and polling location of Early Voting for November 2023 - Approved 03/27/2023
- **Charter Amendment Resolution No. 177** - to reflect the creation of a new Department entitled the Department of Community Resources and Emergency Management and adding Sect. 469, Director of the Department (Emergency Manager) ***NOTE: The date of adoption of this Charter Resolution is the 27th day of March, 2023, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City as herein adopted, shall be and become effective on the 16th day of May, 2023 unless on or before the 6th day of May, 2023, a Petition for Referendum on this Charter Resolution is filed in writing with the Mayor or City Administrator, pursuant to the provision of Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.***

Bid Approvals:

- ♦ **Alley Street Alley Improvements** - \$114,893 - Awarded 03/13/2023
- **DPW Fleet Acquisitions 2024 Freightliner 10-Ton Dump Trucks (2)** - \$494,980 - Awarded 03/13/2023



COUNCIL OFFICE

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- clerk@laurel.md.us

Government Meetings
(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

April 2023 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ♦ April 24th - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

April 2023 Boards and Commissions

- ♦ April 11th - Planning Commission - CANCELLED
- ♦ April 18th - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 25th - In-Person Environmental Affairs Committee (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 27th - Board of Appeals - CANCELLED

May 2023 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ♦ May 3rd - Virtual Mayor and City Council Work Session (6:00pm)
- ♦ May 8th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- ♦ May 31st (Wed) - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

May 2023 Boards and Commissions

- ♦ May 9th - Planning Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ May 16th - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ May 17th - Emergency Services Commission (7:00pm)
- ♦ May 23rd - Virtual Environmental Affairs Committee (6:00pm)
- ♦ May 25th - Board of Appeals (6:00pm)

City Announcements & Events
(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

- ♦ **Adult Pickle Ball - Wednesdays, 6-9pm** - Robert J. DiPietro Community Center
- ♦ **Summer Camp Registration Open** - Register at the Robert J. DiPietro Community Center, 7901 Cypress Street
- ♦ **My Time with the Mayor - April 10, 2023** at 4:00pm at the Anderson-Murphy Community Center (Laurel Armory), 422 Montgomery Street.
- ♦ **Black Maternal Health Week - April 15, 2023** at 1:00pm at the Robert J. DiPietro Community Center (See flyer)
- ♦ **City of Laurel Government Volunteer Fair - April 19, 2023 at 6:00pm** at the Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Road. Join us and learn of volunteer opportunities within your local government. ***Earn Community Service Hours and help us assemble Emergency Kits.***
- ♦ **Earth Day - April 22, 2023: Lake Cleanup** at Granville Gude Park starting at 10am; **Seeds of Change - Connecting with Native Plants** at 378 Main Street at 1pm.
- ♦ **City Hall in the Park - April 26, 2023** at 6:30pm - Emancipation Park, 8th and West Streets.
- ♦ **Lakefest - May 6, 2023** at Granville Gude Park, 8300 Mulberry Street, from 11am - 3pm.
- ♦ **May 29, 2023 - City/Passport Offices Closed** In Observance of Memorial Day. Visit www.cityoflaurel.org for adjusted collections.














Public Works Monthly Glance



National Hurricane Preparedness Month

Think a hurricane is just a coastal problem? Learn how rain, wind, water, and tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. For more information, please visit our website at www.cityoflaurel.org/em

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
American Wetlands Month Clean Air Month Mental Health Month	1 Yard Clean-up! Two weekly yard debris collections. 	2	3 Sun Day Virtual Work Session - 6p 	4	5	6 National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Lakefest - 11a-3p
7	8 Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting - 6p 	9 Planning Commission - 6p	10 Green Dreamer Day 	11	12 Public Gardens Day NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS WEEK	13
Mother's Day 14	15	16	17 Bike to Work Day	18	19 Plant Something Day	20 National River Cleanup Day
NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS WEEK - MAY 12-18			NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 14-20			
		21 Historic District Commission - 6p				22 Main Street Festival - 9a-4p
21	22 In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting - 6pm 	23 Environmental Affairs Committee - 6pm	24 City Hall in the Park - 6:30pm Emancipation Park 	25 Board of Appeals - 6pm	26	27  City Pools Open May 27th
28	29 Memorial Day Learn About Composting Day Monday Trash/Recycling & Composting collected on Tuesday	30 Tuesday Trash/Recycling & Composting collected on Wednesday	31 No change to Wednesday collection 	<div><div> Yard Debris Collection</div><div> Bulky Item Collection</div><div>Email DPW@laurel.md.us to schedule a pickup.</div></div>		

PUBLIC WORKS

 301-725-0088

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Laurel Office of Emergency Management: April is Flood Preparedness Month

As the weather shifts and winter makes room for spring, there will be the potential to see more rain move into the region. Now is the time to start preparing and planning for the threat of flooding. By definition, flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods are the most common disaster in the United States and failing to be prepared can lead to injury or death.

Floods can come from rain, snow, storm surges and overflows of dams and other water systems. They can develop slowly or quickly and flash floods can come with no warning. When it floods, it can cause power outages, disrupt transportation and damage buildings.

How can you prepare for a flood? Start by signing up for our Emergency Alert Notifications at <https://www.cityoflaurel.org/em/preparedness/stay-informed>. Live in a flood zone? Purchase/renew a flood insurance policy. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flooding automatically, so check with your insurance company for a flooding rider or check with the National Flood Insurance Program to



see if you are eligible. Due to Laurel's participation in the Community Rating System, Laurel residents can receive a 15% discount! Make a plan for your family and be sure to include your pets. Make sure everyone knows what to do, where to go and what will be needed for at least three days. Clean out gutters and clear debris away from drains and if needed, have a battery-operated sump pump. Also important, keep important documents in waterproof containers.

Learn more about Flood Preparedness by visiting www.Ready.gov!



CITY CONTACTS	MAYOR'S OFFICE	CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE	LAUREL POLICE	PARKS AND RECREATION	COMMUNICATIONS
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