



# THE LAUREL LEDGER

OFFICIAL NEWS FROM THE CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND



## LAUREL POLICE: SAFE SUMMER TIPS

Summer is a time for fun and celebration, but safety should always come first. The Laurel Police Department reminds everyone to stay vigilant. Lock your doors and vehicles, watch out for suspicious activity, and report concerns right away. Whether you're traveling, enjoying outdoor events, or just relaxing at home, a few precautions can help prevent crime and keep our community secure. Look out for one another and let's make this summer safe for everyone! We are here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, simply call us if you need us.

Emergency 301-725-3000

Non-Emergency 301-498-0092

Protect Your Car from Break-Ins This Summer  
Car break-ins are often crimes of opportunity. Thieves look for easy targets, don't let your vehicle be one. Follow these crime prevention tips to keep your car safe:

- Lock It Every Time – Even in your driveway, always lock your doors and close windows. Unlocked cars are the easiest targets.
- Hide Valuables or Remove Valuables from your vehicle. – Never leave anything valuable in your vehicle. If you have to leave items in your vehicle lock them in the trunk or glove compartment.
- Pick Safe Parking Spots – Park in well-lit, busy areas. Avoid dark, isolated spots where thieves can approach unnoticed.
- Stay Vigilant – If you see suspicious activity, report it to law enforcement immediately, don't hesitate. Quick action can stop a crime before it happens.
- Use Anti-Theft Devices – Steering wheel locks, car alarms, and tracking systems deter thieves. Visible deterrents make them think twice.



Thieves act fast. Stay ahead of them by making your car a tough target. Take precautions, stay alert, and help prevent crime in our community!

### Heat Safety

- Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated, especially during outdoor activities.
- Avoid prolonged sun exposure, wear sun-screen, hats, and light clothing.
- Never leave pets or children in a parked car, even for a minute, it can be deadly.

### Water Safety

- Always supervise children when they're near pools, lakes, or other bodies of water.
- Wear a life jacket when boating or engaging in water sports.
- Follow posted rules at pools and beaches to prevent accidents.

### Road Safety

- Slow down! More people are out walking and biking so watch for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Always designate a sober driver.
- Follow speed limits and avoid distractions while driving.

### Community Awareness

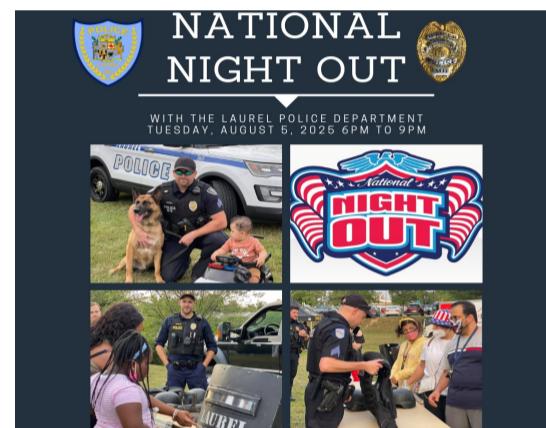
- Lock your doors and windows, even when you're home.
- Be mindful of package deliveries and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight.
- Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately.

By watching out for each other, we help keep our community safe! Small actions such as reporting concerns, staying aware, and looking after neighbors can make a big difference. Let's stay vigilant and work together for a safer summer.

Heading out of town? The Laurel Police Department offers house checks while you're away on vacation or for an extended time. Officers will keep an eye on your property, adding an extra layer of security while you're gone. Schedule a check in advance and enjoy peace of mind knowing your home is being looked after. Call 301-498-0092 to schedule.

Join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 6 PM to 9 PM at Gran-

ville Gude Park! This annual event brings our community together to strengthen relationships between residents and law enforcement while enjoying a night of fun and connection. There will be free food, live music with DJ Aggie, K9 Demo, SWAT Demo and much more. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for an unforgettable evening. Let's celebrate safety, unity, and community spirit together!



Three new Speed Cameras were installed in the city of Laurel. We wanted to remind everyone of their locations.

These cameras are part of an ongoing effort to enhance road safety and reduce speeding in our community.

- Sign and Camera locations:
- Southbound Route 1 and Main Street
- Route 198 & Ninth Street (both eastbound and westbound)

Speeding is a leading cause of accidents, and these enforcement measures are designed to create safer conditions for all drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. We encourage motorists to remain alert and adhere to posted speed limits to ensure the well-being of our community.

Thank you for driving safely and helping us foster a secure environment for everyone.

## COMPOSTING: CREATING A SUSTAINABLE LAUREL!



Public Works has completed the daunting task of delivering over 6,000 curbside organics recycling kits to all of our single-family and townhome communities. The information provided explains what can go into their compost carts – it's easy! All foods – even expired products – paper napkins/paper towels – pizza boxes are just some examples of what can be put in your composting cart. Remember – loose leaves and grass clippings are also acceptable in your curbside compost cart. Still have questions? Come to the Farmer's Market welcome desk and meet residents that are compost ambassadors to get some fun "hacks" and answer any questions. Click the QR code to go directly to the organics recycling page for more information.

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# It's Easy Being Green!



## LAUREL FARMER'S MARKET IN FULL SWING!

Come out and visit your favorite vendors from last year and meet some "new" favorites, pick up some tasty food and relax and listen to music in the shade. We are very excited to once again accept SNAP/EBT benefits and be part of the Maryland Market Money program – giving our shoppers extra market cash to shop with. Stop by the Welcome Tent to get tokens. The Market is open every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 378 Main Street through October 16th. Be sure to check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/the market on main>) and our City website (<https://www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market>).



**Mosquito Control Program:** With the rain and warmer weather – mosquitoes will start being very active! To help combat the spread of mosquitoes, the City of Laurel will once again participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Mosquito Control Program, but residents can do a lot to reduce the mosquito population and reduce the need to spray. For more ecofriendly, proactive ideas like Tip It or Toss It, visit the Green Living page <https://www.cityoflaurel.org/431/Mosquito-Control-Program> and <https://www.cityoflaurel.org/1478/Mosquito-Control-Program> for more detailed information on how to contact MDA. Our spray night is: Sunday.

Want to be part of the sustainability solution? Join the Sustainability Action Group (SAG)! We have a few residents that are dynamic and committed to making Laurel a great sustainability community now and for future generations and we need more! Our Composting Ambassadors are already on the move – engaging with residents and promoting our curbside program, the Voices Group is looking for innovative ways to reach more residents and get the "word out. There is a place for everyone – from installing yard signs to attending public events and talking about your sustainable passion.

For more information and to see what we are up to --- Follow us on Sustainable Laurel Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558113916065> and the Green Living website – [www.cityoflaurel.org/greenliving](https://www.cityoflaurel.org/greenliving).



## POLICÍA DE LAUREL: CONSEJOS DE SEGURIDAD PARA EL VERANO



El verano es época de diversión y celebración, pero la seguridad siempre es lo primero. El Departamento de Policía de Laurel les recuerda a todos que se mantengan alerta. Cierren las puertas y vehículos con llave, estén atentos a cualquier actividad sospechosa y reporten cualquier inquietud de inmediato.

Ya sea que viajen, disfruten de eventos al aire libre o simplemente se relajen en casa, algunas precauciones pueden ayudar a prevenir la delincuencia y mantener a nuestra comunidad segura. ¡Cuidense unos a otros y hagamos que este verano sea seguro para todos! Estamos disponibles las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana; simplemente llámenos si nos necesita. Emergencias: 301-725-3000. No emergencias: 301-498-0092.

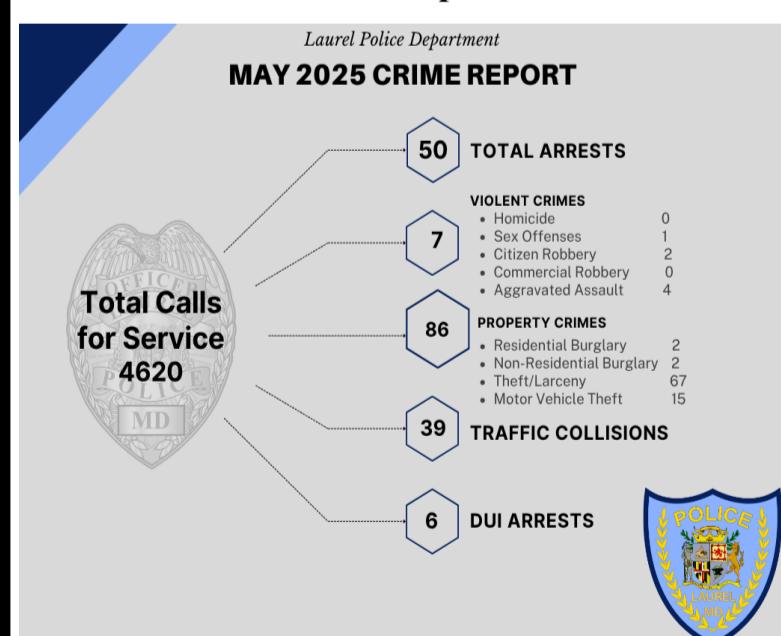
Los robos de autos suelen ser delitos oportunistas. Los ladrones buscan blancos fáciles; no deje que su vehículo sea uno de ellos. ¡Al cuidarnos unos a otros, ayudamos a mantener nuestra comunidad segura! Pequeñas acciones como reportar inquietudes, mantenerse alerta y cuidar a los vecinos pueden marcar una gran diferencia. Mantengámonos alerta y trabajemos juntos para un verano más seguro.

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## LAUREL POLICE MONTHLY CRIME REPORT

### MAY 2025

List of Laurel Police Crime Reports can be found at [www.cityoflaurel.org/1896/LPD-Crime-Reports](https://www.cityoflaurel.org/1896/LPD-Crime-Reports).



# Laurel Council Connections

## Contact the Council:

If you have questions or concerns, contact your Council member from the list below:

<b>Council President</b> Kyla Clark (Ward 2) kclark@laurel.md.us	<b>Ward 1 Council members</b> James Kole jkole@laurel.md.us Adrian Simmons asimmons@laurel.md.us
<b>Ward 2 Council member</b> Jeffrey Mills jmills@laurel.md.us	<b>At Large Council member</b> Christine Johnson cjohnson@laurel.md.us

Or call the City Council Office at 301-725-5300 ext. 2120.

**CONTACT US**



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

### July 2025 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ♦ July 14th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- ♦ July 28th - Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

### July 2025 Boards and Commissions

- ♦ July 15th - Planning Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ July 22nd - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ July 24th - Board of Appeals (6:00pm)
- ♦ July 29th - Master Plan Committee (6:00pm)

### August 2025 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ♦ All Mayor and City Council Meetings will CANCELLED for the month of August.

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

- ♦ City Council Election Candidate Packets available by appointment July 7 - 25, 2025. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 301-725-5300 ext. 2120, or email [elections@laurel.md.us](mailto:elections@laurel.md.us), to schedule an appointment.
- ♦ **Music at the Mansion - July 11, 2025** - 6pm at Gude Mansion, 13910 Laurel Lakes Avenue. Enjoy an evening of fun filled with music! 21 and over only.
- ♦ **Free Friday Movies** - Begins at DUSK at Gude Park Stage - Bring the family, a blanket and picnic and enjoy:
  - July 11th - "Moana 2"
  - July 18th - "The Wild Robot"
  - July 25th - "The Garfield Movie"
  - August 1st - "The Mitchells vs. The Machines"
- ♦ **Safe Summer Nights Returns! July 12th - August 16th** - Saturday nights, 6 - 10pm. Details at [www.cityoflaurel.org/1926/Safe-Summer-Nights-Program](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/1926/Safe-Summer-Nights-Program).
- ♦ **Touch-A-Truck - July 22, 2025** - Emancipation Park on 8th Street from 6:30 - 8:00pm. A variety of BIG vehicles will be on hand to tour.
- ♦ **National Night Out - August 5, 2025** - 6 - 9pm at Granville Gude Park. Join the Laurel Police Department and Community Organizations for a night of family fun!
- ♦ **Free Outdoor Concert - August 8, 2025** - 7pm at Gude Park Stage - Enjoy an evening of live outdoor music! Featuring "Spanglish American Band"
- ♦ **August 9, 2025 - Crab Sale** - Laurel 4th of July and Pride Committees have partnered to bring back the Crab Sale once hosted by the Lions Club! Visit their Facebook pages - [@laurel4thofjulycelebration](https://www.facebook.com/laurel4thofjulycelebration) or [@cityoflaurelpriideday](https://www.facebook.com/cityoflaurelpriideday) for details!

**SAFE Summer NIGHTS**

Together, we can make this summer safe, fun, and empowering for Laurel's youth.

**SATURDAYS**

July 12 - August 16, 2025

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Anderson-Murphy Community Center  
422 Montgomery Street, Laurel, MD 20707

**YOUTH AGES 13-17**

**YOUTH CAN PRE-REGISTER ONLINE HERE**

The City of Laurel is excited to launch the 2025 Safe Summer Night Program, providing a safe, engaging, and educational environment for our youth every Saturday night from July 12 to August 16, 2025.

If your organization is interested in hosting a Safe Summer Night or would like to assist in any way, please contact:

**laurelmayor@laurel.md.us**  
(301) 725-5300 Ext 2124

**Program Schedule & Committed Organizations**

July 12 AramideGives  
Dress for Success, Mental Health Awareness, & Social Media

July 19 Tau Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

August 2 T.E.C.T.R.I.S.T.  
(Teach Each Child That's Really In Some Trouble)  
Mindset Development

August 16 R&R Advisory Group  
Tailored Management Strategies Through Sports

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

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