

# LAUREL LIVING

The Official Newsletter for the City of Laurel



## A Message from Mayor Keith R. Sydnor

As we enjoy the final weeks of summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on how we together as a community continue to invest in our greatest resource: our youth.

This season, the City of Laurel has expanded opportunities for young people through several impactful programs, including the **Mayor's Summer Job Intern Program, Safe Summer Nights, Mayor's Real Talk Tuesday Sessions, Apprenticeship Maryland, and our new Drone Certification Program**. Each of these initiatives is designed to provide valuable skills, mentorship, and safe spaces where our youth can grow and thrive.

At the same time, we have remained focused on public safety. The teen curfew implemented earlier this summer was an important step to help ensure Laurel remains a safe and welcoming place for all families.

Safety and opportunity must go hand in hand. That's why our youth programs are not only about protection they're about empowerment. We're creating pathways for young people to lead positive, productive lives.

To our teens: I encourage you to join us for the final **Safe Summer Nights event on Saturday, August 16th**. This evening is for you - a safe, fun environment to celebrate the end of summer, connect with friends, and enjoy great activities.



2025 Mayor's Summer  
Job Intern Program  
Kicks Off!



60 Parks and Recreation Marks  
60th Anniversary Milestone!



Welcome Mikhail! Hands-On Experience through Apprenticeship Maryland Program.

As summer comes to a close, I encourage all young people to continue making healthy, and safe decisions. Enjoy the remaining days of your break and get ready for an exciting and successful school year ahead!



## Proudly Serving You!



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## **Hands-On Learning** **Laurel Teens Begin 2025 Mayor's Summer Job Program**

The City of Laurel has officially launched its Mayor's Summer Job Program this year, welcoming local teens into city government roles for hands-on experience and career development. Now in its 12th year, the program runs from July 7 to August 8, 2025, and is open to Laurel residents aged 14–16.

Selected interns work 15 hours per week, earning \$15/hour, while gaining valuable insight into how city departments operate. Teens are placed in a variety of roles across eight departments, including the Mayor's Office, Communications, Information Technology, and Public Works.

Whether helping in a TV studio, configuring computers, or assisting with administrative tasks, students build real-world skills in a supportive environment. Through this program, the City of Laurel continues to invest in its youth—offering opportunities for professional growth, civic engagement, and a meaningful summer experience.

## **Blueprint for Education** **Apprenticeship Maryland Program Connects Local Student with City Employment**

As part of the Apprenticeship Maryland Program, the City of Laurel is proud to welcome Mikhaila Haile, a rising senior from Duvall High School, to the Department of Communications.

The Maryland Apprenticeship Program offers students a unique “earn-and-learn” experience, combining on-the-job training with classroom instruction to build industry-recognized skills. Youth apprentices like Mikhaila work alongside professionals, gaining valuable experience that prepares them for future careers while also contributing to their community.

Mikhaila comes to the program with a growing foundation in communications. At Duvall High School, she participates in producing morning announcements and hosting podcasts—experiences that are helping to build her confidence, strengthen her public speaking, and nurture her passion for media. Outside the classroom, her role as a cheerleader is also helping to develop her leadership, teamwork, and presence in front of an audience. With aspirations to pursue a career in journalism, Mikhaila is eager to expand on these experiences and deepen her understanding of the communications field.





# City of Laurel Department of Parks and Recreation



**Join the fun!**

## Don't Miss Laurel's Final Safe Summer Night on August 16th

The City of Laurel kicked off its first Safe Summer Nights program of 2025 on Saturday, July 12. The first event brought youth city-wide, Aramide Inc., a Black woman-owned fashion brand for men and women in regular and plus sizes, to the Laurel Armory at 422 Montgomery Street.

The Safe Summer Nights Program is designed to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for youth during the summer months. City residents ages 13-17 are welcome to attend and participate in various activities, including sports, education, games, arts and crafts, and other exciting activities hosted by various local businesses. The final Safe Summer Nights Program will feature the R&R Advisory Group, who will discuss tailored management strategies through sports on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.



### **Students Prepare to Take Flight**

## Applications Open August 15 for Innovative Drone Certification Program



The City of Laurel is proud to announce that we will be accepting our first cohort of students for the Drone Certification Program in October 2025. This innovative initiative, launched in partnership with Alpha Aviator, will empower Laurel's youth to gain cutting-edge skills in the rapidly growing field of drone technology.

The program offers high school students, between the ages of 16-18, the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with drones, learn about aviation regulations, and earn their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) drone pilot certification. This certification is designed to prepare graduates of the program for careers in aerial photography, surveying, public safety, and more.

Applications will open on August 15th, and the program is exclusively available to City of Laurel residents. Training will be conducted by Alpha Aviator, a leading provider of drone education known for its commitment to student success. Stay tuned to the City of Laurel website for additional information on eligibility and how to apply.

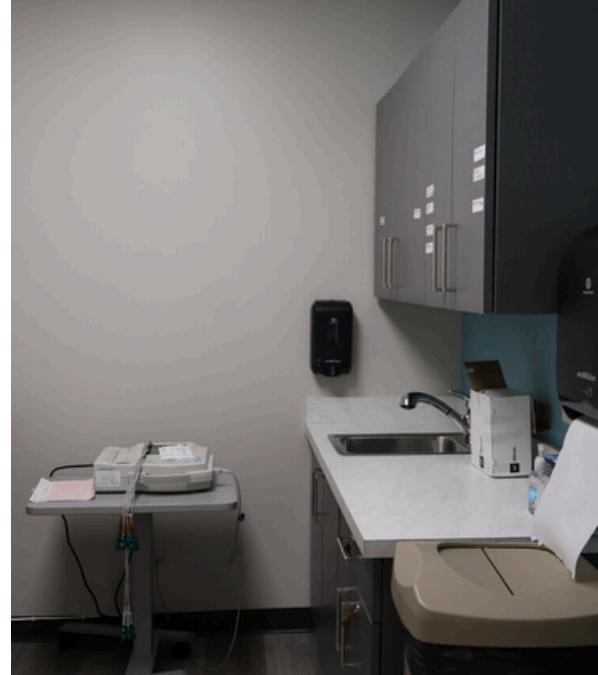
## No Insurance Needed

# City of Laurel Launches Free Walk-In Medical Services at Multiservice Center Helping Residents Stay Healthy

Mayor Keith R. Sydnor and the Department of Human Services are proud to announce the launch of free basic medical services available to the community at the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center, located at 204 Fort Meade Road. This initiative reflects the city's ongoing commitment to making healthcare more accessible for all residents, regardless of insurance status.

Starting immediately, walk-in services are available every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No appointments or insurance are required—just stop by and receive the care you need. "These services are a vital step toward supporting the overall well-being of our community," said Mayor Sydnor. "We understand that access to healthcare can be a barrier, and we're proud to offer this resource to ensure our residents receive the care they deserve."

The city invites all community members to take advantage of this convenient, no-cost opportunity to stay informed and proactive about their health. For more information, please contact the Laurel Multiservice Center at 301-974-3010, email [info@laurelmsc.org](mailto:info@laurelmsc.org), or visit [www.laurelmsc.org](http://www.laurelmsc.org).



### Available services include:

- Blood pressure checks
- Blood glucose monitoring
- Basic vision and hearing assessments
- Minor wound care
- Health education and preventative care guidance

## Congratulations to Sara Green

### Laurel's City Clerk Elected to Lead Maryland Municipal Clerks Association

We'd like to extend a hearty congratulations to Sara Green, the City of Laurel's City Clerk, on her recent swearing-in as President of the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association during this year's Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference! Her commitment and leadership in the field of city government are demonstrated by her respected position.

Representing the interests of municipalities throughout the state, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) is an essential organization. Its goal is to support local governments by giving them the tools, guidance, and assistance they need to become more effective. By promoting the exchange of creative solutions to shared problems and best practices, the MML helps cities and towns work together.



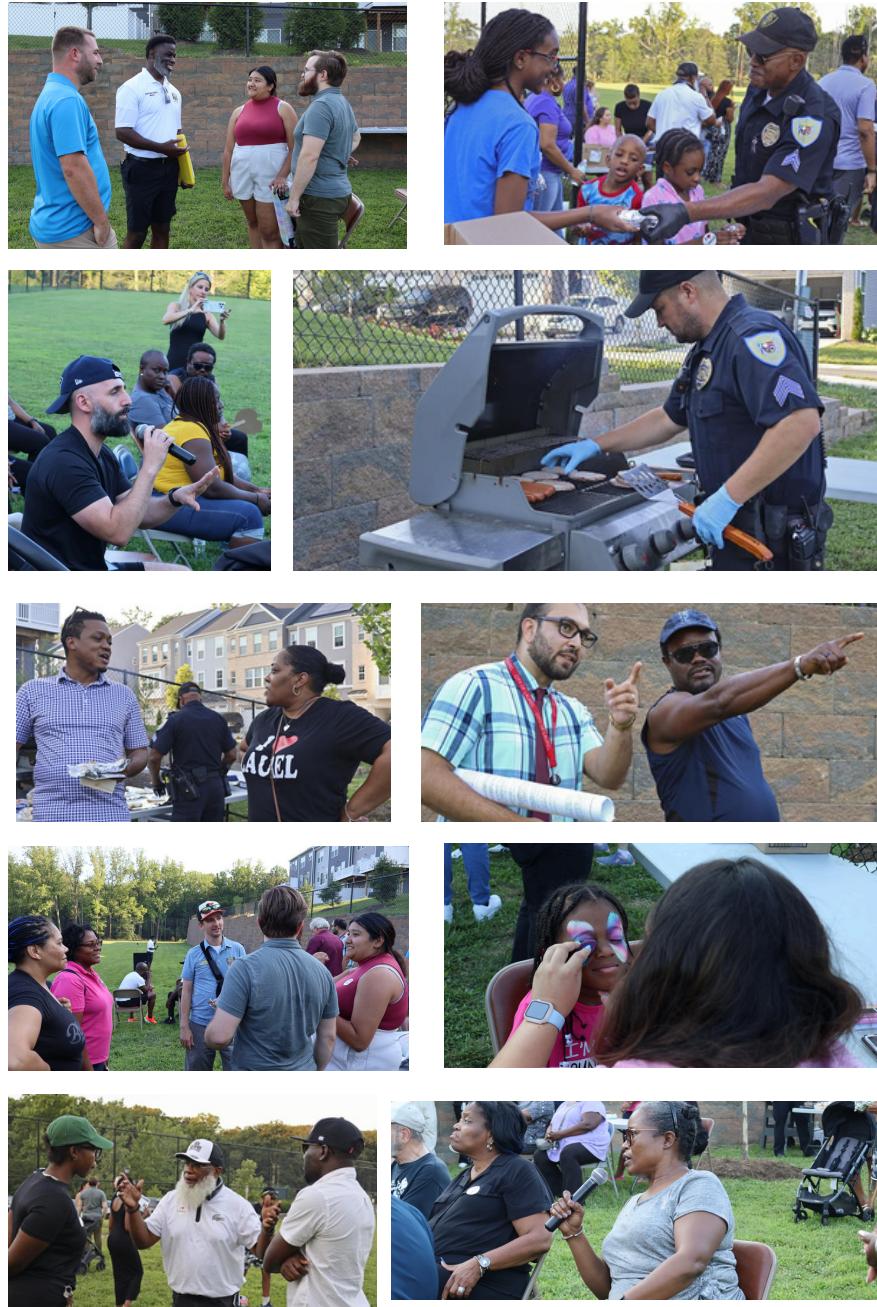
## Your Voice. Your City. Laurel Residents Engage City Leadership at Successful City Hall in the Park Gathering

The City of Laurel successfully hosted its most well-attended City Hall in the Park event of 2025 on Thursday, July 24, at the Marcus Colbert Community Field. Residents of all ages convened for an evening marked by meaningful dialogue, strengthened community ties, and family-oriented activities.

From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the community field was abuzz with engagement as attendees had the opportunity to interact directly with Mayor Keith Sydnor, members of the City Council, and department heads. Residents posed thoughtful questions and shared valuable insights aimed at advancing the future of Laurel. Complementing the civic discussions, participants also enjoyed face painting for children and hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by members of the Laurel Police Department.

"This event marked our highest turnout to date, and it is truly heartening to witness such enthusiastic participation from our residents, eager to collaborate with city leadership and contribute to the community's growth," stated Mayor Keith Sydnor. "City Hall in the Park is dedicated to fostering an open and inclusive environment where every voice can be heard. I extend my sincere gratitude to all who attended.

**The next City Hall in the Park will be held on Thursday, August 28th at Greenview Drive Pool and Park from 6:30pm-8:00pm. See you there!**



## Mark Your Calendar City of Laurel 2025 General Election

The City of Laurel is preparing for its 2025 General Election, which will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Voters will have the opportunity to elect representatives for five (5) City Council seats. Please note, the Office of the Mayor will not be up for election until 2027. Residents are encouraged to review the important dates and deadlines to ensure their voices are heard:

- **Voter Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 10, 2025
- **Deadline to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025, by 12:00 PM
- **Early Voting:** Saturday, November 1, 2025 | Polls Open 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 | Polls Open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Stay informed and make your plan to vote! For full election details, visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/1913/2025-General-Election](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/1913/2025-General-Election), email [elections@laurel.md.us](mailto:elections@laurel.md.us), or call 301-725-5300 Ext. 2120.



# COUNCIL

## Connections



The City Council is the legislative body of the City of Laurel and, as elected representatives of the citizens, considers and enacts resolutions, regulations, and ordinances for the protection of rights and privileges, peace and good government, and safety and health of all citizens. Visit [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org) to find out more about your representative.

### Key Measures Passed by the City Council – July 2025

- **Bid Recommendation-** Eighth Street Improvement Project- DPW
- **Bid Recommendation-** Carriage Hill Drive and Carriage Hill Lane Improvement Project - DPW
- **Resolution No. 6-2025-** Adopting the 2025 Sustainability Plan
- **Resolution No. 7-2025-** Expressing support for Woodland Job Corps Center and urging continued federal funding for the Program
- **Ordinance No. 2037-** Amend Laurel City Code, Chapter 7 "Garbage, Waste, Weeds, Recycling, etc.," Sections 7-36. Public Education and Enforcement, Section 7-38. Penalties and adding Section 7-37.1 Notice of Violation.
- **Ordinance No. 2042-** Amending the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
- **Bid Recommendation-** Pipe Repairs- Van Dusen Road Dam- DPW

### Upcoming Meetings

- August - City Council in Recess
- Wednesday, September 3 @ 6pm (Virtual)  
Mayor and City Council Work Session
- Monday, September 8 @ 6pm (Virtual)  
Mayor and City Council Meeting
- Monday, September 22 @ 6pm (In-Person)  
Mayor and City Council Meeting

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## 60 Years Strong!

### The Department of Parks and Recreation Marks Milestone with Celebration

Granville Gude Park came alive with music, bubbles, and community joy as the City of Laurel celebrated a major milestone—60 years of service from its Parks and Recreation Department.

Founded in 1964, Laurel's Parks and Recreation Department has become a cornerstone of the city's identity, offering everything from summer camps and athletic programs to movie nights, multicultural festivals, and city-wide celebrations. Friday night's anniversary event was a vibrant reflection of that legacy.

Despite a few raindrops, spirits stayed high. Children danced in foam, got their faces painted, and laughed with performers—a magician, to be exact. Families from across Laurel gathered to mark the occasion, showing that for many, Parks and Rec isn't just a city service—it's part of the community's heartbeat.

Director Bill Bailey called it a proud moment: "Sixty years—that's a big thing, you know? We're happy to share it with everyone and just have fun tonight." He also acknowledged the importance of city leadership, noting that none of it would be possible without the continued support of Mayor Keith Sydnor and the city council. And show support they did—Mayor Sydnor and several council members joined in the celebration, wearing party hats and mingling with residents, fully embracing the festive spirit.

With six decades behind them and even more ahead, Laurel's Parks and Recreation Department continues to grow, connect, and bring joy to generations—one event at a time.

**Watch our event recap along with the "We Are Laurel Parks & Recreation" feature, which celebrates our team and shares the story behind our parks, on [@LaurelTVOfficial](#). Check out the July/August Newsletter Playlist to view both videos.**

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# DOGGIE DIP DAY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

10am-12pm

## GREENVIEW DRIVE POOL

\$5 per dog | Free with presentation of valid membership card to Dr. Bruce Morley Dog Park (2 dogs per pass)

Enjoy a swim with your canine to conclude the Summer! Owners swim free and must be able to restrain pet.



## DIABETES AWARENESS



RAIN OR SHINE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,  
2025 8:00 AM

ALICE B. MCCULLOUGH FIELD  
Montgomery & Eighth Street,  
Laurel, MD

REV. WALTER L. SMITH JR., PASTOR  
13th Annual In-Person & Virtual

## DIABETES 5K RUN, WALK & FUN WALK

[Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K](https://Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K)  
OR SCAN QR CODE



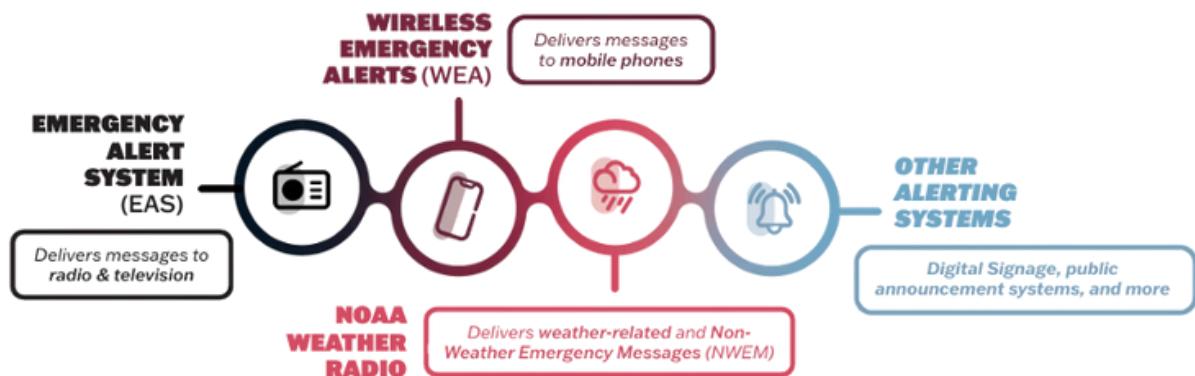
## Emergency Alerts

### Public Alert Systems: Be Prepared. Stay Informed.

#### Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)

In 2006, following a series of national disasters, including Hurricane Katrina, the United States Congress passed the Warning, Alert, and Response Network (WARN) Act. The law prompted the replacement of the Emergency Broadcast System with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). IPAWS gives federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial public safety agencies the ability to send emergency messages simultaneously through Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs), Emergency Alert System (EAS) alerts, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards System alerts. Emergency messages sent via the IPAWS fall into three alert categories: Presidential, AMBER, and Imminent Threat.

There is no need to sign up or subscribe to receive alerts from IPAWS. Through IPAWS, public safety agencies can target specific geographic locations, ensuring only those in affected areas, including visitors, receive the notifications. IPAWS also integrates images and has text-to-speech capabilities to accommodate community members with access and functional needs.



#### Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs)

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) are emergency messages that are sent directly to any WEA-enabled mobile device in a geographically targeted area. When an alert is issued through the IPAWS, cell towers in the affected area transmit the message to all mobile devices connected to that cell tower. It is important to note that these systems do not track an individual's location, which means someone may receive an emergency alert even though that person is not physically in the affected area. If you are not receiving WEAs, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/alerts> to learn how you can troubleshoot your mobile device. It is also crucial for parents and guardians to discuss WEAs with their children to ensure kids understand the alerts and take action to remain safe. Check out the WEA For Kids fact sheet for more information.

The City of Laurel Department of Emergency Management pushes emergency notifications out via the Prince George's County "Alert Prince George's" communication system. As a subscriber, you will be able to receive City of Laurel information regarding traffic conditions, government closures, public safety incidents, and severe weather via text and/or email. For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/homeland-security/services/alert-prince-georges>.





## Emergency Alert System

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) is a public warning system that delivers emergency notifications to affected communities via radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers, and wireline video providers. EAS participants deliver local alerts on a voluntary basis but are required to provide the president with the capability to address the public during a national emergency. FEMA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are responsible for any national-level activations, tests, and exercises of the EAS. However, the FCC does not create or transmit EAS alerts.



## NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards System

Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service," the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards System is a nationwide network of more than 1000 radio transmitters broadcasting continuous weather information directly from an individual's nearest National Weather Service office. Weather messages are generally repeated every 4 to 10 minutes and updated every 1 to 3 hours. More frequent updates may be provided if severe weather is slated to impact an area. In addition to weather information, the NWR is also used by federal, state, and local public safety agencies to transmit warnings and post-event information pertaining to natural, environmental, and public safety emergencies.



## Take Action!

Receiving information about weather conditions and other emergencies can make all the difference in deciding when to take action to be safe. Implement the following strategies to stay informed:

- Confirm your mobile device can receive WEAs.
- Sign up for text and/or email alerts via Prince George's County "Alert Prince George's" communications system.
- Consider purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards.
- Sign up for listservs and alerts for the workplace, schools, houses of worship, or other community organizations.
- Download relevant hazard alerts and warning apps.
- Keep extra batteries and chargers for your mobile device and radio.
- Consider purchasing other back-up power supplies such a car charger, solar-powered charger, or hand crank charger.
- Ensure your family, friends, and colleagues are staying informed by sharing this information with them.



Get tips about staying cool during extreme heat from the Director of Emergency Management, Christina Cornwell. Visit our YouTube page @LaurelTVOfficial. Click on the July/August Newsletter Playlist to watch!



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## HUMAN SERVICES

### ***The Next Generation of Housing Managers*** **Laurel Multiservice Center Hosts Maryland Multi-Housing Association Leasing Training Academy**

The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center is a host site for the Maryland Multi-Housing Association's (MMHA) free Leasing Training Academy (LTA), a hands-on training program that prepares participants to break into the property management field.

The MMHA's Leasing Training Academy is more than a course; it's a career catalyst. Designed as a comprehensive training program, the LTA supports individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking a new path into meaningful work in the residential property management industry. From Prince George's County to Baltimore, the program serves local adults looking for professional growth and career advancement.

"The Leasing Training Academy is a comprehensive and innovative four-and-a-half-week training program," explained Candice Manning, MMHA's Director of Workforce Development and Training. "We cover everything from the fundamentals of property management to fair housing, tour techniques, phone skills, and more complex subjects like social media management, marketing, outreach strategies, and community engagement."

Led by Manning, who brings over 15 years of multifamily housing experience, the program is built on firsthand industry insight. "I was lucky enough to join initially as an instructor," she shared. "I built the program based on the learning gaps I experienced during my time in the industry. It took four months to go over every intricate detail that was missing in traditional leasing onboarding and training."

Through strong partnerships with organizations like Employ Prince George's, the LTA is accessible to students at no cost. "Not only do our students get to learn for free," said Caj Jennifer, Senior Learning and Development Specialist and instructor for the program, "but we also work with property management owners and managers who consider our graduates first. In this tough job market,

they're given a fair chance at launching a new career path."

The program emphasizes mentorship and ongoing support as well. "Every Friday, our students meet one-on-one with instructors for personalized feedback," said Jennifer. "It's about understanding their strengths, identifying opportunities to improve, and guiding them on how to keep growing."

For Victory Betts, a current student in the program, the experience has been transformative. "I was drawn to the Leasing Academy because of the energy, it was so positive," she said. "One of the biggest lessons I've learned is that people who network with passion can help you elevate yourself to levels you couldn't even imagine."

The program culminates in a final presentation and provides direct access to employers, reducing hiring costs for industry partners and connecting companies with well-trained, job-ready talent.

Whether you're seeking a career change or hiring top-tier candidates, the MMHA Leasing Training Academy is your launchpad. Learn more, apply, or connect via [mmhaonline.org](http://mmhaonline.org).



## A Sustainable Milestone

# Laurel Completes Citywide Rollout of Curbside Organics Recycling Program



And that's a wrap! The City of Laurel has officially launched its curbside organics recycling program. Public Works successfully delivered over 6,000 recycling kits to all single-family and townhome communities before the July 1 start date. Each kit included a refrigerator magnet, a 1-2-3 guide, program benefits, starter bags, and indoor and outdoor containers. Bilingual materials and a QR code link residents to the Green Living Resource page for more details.

Effective July 1, 2025, all residents must dispose of food scraps and other organic materials using the new 35-gallon and 12-gallon carts. Established by Ordinance 2010, this program requires the separation of organics from the waste stream and is supported by public education and enforcement.

The initiative aligns with the National Strategy for Reducing Food Loss and Waste and Recycling Organics, turning food and yard waste into new products while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building cleaner communities.

Lt. Governor Aruna Miller praised Laurel's leadership, stating, "Laurel's approach to sustainability, such as their groundbreaking composting legislation, is setting the curve for the entire state to follow." With this program, Laurel continues to lead in sustainability and make organics recycling accessible to everyone.

## Building Futures

# Grants Up to \$10,000 Available for Businesses Hiring Returning Citizens

The City of Laurel is proud to announce the launch of the Returning Citizens Employee Grant Program, an initiative designed to support second chances, strengthen community reintegration, and promote local economic development. Recognizing that employment is a critical factor in the successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals, the City is taking meaningful steps to remove barriers and create opportunities.

As part of this effort, \$50,000 from the FY2026 Operating General Budget has been allocated to fund the program. Eligible businesses that hire returning citizens may receive grants of up to \$10,000, helping offset the costs associated with training and onboarding new employees while fostering an inclusive workforce.

Mayor Keith R. Sydnor emphasized the importance of this initiative, stating, "Everyone deserves the chance to rebuild their lives. This program not only helps returning citizens find meaningful employment but also strengthens our local businesses and our community as a whole."

Applications are now open and must be submitted by the business entity seeking funding. Through this program, Laurel continues to demonstrate its commitment to building a stronger, more connected community—one where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

For questions or more information, please contact the Economic Development Department at [ecd@laurel.md.us](mailto:ecd@laurel.md.us).





## Promoting Literacy Next Bestseller Contest Finds Their First Winner

The City of Laurel's literary community celebrated a major milestone as Quill and Company hosted the grand finale of its Next Bestseller Contest, a multi-week competition created to showcase and support emerging regional writers.

Held at the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center, the event brought together finalists, readers, judges, and community members to celebrate storytelling in all its forms. From almost 30 entries submitted earlier this year, five finalists were chosen to compete in the finale, each sharing a unique voice and a compelling story.

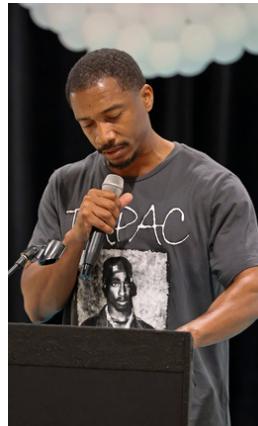
Finalists faced a rigorous journey to get to this point, including live readings, writing challenges, and multiple rounds of public voting. The energy at the finale was electric as each author made their final pitch for the title—and one ultimately claimed the top prize: a publishing deal with Quill and Company and the coveted title of Laurel's Next Bestseller.

"Just to see the faces of the contestants and for them to be thanking me about giving them an opportunity is thanks enough," said Quill and Company founder Robin McCormick.

Although Karla Tally emerged as the winner, each finalist left the stage with recognition, applause, and new opportunities ahead. Many attendees commented on the remarkable diversity of genres and the strength of storytelling presented throughout the contest.

The Next Bestseller Contest has not only highlighted local literary talent but also sparked a renewed enthusiasm for reading and writing across the City of Laurel. Quill and Company has confirmed the contest will return next year, promising even more opportunities for writers to shine.

Until then, the winning manuscript will move into publication—so stay tuned. The Next Bestseller may soon be on your bookshelf. For a recap of the finale, click on the link below!



**Catch Quill and Co.'s Robin McCormick and contest winner Karla Tally on Community Conversations as they share their journey and what's next. Visit our YouTube page @LaurelTVOfficial. Click on the July/August Newsletter Playlist to watch our recap.**



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# BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

AUGUST 19, 2025  
FROM 5 AM TO 11 AM

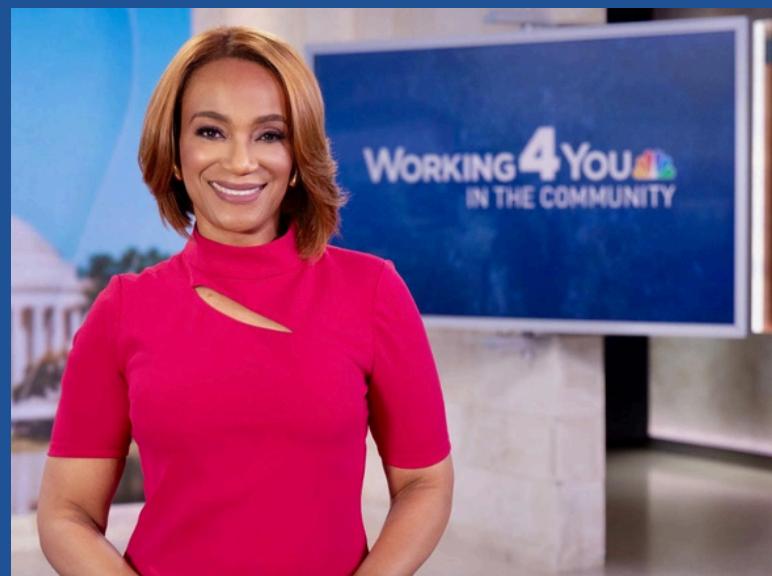
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BACKPACK GIVEAWAYS AND MORE

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NEWS4 ANCHOR & COMMUNITY REPORTER

BROADCASTING  
LIVE FROM 5-7 AM

AT LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL

8000 Cherry Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707





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# Real Talk

LAUREL YOUTH AGES 13-17

Join us for REAL TALK — an open, honest, judgment-free space to talk about whatever's on your mind.

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
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