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WORKING FOR YOU:

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE CITY OF LAUREL DEPARTMENTS

The City of Laurel is excited to share some of the many accomplishments we have achieved since the previous year's report. These accomplishments illustrate the City's hard work over this past year to support the City's priorities while continuing to address the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as maintaining the necessary services the community counts on. To that end, below are just a few of the accomplishments each of our Departments brought to you in 2022 and we look forward to even furthering these accomplishments and more in 2023!

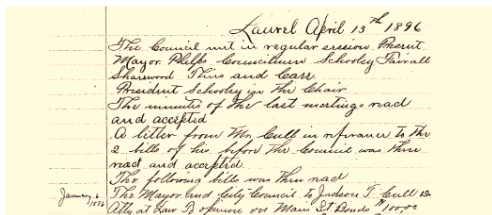


MAYOR'S OFFICE

- ◆ For the 16th straight year, the City of Laurel was named a Banner City by the Maryland Municipal League. Mayor Moe's key initiatives that helped earn this designation include City Hall in the Park and the My Time with the Mayor programs.
- ◆ The City of Laurel had its first annual Juneteenth Community Celebration and its first Pride Day Celebration.

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

- ◆ Researched, purchased and implemented new meeting agenda and minute management software program.
- ◆ Continued the preservation of historical City documents with the original minutes of the Mayor and City Council meetings beginning in 1890.



OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- ◆ City received \$1 million in matching bond funding from Maryland Department of General Services for the restoration of the Dam Ruins at Riverfront Park.
- ◆ City received \$2.5 million in non-matching bond funding from Maryland Department of General Services for the Engineering, Architecture and Construction of the Laurel Multi-Service Center.
- ◆ Held the first Laurel Citizens University. An 8-week course to help residents learn more about their local government. Well received by the 17 attendees.

BUDGET AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

- ◆ Implementation of new finance, budget, HR and payroll software. Though it is a product of the same company, Tyler Technologies, it was a complete platform change, which required setup, testing, training of and by BAPS team members.
- ◆ Implemented Civic HR, an online application and hiring system. This software takes the vacancy process from the Department's request to fill a vacancy to application to recommendation to hire.



LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ◆ Increased its community engagement efforts by participating in/hosting activities within the community and working in partnership with a variety of groups through the City. LPD reinstated its Cops Camp; held a Citizens Academy and graduated 11 attendees; assisted at the numerous community events; held our annual National Night Out; participated in food drives and coat giveaways; and held Coffee with a Cop events, just to name a few.
- ◆ With an uptick in violence in 2022, Officers within the Laurel Police Department have remained diligent in their commitment to helping maintain community safety. Year to date, our officers have made 42 gun-related arrests and taken 74 illegal guns off of our streets.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Created emergency action plans for City facilities and conducted training with all staff on the plans, as well as conducted multiple training drills and exercises to enhance the City's emergency response.
- ◆ Successfully managed ARPA funding to fund projects such rental/food/utility assistance, McCullough Field Universally Accessible Playground, Laurel Library Digital Equity Program, and support to local businesses.



2022 DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED...

PUBLIC WORKS

- ◆ Implementation of the One and Done Program.
- ◆ Conducted a comprehensive Citywide Traffic and Safety Study to establish strategic street and roadway priorities to assist in determining the need for, and types of additional traffic control devices (TCD) to optimize traffic flow and improve operations and safety along City-maintained streets.

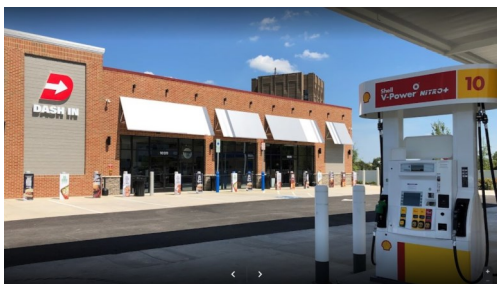


PARKS AND RECREATION

- ◆ Completed a major renovation and expansion to Discovery Park, which updated the facility to be more of an inclusive destination with new surfacing, fencing, new parking area, inclusive equipment, solar charging bench and waterless bathroom facility.
- ◆ Successfully relocated its administrative offices to the Gude Mansion, located at 13910 Laurel Lakes Avenue, and serves as a new rental facility.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Won two International Telly Awards for Take the Shot Laurel PSA and for a local bike racing phenom story. Also won two Communicator Awards from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts for the COVID-19: One Year Later: The City of Laurel's Survival Story and for Take the Shot Laurel PSA.
- ◆ Leased state of the art LIVE television broadcasting equipment and provided LIVE coverage of the One and Done Press Conference, Main Street Festival Parade and City of Laurel Armory Illumination, just to name a few.

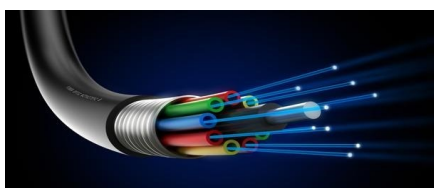


FIRE MARSHAL AND PERMIT SERVICES

- ◆ New residential housing developments in Laurel still in progress. Have conducted many building, electrical, fire suppression close in, and final building inspections at: Patuxent Greens, Overlook and Westside.
- ◆ Inspections performed, as well as issued Use and Occupancy Permits for commercial establishments that opened in 2022: Mezah Grill, Cheesesteak Charlies, Navy Federal Bank, Five Below Expansion and Tesla Charging Station and Dash-In Shell Station.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ ECD completed the Unified Land Development Code Update with Phase 5 and Phase 6 in 2022. The Update took 3 years overall, six phases, and covered over 150 sections.
- ◆ Through the ECD ARPA Grant Programs, the Main Street Façade Grant, the Main Street Relocation Grant, and the Main Street Micro Grant, we were able to allocate funds of over \$900,000 to local commercial and residential properties in 2022.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ Expanded the City's fiber network to service the Laurel Museum, Greenview Pool, and upcoming 204 Ft Meade Rd Multiservice Center.
- ◆ Spearheaded development of a new City web site to be launched January 2023.

GREEN LIVING

- ◆ Received Bee City certification.
- ◆ First Sustainable Saturday event held in September 2022 and first Blink EV charging station opened up at free City parking lot.
- ◆ Obtained a grant from The Recycling Partnership to support the City's transition to One and Done Public Works collections.



**As we move into the New Year, here's to working together
for a brighter, stronger 2023!**

Laurel Council Connections

Legislation

Listed below are recent legislative actions taken, if any, by the Laurel City Council during the past month of Mayor and City Council meetings. For further information on any of these legislative 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.

Adopted Legislation:


- ◆ There was no legislation passed.

Bid Recommendations:

- ◆ Bid Recommendation - Replacement of the City's Greenview Drive asphalt path - Department of Parks and Recreation - \$58,500
- ◆ Bid Recommendation - Laurel Multi-service Center Phase I Renovations – Department of Parks and Recreation- \$4,159,575

Appointments:

- ◆ E. Michael Greene - Reappointment to the Board of Trustees for the City of Laurel Retirement Plans



The City of Laurel
Board of Election Supervisors
Seeking Election Judges for 2023



What is an election judge?
Election judges work as a team to ensure a fair and accessible election. Election judges are trained before election day. They report about one hour before the polls open and serve until all duties are completed after the polls close.

Why should you be an election judge?
* You get paid compensation
* You help voters
* You are involved in the election process


Who can be an election judge?
Under Maryland law, you can serve as an election judge if you are:

- * Age 16 or older
- * Are a registered voter in the City of Laurel
- * Physically and mentally able to work at least a 15-hour day
- * Willing to work outside your home precinct
- * Able to sit and/or stand for an extended period
- * Can speak, read, and write English.


To become an election judge, please submit your resume to the Clerk to the Board of Elections at krau@laurel.md.us.



City of Laurel General Elections - November 7, 2023



CITY OF LAUREL
GENERAL
ELECTION DAY
NOV 7TH 7AM 8PM
WWW.CITYOFLAUREL.ORG/CLERK/ELECTIONS-AND-VOTER-REGISTRATION



COUNCIL OFFICE



301-725-5300 ext. 2121



clerk@laurel.md.us

Government Meetings

(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

January 2023 Government Meetings

- ◆ January 17th - Historic District Commission (6:00p)
- ◆ January 23rd - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- ◆ January 26th - Board of Appeals (6:00pm)

February 2023 Government Meetings

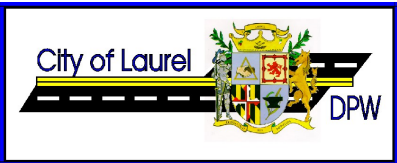
- ◆ February 1st - Virtual Mayor and City Council Work Session (6:00pm)
- ◆ February 13th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- ◆ February 14th - Planning Commission (6:00p)
- ◆ February 21st - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- ◆ February 23rd - Board of Appeals (6:00pm)
- ◆ February 27th - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00p)

City Announcements & Events

(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

- ◆ **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - January 16, 2023**
 - ◆ City/Passport Offices Closed. Visit cityoflaurel.org/calendars for adjusted collection details.
- ◆ **FREE Indoor Movie - “Rise of the Minions” - January 20th at 7:00pm** at Partnership Activity Center, 811 5th Street.
- ◆ **Teen Trip to UMD Women’s Basketball Game - January 26th at 4:00pm.** Visit <https://www.cityoflaurel.org/parks/teen-adult-family-excursions> to register or call 301-725-7800.
- ◆ **Senior Services International Spy Museum Trip - February 2nd at 10:00am.** Visit cityoflaurel.org/senor-services for costs/to sign up or call 301-776-6168.
- ◆ **Teen Trip to Columbia Ice Skating Rink - February 3rd at 8:15pm.** Visit cityoflaurel.org/parks to sign up or call 301-725-7800.
- ◆ **My Time with the Mayor - February 13th from 4:00 - 6:00pm at the Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy spring Road.** Mayor Moe looks forward to this opportunity to meet with residents to hear about any issues happening in their neighborhood.
- ◆ **FREE Indoor Movie - “The Princess and the Frog” - February 17th at 7:00pm** at Partnership Activity Center, 811 5th Street.
- ◆ **Presidents’ Day Holiday - February 20, 2023**
 - ◆ City/Passport Offices Closed. Visit cityoflaurel.org/calendars for adjusted collection details.
- ◆ **To learn more or register for a Parks and Recreation League,** visit www.cityoflaurel.org/parks/adult-sports-activities or call 301-725-7800.

Public Works Monthly Glance



January							February						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Christmas tree collection every Wednesday in January. Residents should contact DPW to schedule the pickup to ensure their trees are not missed.</div>										1 <div>Groundhog Day</div>	2	3	4
1 <div>New Year's Holiday</div>	2 <div>Trash/Recycling/Compost Moved to Tuesday</div>	3 <div>Trash/Recycling/Compost Moved to Wednesday</div>	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	8 <div></div>	9	10	11
8	9	10	11 <div></div>	12	13	14	12 <div>My Time with the Mayor 4-6pm Laurel Municipal Center</div>	13	14	15 <div></div>	16	17	18
15 <div>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</div>	16 <div>Trash/Recycling/Compost Moved to Tuesday</div>	17 <div>Trash/Recycling/Compost Moved to Wednesday</div>	18	19	20	21	19 <div>Presidents' Day</div>	20 <div>Trash/Recycling/Compost Moved to Tuesday</div>	21 <div>Trash/Recycling/Compost Moved to Wednesday</div>	22	23	24	25
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28	<div>REMINDER: If you would like to schedule a Special Pickup, remember to email Public Works at DPW@laurel.md.us the Monday before the Wednesday Pickup to get on the schedule.</div>			
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PUBLIC WORKS 301-725-0088 DPW@laurel.md.us

Laurel Office of Emergency Management: Staying Safe During Cold Weather



Know the difference between Frostbite and Hypothermia!

Frostbite can lead to a loss of feeling/color in the areas it affects, usually extremities such as the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, and toes and can permanently damage the body. Severe cases can lead to amputation. If you see: white or grayish-yellow skin area, skin that feels firm or waxy, and/or have numbness, take immediate action! If a person shows signs of frostbite, but no signs of hypothermia, and immediate medical care is not available, get the person into a warm room as soon as possible (DO NOT walk on feet or toes that show sign of frostbite if able). DO NOT rub the frostbitten or massage the area. This can cause more damage. Put the extremities affected in warm, not hot, water (the temperature should be comfortable to the touch) or warm the affected area using body heat. DO NOT use a heating pad, heat lamp, or the heat of a stove, fireplace, or radiator for warming. Affected areas are numb and can easily burn.

Hypothermia, a more serious cold-weather illness, is caused by prolonged exposures to very cold temperatures. When exposed, your body begins to lose heat faster than it's produced. Lengthy exposures will eventually use up your body's stored energy, which leads to lower body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia especially dangerous, because a person may not know that it's happening. The symptoms of hypothermia are shivering, exhaustion, confusion and/or memory loss and slurred speech in adults. For infants, symptoms are bright red, cold skin and low energy.

Take the person's temperature. If it is below 95° F, get medical attention immediately! If you are not able to get medical help right away, warm the person up by getting them into a warm room/shelter, remove any wet clothing the person is wearing, and warm the center of the person's body ie; head to groin area, using an electric blanket, if available, or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets. After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrap their body, including their head and neck, in a warm blanket. Make sure they are checked by a health care provider ASAP! For more tips, follow us on our social sites @LaurelCityOEM or visit the City's website at cityoflaurel.org.

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