



# THE City of Laurel Ledger

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## LAUREL PARKS AND RECREATION CELEBRATES PARKS IN JULY

July is Park and Recreation Month, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, the theme is "Where You Belong!" Laurel Parks and Recreation (P&R) will be celebrating BIG throughout July and they look forward to celebrating it with YOU!

This month, the focus is on honoring the crucial role played by Parks and Recreation professionals in uniting people, offering essential services, and nurturing community growth. In the City of Laurel, you can join P&R in their celebrations by attending their events, exploring local parks, or taking part in various classes and programs.

Starting July 1st, visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/1923/Park-and-Recreation-Month](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/1923/Park-and-Recreation-Month) to download the Park and Recreation Month Passport. Explore all their parks, participate in events, snap pictures, complete the passport, and send your photos to [sbranning@laurel.md.us](mailto:sbranning@laurel.md.us) to receive a complimentary boat pass for the 2024 season! Additionally, engage in a Scavenger Hunt at Granville Gude Park!

More activities listed on [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org) include:

- View the July 2024 Park and Recreation Month Calendar!
- Experience Friday Night Flicks at Granville Gude Park from sunset onwards!
- Attend Touch-a-Truck on July 23rd from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Emancipation Park!

Another way to celebrate is take advantage of all the programs, services and classes P&R offers throughout the year. For adults, P&R plans trips, has drop-in programs, and forms sports leagues you can participate in. Are you a teen looking to do something after school? Check out their Drop-in programs at Robert J. DiPietro Community Center and Laurel Armory! 55 and over? P&R has a fantastic Senior Services program that plans trips, teas, classes and local shopping trips. See all they have to offer at their webpage, [www.cityoflaurel.org/159/Parks-and-Recreation](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/159/Parks-and-Recreation)!

Get on the path for a healthier you and purchase a membership to one of their high-quality gyms or register for a class online at [www.cityoflaurel.org/334/Classes-and-Registration](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/334/Classes-and-Registration)! They offer aquatics, arts, enrichment programs, hobbies and more!

To learn more about all they have to offer as they celebrate Park and Recreation this July, follow their social media sites, [@laurelparksrec](https://www.facebook.com/laurelparksrec)!



## COMMUNITY POLICING WITH THE LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

### National Night Out

Mark your calendars now for our Annual National Night Out on August 6, 2024, 6 - 9pm, at Granville Gude Park, 8300 Mulberry Street! This free community event will have police, fire and rescue demonstrations, K9, SWAT, vendors, live music, food and much more! This event focuses on the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement, while fostering a true sense of community and fellowship, and is a way for the entire family to get to know the officers from the Laurel Police Department (LPD).



### Automobile Thefts

Auto theft and theft from automobiles is on the rise around the nation. We encourage everyone to take safety precautions to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of auto theft. Make sure to always lock your vehicle and never leave it running unattended; Never leave valuables or important documents in your vehicle; Park in well-lit areas; Never keep a spare key inside your vehicle; And, safeguard your home by not leaving your garage door opener in your vehicle! If you see something, say something as it is happening! Don't wait, call us right away at 301-498-0092!

### House Checks

Are you going on vacation? LPD provides House Checks while you are out of town. Please call LPD if you would like them to check on your home periodically!



### Citizens Police Academy

LPD is now accepting applications for their Fall 2024 Citizens Police Academy. This 12-week long class brings hands on experiences to citizens to better understand policing, and offers the opportunity to have open, honest, and engaging conversations on all the important topics affecting law enforcement today. Visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/164/Police](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/164/Police) for more information on how to apply or email [lguenin@laurel.md.us](mailto:lguenin@laurel.md.us).

As this summer begins, the Laurel Police Department is as committed, as always, to connecting with the community we serve. Please keep an eye on our social media for all of the different ways to connect with [@laurelpd](https://www.facebook.com/laurelpd).



# It's Easy Being Green!



## GREEN HAPPENINGS IN LAUREL!

Congratulations Laurel! The residents of Laurel have proven to be committed to change! Mayor Keith R. Sydnor, the Laurel City Council and the City of Laurel are excited to share the results of a survey conducted by the Sierra Club. Sierra Club volunteers visited our four main grocery stores every weekend during May 2024. Here are the results and the takeaway from the change:

- Adding the paper bag charge in Laurel has reduced the share of shoppers taking a paper bag by more than half (from 68% to 32%)!
- Reusable bag use rose from 14% to 23%, and skipping the bag entirely rose from 17% to 44%!
- The share of shoppers bringing a reusable bag or not taking a bag at all has more than doubled, from 31% to 66%!

### Laurel Farmer's Market: Shop Local!

Our Farmer's Market is back in full swing, so come out and visit your favorite vendors from last year and meet some "new" favorites, then pick up some tasty food and relax and listen to music in the shade. We are very excited to accept SNAP/EBT benefits and are now participating in the Maryland Market Money program, giving our shoppers extra market cash to shop with, so if you are eligible, stop by the Welcome Tent to get your tokens! The Laurel Farmer's Market is open every Thursday from 3-7pm, through September 26th. Visit and follow our Facebook page, [@TheLaurelQuillLot](#), and our City web site at [www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market).

### Mosquitoes

Be proactive and use these tips to rid your home of mosquito breeding sites:

- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers and flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc.
- Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
- Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.

To learn more about the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Program, visit [https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\\_control.aspx](https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx) for more details. For ecofriendly, proactive ideas, like Tip It or Toss It, to reduce the mosquito population, visit the Green Living page at <https://md-laurel.civicplus.com/1598/Informational-Videos> and while you're there, watch the MDA's video on the lifecycle of the mosquito!



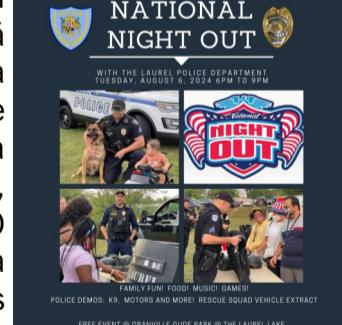
Want to get the most recent information about the City's sustainability initiatives? Follow us on Facebook at [@SustainableLaurel](#). This is a place where we can share ideas, highlight upcoming events and residents can stay informed on all things Sustainable!

### Celebre el Mes de Parques y Recreación/Policía Comunitaria LPD

Julio es Parque y Recreación, patrocinado por la Asociación Nacional de Parques y Recreación, el tema es "¡A dónde perteneces!" ¡Laurel Parks and Recreation (P&R) celebrará EN GRANDE durante julio y esperan celebrarlo CON USTED! ¡Visite su página web en [www.cityoflaurel.org/159/Parks-and-Recreation](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/159/Parks-and-Recreation) y celebre con ellos!

Al comenzar este verano, el Departamento de Policía de Laurel está tan comprometido, como siempre, a conectarse con la comunidad a la que servimos. Únase a nosotros para la Noche Nacional el 6 de agosto de 2024, de 6 a 9 p. m., en Gude Park, 8300 Mulberry Street. Y esté atento a nuestras redes sociales para conocer las diferentes formas de conectarse con nosotros.

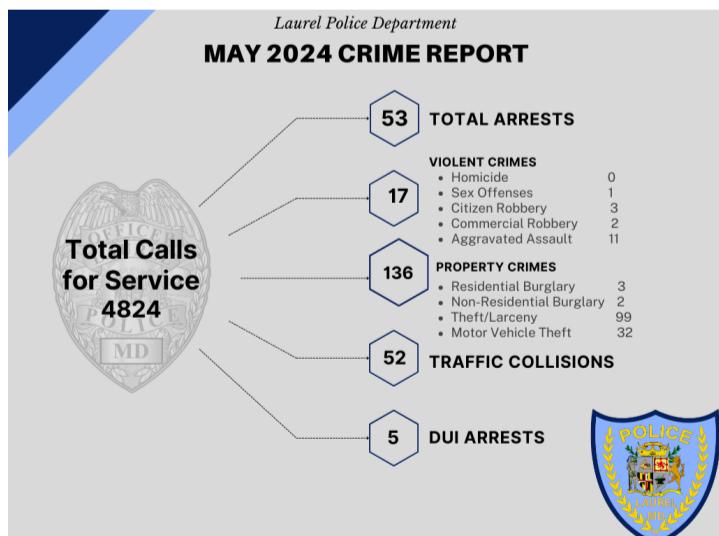
¡Y esté atento a nuestro próximo Pop-Up Coffee with the Cop para el verano de 2024!



### LAUREL POLICE MONTHLY CRIME REPORT

#### MAY 2024

List of Laurel Police Crime Reports can be found at [www.cityoflaurel.org/police/community-info/crime-reports](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/police/community-info/crime-reports).



# Laurel Council Connections



## Legislation

Listed below are recent actions taken by the Laurel City Council. For further information on any of these actions, please feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk at **301-725-5300 ext. 2120** or at [clerk@laurel.md.us](mailto:clerk@laurel.md.us). For the full agendas, visit [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org).

### Adopted Legislation:

- Resolution No. 3-2024 - for the purpose of approving an Agreement between the City of Laurel and the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1994.

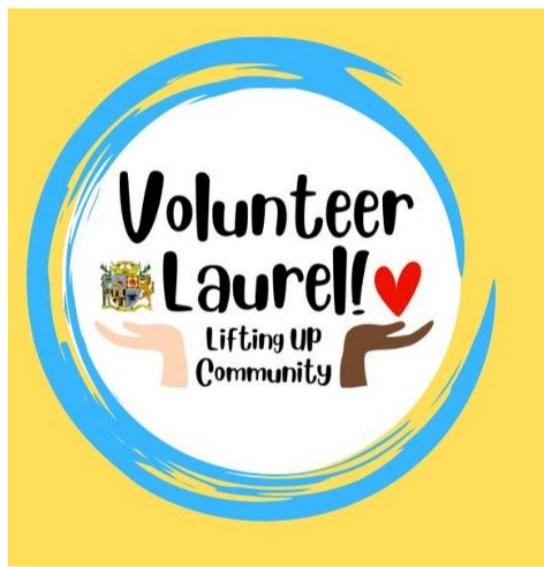
### Bid Recommendations:

- No Bid Recommendations in June.

### Appointments/Reappointments:

- No Mayoral Appointments or Reappointments in June.

**Volunteer with the City of Laurel!**  
Go online to fill out the application today  
at [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org)!



## Gude Mansion

The Beautiful and Historic Mansion at Laurel  
is ready for you to rent!

Call 301-725-5300 x2317 today!



## COUNCIL OFFICE

301-725-5300 ext. 2120



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## Government Meetings (Dates and Times Subject to Change)

### July 2024 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- July 22nd - In-Person Special Work Session (5:30pm)/Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- July 29th - Virtual Special Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

### July 2024 Boards and Commissions

- July 9th - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- July 9th - Environmental Affairs Committee (6:00pm)
- July 16th - In-Person Planning Commission (6:00pm)
- July 25th - Board of Appeals (CANCELLED)

### August 2024 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- August 7th - Mayor and City Council Work Session (CANCELLED)
- August 12th & 26th - Mayor and City Council Meetings (CANCELLED)
- June 24th - Mayor and City Council Meeting (CANCELLED)

### August 2024 Boards and Commissions

- August 13th - Planning Commission (CANCELLED)
- August 13th - Environmental Affairs Committee (CANCELLED)
- August 20th - Historic District Commission (CANCELLED)
- August 22nd - Board of Appeals (CANCELLED)

## City Announcements & Events

(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

- FREE Summer Friday Flicks** - All movies begin at sunset at Gude Park, 8300 Mulberry Street:
  - July 12th - Wish
  - July 19th - Elemental
  - July 26th - The Barbie Movie
  - August 2nd - Encanto
- Touch-A-Truck, July 23, 2024, 6:30 - 8:00pm**, Emancipation Park, 8th and West Streets. Explore a variety of vehicles that range from police units to your local fire truck!
- Pride Designer Bag Bingo, July 27th, 6-9pm**, Partnership Activity Center, 811 5th Street. Cost: \$25 online; \$30 at the door.
- National Night Out, August 2, 2024, 6 - 9pm**, Gude Park, 8300 Mulberry Street - Join the Laurel Police Department for National Night Out! Safety demos, live music, K9 demo, Police Demos, food, games and more!
- Community & Culture Day, Sept. 14th, 12-3pm**, McCullough Field, 8th & Montgomery Sts. Celebrate & explore different cultures! Call 301-725-7800.
- Senior Services Trips and Events** - Laurel Senior Services has great trips and local events for our 55 and over group. Call 301-776-6168 for details.
- Laurel Citizens University (LCU) Coming This Fall!** Keep your eyes out for more information about LCU! Learn about your local government from City Directors and staff! For more information, call 301-725-5300 ext. 2109.



Visit the City of Laurel web site  
at [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org), to  
learn more about your local  
government!

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# Public Works Monthly Glance



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		National Picnic Month						August	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
							1		
							2	Outdoor Movie Granville Gude Park 8 p.m.	
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
							11	Mayor and City Council Meeting - CANCELLED	12
							13	Planning Commission - CANCELLED	14
							15	Farmers' Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. At the Quill Lot	16
							17	National Honey Bee Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
							25	Mayor and City Council Meeting - CANCELLED	26
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							29	Farmers' Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. At the Quill Lot	30
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PUBLIC WORKS



301-725-0088



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## Community Resources and Emergency Management: July is Pet Preparedness Month

We all love long summer days and spending time outdoors with our furry friends, but it's important to remember that, like any season, summer comes with its hazards.

To make sure you're pet prepared for whatever comes your way this summer, check out this list of summer safety tips:

- Know the symptoms of overheating** – Excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart rate, drooling, mild weakness, or sudden collapses.
- Don't let dogs linger on hot asphalt** – Dog's paw pads can burn in only 60 seconds when air temperature reaches 77 degrees. Use the "Seven Second Rule." Place the back of your hand on the pavement. If you can't hold it there for 7 seconds, the surface is too hot for your dog's paws.
- Never leave your pets alone in a parked vehicle** – Temperatures inside a parked vehicle can quickly rise and lead to fatal heat stroke!
- Make sure pets have access to fresh clean water** – As temperatures rise, pets can become dehydrated quickly!
- Limit outdoor walks** – Help your pets during the high heat and keep outdoor walks to early morning and the evening.



For more helpful tips, visit the ASPCA page at [www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips](http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips).

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