



# THE City of Laurel Ledger

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## LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY AND HOLIDAY SAFETY

The Laurel Police Department (LPD) consistently seeks innovative and traditional methods to build public trust through strategic planning. Our Community Policing initiative collaborates closely with residents to maintain safety in our City. Here are some ways YOU, as a community member, can partner with the police to help keep Laurel safe.



LPD is pleased to announce their new Personal and Business Security Camera Registry. This fast and easy registry helps to keep everyone in our community safer.

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They are asking residents of the City of Laurel to share the location of your security cameras, but by no means does sharing the location of your cameras grant the Laurel Police Department access to your cameras.

You will incur no additional cost to share the location of your cameras with the LPD and they will **never** share the information you provide with anyone else.

How will this information be used? If a crime occurs in the vicinity of a camera location in the registry, LPD will contact them to request a viewing of their security camera footage. Working together as one, united Laurel community to ensure the safety of everyone one camera at a time!

To register your camera, visit <https://www.cityoflaurel.org/lpdcameraregistry>.

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Criminals look for unattended packages on doorsteps and apartment mailboxes. With online shopping at an all time high, it is even more important to protect your packages and deliveries. These simple tips will help ensure your items get into your hands and not someone else's.

As the holiday's approach, you will be doing more online shopping and expecting many more package deliveries to your homes. Criminals are on the hunt at this time of year to look for unattended packages on doorsteps and at apartment mailboxes:

- Set text/email alerts for when they are delivered.
- Set up delivery for when you are home.
- Require a signature for delivery.
- Use curb-side pickup if possible.
- Use Amazon lockers.
- Have a trusted person accept for you.

Check out the online shopping tips under Emergency Management to ensure your online accounts stay safe this season!

### Vehicular Crimes

Carjackings and car thefts are on the rise nationwide and the City of Laurel is not immune from this crime. Help to make yourself a tougher target by following the following safety tips:

- Always be vigilante of your surroundings
- Look around before exiting your vehicle
- Remove headphones to hear around you

- Park in well lit areas.
- Keep windows up and doors locked when driving.
- Never leave car running unattended.
- Make it a habit to lock your doors as soon as you enter your vehicle.
- Remain vigilante when parking in or near your driveway.
- Look for suspicious people loitering in the area or sitting in parked vehicles.

Call LPD immediately if you are the victim of a crime. If you see any suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, call us as soon as you see it so that we can respond and hopefully stop the crime as it is happening. If you see something, say something! The Laurel Police Non-Emergency number is 301-498-0092 and their Emergency Number is 301-725-3000.



### HISTORIC LAUREL DAM TO GET A FACELIFT!

The City of Laurel takes its history very seriously and on October 8th, we took one step closer to ensuring the restoration of a historical local site. Thank you to Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, and Congressman Glenn Ivey, who presented a grant check for \$850,000 to be used to restore the historic Dam Ruins at Riverfront Park!

Information from the historic marker at that site says, in 1811, Nicholas Snowden established a grist mill at the riverfront location, harnessing water from the Patuxent River to power it. By 1824, the facility was transformed into a cotton mill. In 1836, Snowden's son-in-law, Horace Capron, expanded the mill to manufacture canvas duck for sails of Baltimore clipper ships and covers for Conestoga wagons. The mill suffered a fire in 1855, but was rebuilt the following year, equipped with automatic sprinklers. By the late 19th century, it became the largest employer in Laurel. Today, remnants of the mill, dam, and millrace can be observed along the Riverfront Park Trail.



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# It's Easy Being Green!

## GREEN HAPPENINGS IN LAUREL!



**Composting** is the number one way residents can reduce methane gas emissions at our landfills, reduce the cost of tipping fees and reduce trash overflow. If you want to know more about the Organics Recycling program, be sure to check out the NEW and improved website! The updated website highlights the City's curbside program, when residents can expect to see their cart arrive, new educational information, videos from our recent trip to the County's composting facility and a dashboard highlighting our success in reducing methane gas emissions at the landfill!

**Organics Recycling (Composting): Take It for a Test Drive!!!** Public Works crews will continue to deliver composting carts to select neighborhoods throughout the City. Residents can expect to receive a kitchen countertop container; educational information; a refrigerator magnet and a roll of compostable bags along with the locking outdoor cart. The information provided makes it easy for

residents to sort out what can go into their compost carts...It's That Easy! All foods, even expired products, paper napkins/paper towels, and 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.

We want to improve the program and get feedback from residents on what they would like to see! Send an e-mail to [greenliving@laurel.md.us](mailto:greenliving@laurel.md.us).

### Compost Your Pumpkins!

Remember to remove all wax and candles before putting your pumpkins in your curbside cart.

### Goodbye to the Laurel Farmer's Market!

Our Farmer's Market last day of the season was October 31st. We had a wonderful season and we hope you enjoyed our returning vendors and loved meeting our new additions. Be sure to check out our Facebook page: [@thelaurelquillot](https://www.facebook.com/thelaurelquillot), and our City web site at [www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market) for updates about next year's market. Thank you for supporting our local vendors!

### Sustainable Laurel

Want to get the most recent information about the City's sustainability initiatives. Follow us on Facebook at [@SustainableLaurel](https://www.facebook.com/@SustainableLaurel). This is a place where we can share ideas, highlight upcoming events and residents can stay informed on all things Sustainable. Also check out the new look of the Green Living website at [www.cityoflaurel.org/greenliving](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/greenliving)!

## CONSEJOS DE SEGURIDAD PARA LA COMUNIDAD Y DÍAS FESTIVOS DEL LPD



El Departamento de Policía de Laurel (LPD) busca constantemente métodos innovadores y tradicionales para generar confianza pública a través de una planificación estratégica. Nuestra

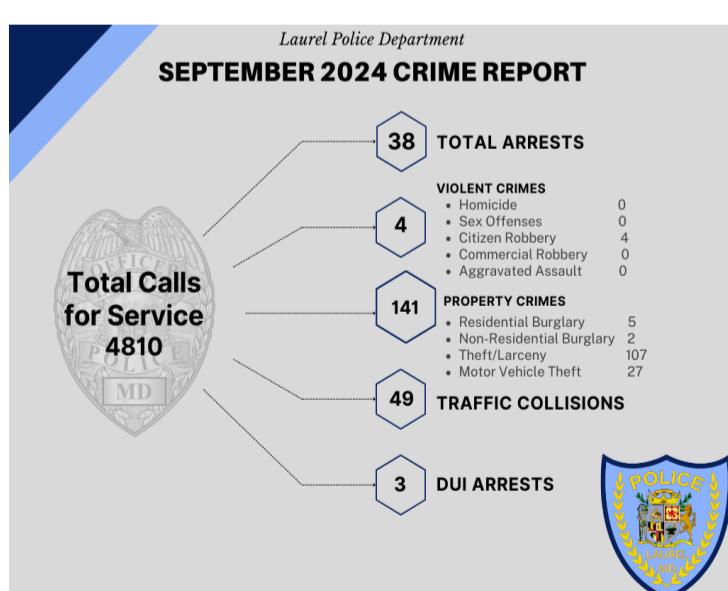
iniciativa de Policía Comunitaria colabora estrechamente con los residentes para mantener la seguridad en nuestra ciudad. A continuación, se muestran algunas formas en las que USTED, como miembro de la comunidad, puede asociarse con la policía para ayudar a mantener segura a Laurel.

Desde su nueva iniciativa, Registro de cámaras de seguridad personales y comerciales, que el LPD utilizará solo cuando se haya producido un delito en las inmediaciones de una cámara, hasta consejos para prevenir robos de paquetes, robos de automóviles y robos de vehículos, ¡la policía de Laurel siempre está trabajando para mantener seguros a los ciudadanos y visitantes de Laurel! Si nota algún comportamiento sospechoso, llame al Departamento de Policía de Laurel de inmediato a su número de emergencia, 301-725-3000. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a su número que no es de emergencia al 301-498-0092.

## LAUREL POLICE MONTHLY CRIME REPORT

### SEPTEMBER 2024

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



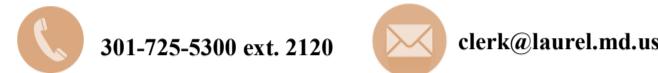
# Laurel Council Connections

## 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 x2120** or at [clerk@laurel.md.us](mailto:clerk@laurel.md.us). For the full agendas, visit [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org).



COUNCIL OFFICE



### Adopted Legislation:

- **Ordinance No. 2030** - to add a New Section 16-13 to the Laurel City Code, Chapter 16 "Taxation", Article I "In General" Section 13 "Public School Employee Tax Credit Program: and to Provide an Effective Date.
- **Ordinance No. 2031** - to amend the General Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and to Provide an Effective Date.
- **Ordinance No. 2032** - to Amend Chapter 2 "Administration", Article I Entitled "In General", Section 2-3 Entitled "City Seal, City Department Seals and Logos, and Official City Branding Logos", of the Laurel City Code to Change the Section Title to "City Seal, City Department Seals and Logos, Official City Board, Commission, and Committee Logos, and Official City Branding Logos," and Require Written Permission of the Mayor to Use the City Seal, or City Department Seals and Logos, Official City Board, Commission and Committee Logos, and Official City Branding Logos for Non-City Related Use, in Accordance with the City's Policy on the Use of City Seals and Logos and Providing an Effective Date.

### Bid Recommendations:

- No Bid Recommendations

### Purchase Requisitions:

- No Purchase Requisitions

### Appointments/Reappointments:

- Bill Wellford, Chairman - Board of Election Supervisors (10/16/24 - 10/16/28).
- Kenneth Ford - Emergency Services Commission (10/16/24 - 10/16/29)
- Tawana LaMar - Juneteenth Executive Committee
- Kia Young - Juneteenth Executive Committee
- Hon. Donna Crary - Community Redevelopment Authority (10/28/24 - 10/28/27)
- William Chase - Juneteenth Executive Committee

## The Mansion at Laurel

If you have a holiday party, bridal shower, wedding or company retreat, and you are looking for the perfect venue, call 301-725-7800 and ask about the **Mansion at Laurel**!



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

### November 2024 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ◆ November 25th - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6pm)

### November 2024 Boards and Commissions

- ◆ November 12th - Virtual Historic District Commission (6pm)
- ◆ November 19th - Planning Commission (CANCELLED)
- ◆ November 28th - Board of Appeals (CANCELLED)

### December 2024 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ◆ December 4th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Work Session (6pm)
- ◆ December 9th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6pm)
- ◆ December 23rd - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (CANCELLED)

### December 2024 Boards and Commissions

- ◆ December 10th - Planning Commission (6pm)
- ◆ December 17th - Historic District Commission (6pm)
- ◆ December 19th - Board of Appeals (6pm)

## City Announcements & Events

### (Dates and Times Subject to Change)

- ◆ **Fall Leaf Vacuuming** Visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/169/Public-Works](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/169/Public-Works) for more details. To schedule yard debris pickup, please email [DPW@laurel.md.us](mailto:DPW@laurel.md.us) or call 301-725-0088.
- ◆ **Veterans' Day - November 11th - City/Passport Offices Closed.** Trash/Recycling/Composting Collections will be adjusted that week. Visit, [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org) for details.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Holiday - November 28th and 29th - City/Passport Offices Closed.** Trash/Recycling/Composting Collections will be adjusted that week. Visit, [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org) for details.
- ◆ **Breakfast with Santa - December 7th - 9am** - Preregistration is required. Cost is \$15. Visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/parks](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/parks).
- ◆ **Holiday Parade and Armory Illumination - December 7th** - Parade kicks off from the Laurel Municipal Center at 3:45pm. Email [gwade@laurel.md.us](mailto:gwade@laurel.md.us) if you would like to participate in the parade. Armory Illumination at 5:15pm.
- ◆ **Teen and Adult Trips** - If you have a teen between the ages of 13 and 18 or are an adult over 18 years of age, check out the Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure! Visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/159/Parks-and-Recreation](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/159/Parks-and-Recreation) for details!
- ◆ **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.



### To learn more about:

- Senior Social at the Cabana - Nov. 13th
- Preschool Registration - Ongoing
- Rental - The Mansion at Laurel
- And more!

Check out their seasonal brochure on the City's web site at [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org).

# Public Works Monthly Glance



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**PUBLIC WORKS**



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## Community Resources and Emergency Management: Online Holiday Shopping Safety!



As the Holiday Season begins, many of us will be shopping online to purchase gifts for our loved ones, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Unfortunately, the ease and convenience of online shopping makes the holiday season the perfect time for cybercriminals to take advantage of unsuspecting online shoppers. Three common ways that attackers take advantage of online shoppers are creating fraudulent sites and email messages, intercepting insecure transactions and targeting vulnerable computers

Fortunately, many cyber-threats are avoidable. When shopping online during the holiday season and year-round, here are some tips to ensure your accounts stay safe:

- Use the sites of retailers you know and trust. Type their trusted URL into the address bar instead of clicking on a link.
- Always think twice before clicking on links or opening attachments, even if they appear to be from people you know, legitimate organizations, your favorite retailers, or even your bank. Messages can easily be faked. Use known, trusted URLs instead of clicking on links. And only open known, expected attachments. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Before searching for that perfect gift, make sure your device, apps, and anti-virus/anti-malware software are up to date.
- Protect your passwords. Make them long and strong, never reveal them to anyone, and use multi-factor authentication (MFA, also called two-factor or 2-step authentication) whenever possible.
- Look for <https://> (not [http](http://)) in the address bar before using your credit card online.
- Check your credit card and bank statements regularly. If there is a discrepancy, report it immediately.

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

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