

# LAUREL *LIVING*

The Official Newsletter for the City of Laurel



## A Message from Mayor Keith R. Sydnor

September is a meaningful month for Laurel. It's a time when our community returns to school, honors our shared history, and celebrates the cultures that make our city strong.

This month, we honor Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the diverse cultures, contributions, and histories that enrich our city. Laurel is stronger because of its diversity, and this month reminds us of the many ways our Hispanic and Latino neighbors continue to shape our shared story.

We also pause to remember September 11, 2001, a day that forever changed our nation. Together, we honor the lives lost, the heroes who answered the call, and the resilience that continues to define us as Americans.

Here in Laurel, September is also Back-to-School season. To all of our students, teachers, and families, I wish you a safe, successful, and inspiring year ahead. Education is the foundation of opportunity, and I am proud of the many ways our schools, community partners, and city programs are working together to support the next generation of leaders.

Finally, we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center, a place dedicated to hope, support, and opportunity for all who walk through its doors. In just one year, the center has become a lifeline for so many, providing essential resources, care, and a sense of belonging.

As your Mayor, I am proud of the compassion, unity, and strength that moments like these represent. They remind us that Laurel is more than a city—we are a community committed to honoring our past, celebrating our diversity, and building a brighter future together.

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Welcoming Nekesa Matlock as the new Deputy City Administrator.



The City of Laurel celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!



## Proudly Serving You!



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**Kyla Clark**  
Ward 2



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Ward 2



**Councilmember Christine Johnson**  
At-Large



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Ward 1



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## *Celebrating One Year of* **The City of Laurel's Multiservice Center**

The Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center celebrated its one-year anniversary on September 10, with a fun-filled afternoon featuring live music, delicious food, face painting for all ages, valuable community resources, and guided tours of the center.

The celebration also honored community leaders Ruth Walls of Patrons for Peace and Stephanie Hammond, President and Volunteer Coordinator of Fish of Laurel, Inc., for their dedication and tireless efforts in supporting Laurel residents. Their commitment to providing resources, advocacy, and volunteer services has made a lasting impact on the community.



**Click here to experience the one year celebration of the Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center!**



## *Shared Priorities*

### **City Hall in the Park Showcases Laurel's Future Plans and Community Programs**

The City of Laurel has launched new programs to strengthen the community and create opportunities for residents.

The Returning Citizens Employment Grant Program, managed by the City's Department of Economic and Community Development, offers up to \$10,000 to businesses that hire individuals meeting or completing probation/parole requirements. Through the Apprenticeship Maryland Program, Laurel is the only city in Prince George's County partnering with the state to give students ages 16 and older at least 450 hours of work training and a year of related instruction, preparing them for careers in manufacturing, STEM, and other high-demand fields.

The Homebuyers Assistance Program will help 10 first-time buyers or those who haven't owned a home in five years with \$5,000 each toward purchasing a primary residence, funded through the City's Fiscal Year 2026 General Budget. Lastly, the Adopt a Senior Program connects residents with local seniors in need, fostering meaningful relationships and community support.



**Click here to check out our most recent City Hall in the Park held at Greenview Drive Pool & Park on August 28, 2025!**

## *From Education to City Leadership*

### **Laurel City Council Confirms Nekesa Matlock as Deputy City Administrator**

The Laurel City Council has confirmed Nekesa Matlock as Deputy City Administrator, following her nomination by Mayor Keith R. Sydnor during the July 14, 2025, Mayor and City Council Meeting.

Matlock brings 17 years of experience in education, including four years in administrative leadership. In her new role, she will support the City Administrator in overseeing day-to-day operations and advancing the policy priorities of elected officials.

A North Carolina native, Matlock earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Elizabeth City State University and a master's degree in education administration from Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C. Matlock said she looks forward to bringing her experience to City Hall, and connecting with residents and local businesses to help strengthen Laurel's reputation as a great place to live, work, and thrive.



## *Achievement Unlocked*

### **Director of the Department of Emergency Management Completes Prestigious Program**



We are excited to announce that Christina Cornwell, Director of the Department of Emergency Management, has successfully completed the Associate Certified Government Performance Manager (CGPM) program. This prestigious professional development program is designed to strengthen leadership skills and enhance performance in government and related sectors.

Offered by the Performance Institute, the CGPM program brings together professionals from across the public and private sectors, representing a diverse range of agencies, organizations, and industries. The curriculum emphasizes strategic planning, logic modeling, and the development and use of performance measures to drive outcomes and accountability. Participants benefit from a blend of lectures, case studies, group collaboration, and peer learning.



Strategic Planning



Logic Model



Developing Performance Measures

Christina joined the City of Laurel in 2020 and currently serves as the Emergency Manager, Floodplain Manager, and Community Rating System Coordinator in the Department of Emergency Management, where she leads initiatives that improve emergency preparedness.

This accomplishment reflects the City of Laurel's ongoing commitment to investing in employee development and promoting excellence in public service. By supporting professional growth, the City ensures its workforce is equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to meet the evolving needs of the community.



## Let's Talk Communications

### Director Natalie Williams Joins Fellow Municipal PIOs for Peer Exchange on Communications Best Practices



Directors of communications and public information officers from Annapolis, Berwyn Heights, Bowie, College Park, District Heights, Gaithersburg, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Laurel, New Carrollton, and Rockville gathered for a focused one-day retreat to compare strategies and highlight what's working across their cities.

Each participant offered a concise snapshot of their city's communications operations, including team staffing and roles; processes for moving information from departments to residents across web, social, and print channels; and the metrics used to gauge impact—reach, accessibility, and response times. The agenda covered practical best practices in social media, accessibility standards, graphics and brand management, favorite tools, and the responsible use of AI across departments.

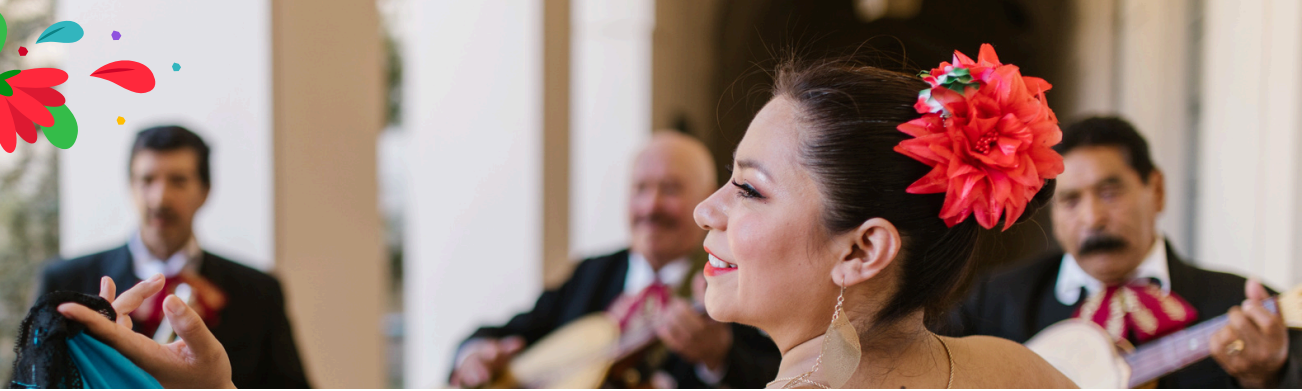
"Spending a day with fellow communicators from across the state was energizing," said Natalie Williams, Director of the Department of Communications for the City of Laurel. "We focused on real-world solutions—from accessibility and visual consistency to smarter use of tools—so our communities receive clear, timely information in one click. I'm proud of how Laurel shows up online and in person, and with insights from my peers, we'll keep raising the bar."

*Congratulations!*

## A Year of News and Information Laurel Living Newsletter Marks One Year of Connecting Our Community



This month, the **Laurel Living Newsletter** celebrates its first anniversary! Over the past year, this monthly publication has become a trusted source for City of Laurel news, updates, and community stories. Each issue has highlighted Mayor and City Council initiatives, City programs, upcoming events, and ways for residents to get involved—all in one easy-to-read format. We're proud that Laurel Living reflects the vibrant diversity of our city and keeps residents informed, whether they pick it up at a local business or read it online. Thank you to everyone who reads, shares, and contributes to Laurel Living. We look forward to many more years of telling Laurel's story together.



## *Hispanic Heritage Month*

### City of Laurel Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The City of Laurel is proud to join communities across the nation in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, observed from September 15 to October 15. This month-long celebration honors the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Mayor Keith Sydnor shared his enthusiasm for the celebration, stating, "Laurel is a city that thrives on its diversity. Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize and honor the ways Hispanic Americans have enriched our community and our country."

Residents are encouraged to check the City of Laurel's website and social media channels for updates on events.

Whether you're attending a dance performance, sampling delicious food, or learning about the legacy of Hispanic leaders, there's something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate during this special month.



To find out more about how the City of Laurel celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, hear from our employees about what this month means to them.



Haga clic aquí para escuchar a nuestros empleados sobre lo que significa el Mes de la Herencia Hispana para ellos.

## *Honoring the Missing*

### City of Laurel Observes National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Across the United States, communities are gathering to mark National POW/MIA Recognition Day, an annual observance held on the third Friday of September. The day is dedicated to honoring the service members who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those still listed as missing in action (MIA), as well as their families who continue to endure uncertainty.

A central feature of many observances is the Missing Man Table, a symbol set with profound meaning. Each element on the table reflects aspects of sacrifice: the small round table represents the frailty of one person alone, the white tablecloth signifies pure intentions, the single red rose represents the bloodshed and the families who wait, and the empty chair stands for the missing service members. The display is often placed in a position of honor and serves as a reminder of the cost of freedom.

The City of Laurel will have a Missing Man Table on display in the lobby of the Joseph R. Robison Municipal Center on September 19, 2025, to honor the memory of those who have not returned home. The table will serve as a visible reminder for residents and visitors to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by prisoners of war and those still missing in action.







## Community Spirit Shines Emancipation Day in Laurel 2025

Emancipation Day on Saturday, September 6, was a success! The celebration started bright and early with the Diabetes 5K hosted by St. Mark's Church. Dozens of runners and walkers of all ages hit the course, raising awareness and showing their support for a great cause.

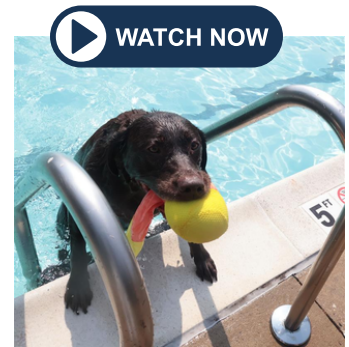
Following the race, crowds lined the streets for the Emancipation Day Parade which featured engaging floats, appearances from Mayor Keith R. Sydnor, City Council members, and local organizations. Community groups and youth organizations brought energy and excitement to the parade route, creating moments of joy for everyone in attendance. The day continued with a community cookout where families came together to enjoy delicious food, live music, and activities for kids and adults.



Watch a recap of the Emancipation Day 5K and parade!

## Paws & Splash Doggie Dip Day Closes Out the Summer

Say goodbye to summer by watching the city's dogs take one last dive in the pools!



The City of Laurel officially closed its pools on Friday, September 5, for the end of the summer season, but the fun wasn't over yet. Dog owners and their pups were welcomed to Greenview Drive Pool for one of the most anticipated events in the city, Doggie Dip Day. The city's furry friends took one last splash in the pools before they closed. Watch the video to see the joyful moments of this tail-wagging tradition.





Discover the City of Laurel's  
Youth Drone Certificate  
Program!

# YOUTH DRONE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



The City of Laurel is proud to announce that we are now accepting applications for our first cohort of students for the Youth Drone Certificate Program in October 2025. 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.

**Deadline to Apply:  
September 15, 2025 @ 12noon**

For program application and eligibility requirements,  
please visit: [www.cityoflaurel.org/ydcp](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/ydcp)





## From Backpacks to Haircuts Community Rallies to Kick Off the School Year



Watch the Back to School Fair and help us give students a warm welcome for the new school year!

On Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Laurel High School hosted a Back-to-School Fair filled with resources to help families prepare for the new school year. From 5 a.m. to 11 a.m., children and parents received free vaccines, haircuts, backpacks, and other essential supplies to start the year off right.

Adding to the excitement, Molette Green, TV reporter and news anchor for NBC 4, broadcast live from the event between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. Mayor Keith R. Sydnor and members of the City Council got up early to join the fun, greeting residents and sharing in the community spirit.

"This is what community is all about—coming together to make sure our students have the tools, confidence, and support they need to succeed," said Mayor Sydnor. "When we invest in our children, we invest in Laurel's future. Events like this not only prepare our students for the classroom but also strengthen the bonds between neighbors, schools, and city leadership. I'm proud to see Laurel rally behind our young people as they start a new school year."

The fair offered a welcoming space to connect with neighbors, gather school necessities, and enjoy a fun, community-focused start to the academic year.



## Enhancing Community Preparedness September is National Preparedness Month

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) launched the National Preparedness Month campaign in 2004, after recognizing the critical need for increased emergency preparedness. The campaign gained momentum in 2006 when FEMA collaborated with the Ad Council to develop widespread messaging. This communication effort significantly enhanced the education and motivation for Americans to prepare for emergencies. Throughout National Preparedness Month, government agencies, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and communities share information and resources that can be used by the public to get prepared for whatever emergency might occur.

Discussing emergency preparedness with your family and friends may not be easy. In fact, many people think they are protecting their loved ones by avoiding the conversation. However, planning and preparing for emergencies before they occur enhances your safety. During National Preparedness Month, “take charge,” “start the conversation,” and “prepare to protect.”

### It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- Assess Your Needs:** Most communities face many types of hazards. It is important to understand the risks you face and your family's level of vulnerability. By determining this, it is easier to determine what you, your family, and your pets will need during an emergency.
- Make a Plan:** Make a plan and prepare for both evacuating and sheltering. Prepare for your family's unique needs with customized plans and supplies. In addition, use social networks to help friends and family members prepare and participate in community-wide disaster preparedness activities. Moreover, you should gather emergency supplies and secure the important information and documents you will need to start your recovery. Emergency plan templates can be found at [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan). Once you develop a plan, review it with your family and practice it.
- Engage Support Networks:** Before a disaster strikes, build a support network of individuals and organizations to contact for assistance. This may include your family and friends, community members, local government, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and disaster response agencies such as the Red Cross.



### MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN





# 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 – September 8, 2025

### Mayoral Reappointments / Multicultural Advisory Committee

- Marcio Da Silva, Danielle Delgado, Ebony Lockwood, Jaya Persaud, Joanne Ricketts, and Arthur Thompson

**Bid Recommendation-** Purchase of Tasers - Laurel Police Department

**Bid Recommendation-** Handgun Replacement - Laurel Police Department

**Bid Recommendation-** Snowden Place, Ward Street, and Northview Court Road Improvements - Department of Public Works



Click here or visit our YouTube page [@LaurelTVOfficial](https://www.youtube.com/@LaurelTVOfficial). Click on the September Newsletter Playlist to watch latest Mayor & City Council Meeting.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, September 22 @ 6pm (In-Person)**  
Mayor and City Council Meeting

**Wednesday, October 1 @ 6pm (Virtual)**  
Work Session

**Wednesday, October 15 @ 6pm (Virtual)**  
Mayor and City Council Meeting

**Monday, October 27 @ 6pm (In-Person)**  
Mayor and City Council Meeting

To watch the latest mayor and city council meeting, visit our YouTube page [@LaurelTVOfficial](https://www.youtube.com/@LaurelTVOfficial). All mayor and city council meetings are broadcast live on Comcast 71 (SD), 996 (HD), and on Verizon Channel 12. Meetings are also live streamed on [LaurelTV.org](http://LaurelTV.org).





# Laurel Citizen's University



## MISSION

To familiarize Laurel residents and business owners about the City of Laurel's purpose, process, and structure of the City's government and equip citizens to become active participants in municipal matters.

## Objectives

- Gain a better understanding of how local government functions.
- Participate and interact with knowledgeable staff to learn and understand how City finances, operations, projects, and services are developed, distributed, and executed.
- Build a livable, sustainable community.
- Learn about volunteer opportunities in City government.
- Obtain feedback from citizens regarding governmental programs and services.
- Have fun!

**8 SESSIONS  
THURSDAYS IN  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER  
6:30 - 8:30PM**

1: October 2, 2025  
2: October 9, 2025  
3: October 16, 2025  
4: October 23, 2025  
5: October 30, 2025  
6: November 6, 2025  
7: November 13, 2025  
8: November 20, 2025  
Monday, November 24, 2025  
(Graduation)

**SPACES FILL  
FAST! REGISTER  
HERE TODAY!**

[www.cityoflaurel.org/lcu](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/lcu)



Must be a City of Laurel resident or business owner; Must be 18 years or older to participate; and Not currently holding a position as an elected official or running for office during a class session.  
Call 301-725-5300 x2109 for more information.





## Kyla Clark, Council President, Ward 2

- Elected to first term on Laurel City Council on November 7, 2023
- Resident of the City of Laurel for over 9 years
- Vice Chair, City of Laurel Environmental Committee
- Member, City of Laurel's Persons with Disabilities Committee
- MBA in Global Business and International Marketing, AIU
- B.S. Business Administration and Marketing, Le Moyne College

Dear Neighbors,

What a wonderful way to wrap up summer! I've loved connecting with so many of you at recent community events, especially the Prince George's County Schools back-to-school drive and the Laurel High School back-to-school event. Seeing families prepare for the new school year together really captures the spirit of our caring community.

As we transition into September, I'm reflecting on a fantastic August filled with National Night Out celebrations, summer concerts, and countless neighborhood connections. These gatherings remind me why I love representing Laurel - it's the people who make our city special. Although summer is ending, our community spirit continues year-round. Contact me anytime at **kclark@laurel.md.us** or **text 443-972-0046**. I hope to see you around town!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR BACKYARD!



- On July 18, I taped a special Council Connection episode with Laurel youth Jordan and Xerxes, their mothers Dori and Tali, and advocate Ummi Modeste. This kitchen-table conversation explores supporting today's kids as they grow into incredible people. Watch it on Laurel TV's YouTube channel!
- Laurel Citizens University Returns October 2nd! Want to understand how your city really works? Join us every Thursday, 6-8:30 p.m., starting October 2. Learn about local government operations, meet department heads, and become a more informed citizen. Perfect for anyone interested in civic engagement!

Sign up: <https://www.cityoflaurel.org/1927/Laurel-Citizens-University>

## RESIDENT Q&A

**Question:** *My street has several large potholes that haven't been repaired in months. Who should I contact?*

**Answer:** Great question! For road repairs in Laurel, contact our Public Works Department at 301-725-5300, extension 2150, or submit a request online at [cityoflaurel.org](http://cityoflaurel.org). You can also email [publicworks@laurel.md.us](mailto:publicworks@laurel.md.us) with the specific location and photos if possible. Response time depends on severity - emergency repairs happen within 24-48 hours, while routine pothole repairs typically occur within 2-4 weeks depending on weather and crew availability. The city prioritizes repairs based on safety concerns and traffic volume. Don't hesitate to follow up if you don't see action within the expected timeframe - we want our roads safe for everyone!



Supporting our youth and saying thank you to our school staff and administrators at the Prince George's County Back-to-School event on Sunday, August 17th.



Together at the Table with our youth, parents, and community activists. Watch now on Laurel TV's YouTube channel.





## ADRIAN G. SIMMONS

- Elected to first term on Laurel City Council on July 1, 2024
- Member, Historic District Commission; Ex-Officio Member, Planning Commission
- Born and raised in South Laurel
- BBA, Accounting/MBA, Finance - Loyola University Maryland
- Member, Laurel Board of Trade and the Maryland Association of CPAs.

Dear Residents,

Follow my work on my Council blog at [adrianforlaurel.org](http://adrianforlaurel.org) and also find me on Facebook and Instagram. This summer, I wrote on my blog 'how to share your voice at Council Meetings' with tips to help de-mystify the experience and empower you to step forward on issues of importance to you. I also took "The Dignity Pledge" following the opening keynote at the Maryland Municipal League conference, pledging to always uphold respectful dialogue & the dignity of each person, no matter the topic or difference of opinion. You can hit the Search button on my blog to find -- To me, it's everyone sharing their voice in our common conversation that helps us all build a better community! **Click here to watch my latest interview on Laurel TV!**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR BACKYARD!

- Be sure to swing by 5th & Main Street to witness a beautiful mural-in-the-making by artist Jeff Huntington and sponsored by Laurel for the Patuxent. The mural celebrates Laurel scientist & bird lover Chandler Robbins + Keep your eyes peeled for a celebration event coming Sep/ Oct for its official launch!
- If you're a small business located in a shared space (like a co-working space or barber/salon mini-suite), please contact me as I'm exploring updates to the Code for Use & Occupancy permits so our City can more effectively serve these modern spaces in a way that encourages economic growth & safety.

## RESIDENT Q&A

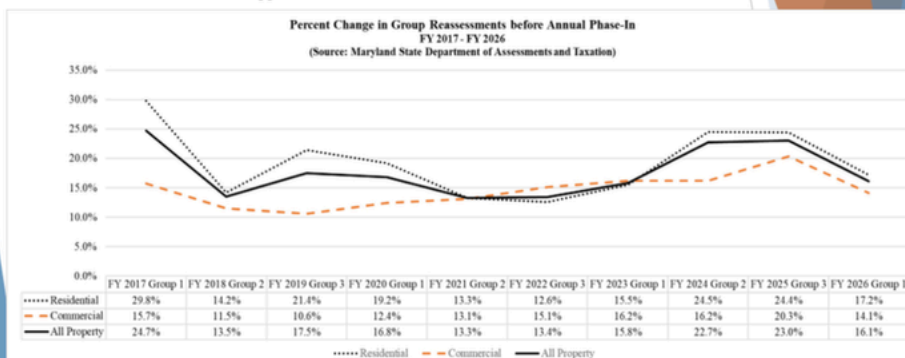
**Question:** What are those "Bump-outs" on Main Street all about?

**Answer:** Great question! - They're part of a multi-stage Main Street safety enhancement the City has been working on the last couple years, including: (a) Flashing light cross-walks; (b) Enhanced pedestrian and traffic signs; (c) Updated pavement markings; (d) and more. The bump-outs themselves increase 'line of sight' for vehicles entering Main Street from the side roads — If you've attempted to turn onto Main Street over the years from these side roads, you've likely experienced difficulty looking up-and-down the street for cross-traffic. This makes that \*much\* easier, both smoothing traffic flow out and making it safer. (Search "bump-outs" on my blog for full project presentation slides.)

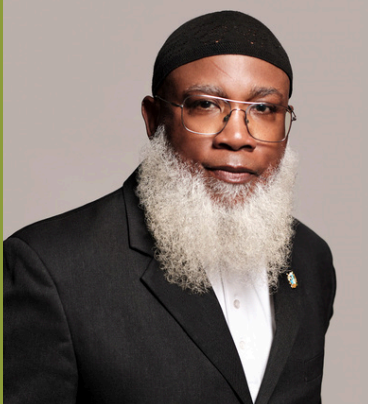
## Change in Reassessments

>The County's assessable real property base grew by double digits for FY 2026; the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row of this level of gain. Assessments are phased-in over a three-year period.

>The County's property tax limit is the driving factor in actual real property revenue growth. For FY 2026 the Homestead Tax Credit is capped at 3%.



The chart highlights the \*critical\* importance of your Homestead Property Tax Credit - More details on my blog.



## Jeffrey Mills, President Pro Tempore, Ward 2

- Elected to first term on Laurel City Council on November 7, 2023
- Chair, Public Safety Transportation Committee
- Member, Tree Board; Ex-Officio Member, Juneteenth Celebration Committee
- Attended Prince George's and Howard County Community Colleges
- Member, Toastmaster International
- Published Author of "Pushed Into Purpose"

Ward 2, I want your ideas and concerns. Please email me at [jmills@laurel.md.us](mailto:jmills@laurel.md.us).

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR BACKYARD!

#1: Please come visit, Westside Boulevard shops and eateries. We have brand new eateries for ward 2 and the City of Laurel.

#2: The Pushed Into Purpose Conference is coming.

### WHO HAS THE BEST NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN?





# Pushed into Purpose Conference

**Are you a professional  
searching for your purpose?**

Join us for an engaging  
discussion featuring panelists  
from a variety of industries.

## **DATE**

**October 25, 2025**

**10AM – 1PM**

## **LOCATION**

**Craig A. Moe Laurel  
Multiservice Center**



Hear what inspired their careers, learn from their experiences,  
and stay for a networking session to connect with the speakers.

## **Featured companies:**

- Keller Williams Real Estate
- PNC Bank
- Goode Recycling
- And more!

**Free Event!**

## **Ask questions and learn from professionals in these industries:**

- Culinary
- Fashion & Retail
- Education
- Real Estate
- Finance
- Youth Sports

**Voter Registration Day**  
**Voter Registration Day**



As the City of Laurel prepares for its general municipal election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, we'd like to remind residents that the voter registration deadline is **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**, for those registering by mail or online. Voters who miss this window can still register on the same day during early voting (Saturday, November 1) or on Election Day, as long as they bring valid proof of residency, such as a Maryland MVA-issued ID, a utility bill, or a bank statement dated within the last 90 days.

To confirm that you're all set to vote, you can use the Maryland State Board of Elections' online "Voter Lookup" tool: [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov). This tool lets you check your registration, find polling locations, view sample ballots, get ward and district info, request a duplicate card, or track your mail-in or provisional ballot status.

To access the "Voter Lookup" tool, you'll need to enter:

- Your first and last name exactly as registered (e.g., "Jeff" vs. "Jeffrey" matters)
- Your date of birth (month, day, year)
- The 5-digit ZIP code of your current Maryland residence
- Optionally, your street number to refine the search

If you've recently registered, it may take time for the system to update and reflect your registration. For questions or guidance regarding voter registration, you can call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or email them at [election@co.pg.md.us](mailto:election@co.pg.md.us).