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HUMAN SERVICES: COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY!

In the heart of Laurel, a crucial resource stands as a testament to the community's commitment to its most vulnerable residents. The City of Laurel Multiservice Center (LMSC), a hub of essential services and support, provides a wide array of free programs and services designed to help individuals experiencing homelessness regain stability and hope. This vital facility, a partnership between the City and various non-profit organizations, is dedicated to offering immediate relief and a pathway to long-term self-sufficiency.

At the core of the Center's mission is its Day Center, which serves as a sanctuary where individuals can access basic human necessities in a safe and welcoming environment. The Day Center provides critical resources that many take for granted, including clean clothing, hygiene supplies, and access to showers and laundry facilities. This focus on basic human dignity is the first step toward building a foundation for recovery.

One of the most immediate and impactful services offered is the provision of daily hot meals. From Monday through Friday, LMSC Partner, Fish of Laurel, serves dinner at the Center, ensuring that no one in need goes hungry. This simple yet profound service provides not only nourishment but also a sense of community and routine.

Beyond these immediate needs, the Laurel Multiservice Center is a gateway to free basic medical and mental health services, recognizing that a person's well-being is holistic and requires attention to both physical and psychological needs. By providing on-site or easily accessible health care, the Center removes significant barriers that often prevent individuals from seeking the help they need. The Center also acts as a crucial referral point, connecting clients with other essential community resources to address their unique challenges.

The Center's strength lies in its collaborative spirit. Through robust partnerships with various community organizations, dedicated volunteers, and talented and compassionate staff, it extends



Volunteer Sheila Blue serving in the LMSC Kitchen.



LMSC Staff and Five of Our Partners.



Standard Transitional Housing Participant Room.

its reach far beyond its own walls, offering a more extensive network of support. These collaborations enable the Center to provide a diverse range of specialized services, including:

- **Financial Literacy Programs:** Equipping individuals with the knowledge and skills to manage their finances, a critical step toward economic independence.
- **Transitional Housing:** Providing safe, temporary living arrangements that bridge the gap between homelessness and stable, permanent housing.
- **Winter Shelter:** Offering a warm, secure place to stay during the harsh winter months, protecting adult men and women from the elements.
- **Workforce Assistance:** Aiding with job readiness, resume building, and employment searches to help participants secure stable income.
- **Literacy and Life Skills Training:** Empowering individuals through education, helping them develop essential skills for navigating daily life and improving their future prospects, such as including English (ESL) classes, and group and individual financial counseling.

The City of Laurel Multiservice Center is more than just a place to find a meal or a shower; it is a center for transformation. By addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing a comprehensive suite of resources, it works to empower individuals to break the cycle of instability.

Please join us on **September 10th, from Noon - 3:00pm** at **LMSC, 204 Fort Meade Road**, and help us celebrate our **One Year Anniversary** - the equivalent of thousands of meals, hundreds of clothes donations and lots of loads of laundry. We'll kick off Year Two with food, music and lots of fun...and remember, the Center's continued operation is a vital part of the social safety net in the Laurel area, offering hope, dignity, and a path forward for those who need it most for years to come.

LAUREL CITIZENS UNIVERSITY RETURNS THIS FALL!



Are you a resident or business owner within the City limits of Laurel and over 18 years of age? Would you like to gain a better understanding of how your local government functions? The City of Laurel is excited to open its registration for the 2025 Fall Laurel Citizens University, which offers insight into the purpose, process, and structure of your local government and engage with staff to learn about finances, operations, projects, and services. The first session will begin on October 2nd and will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30pm into November. Registration is limited to 20 participants, with selection made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sessions are free and include all course materials, a graduation ceremony, a class photo and a diploma upon completion. Scan the QR Code for more information and to register!



It's Easy Being Green!

RAIN BARREL INITIATIVE

Now you can tap into the Power of Rain, thanks to a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust! Though this grant, the City of Laurel's Sustainability Division has purchased rain barrels that are free to City residents for use in their yards:

- Sign up to receive a FREE rain barrel and start collecting rainwater for your garden, lawn, or other outdoor use.
- Easy to install – volunteers will be on hand for installations.
- Eco-friendly.
- FOR CITY OF LAUREL RESIDENTS ONLY.
- ONE RAIN BARREL PER HOUSEHOLD.
- There is a limited number of Rain Barrels to giveaway, so sign up today at www.cityoflaurel.org/1962/Rain-Barrel-Initiative or scan the QR Code!



FARMER'S MARKET: You still have about a month to visit our **Farmer's Market!** We have added new vendors and welcomed back many favorites. Come out and visit our wonderful vendors, pick up some tasty food and relax and listen to music in the shade. We are very excited to accept SNAP/EBT benefits and are now participating in 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 - 7pm, now through October 16th. Be sure to check out our Facebook page, [@LaurelMarketOnMain](https://www.facebook.com/LaurelMarketOnMain) and our City website at [https://www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/1617/Laurel-Farmers-Market).

MOSQUITOES: This is the last month for mosquito spraying. The Maryland Department of Agriculture will spray on Sunday evenings in Laurel as necessary. If you find that you are experiencing a large mosquito population around your home or if you would like your property to be exempt from the program, visit <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito-control.aspx> for more details. For more ecofriendly, proactive ideas like Tip It or Toss It to reduce the mosquito population, visit the Green Living page at <https://md-laurel.civicplus.com/1598/Informational-Videos> and while you're there, watch the MDA's video on the lifecycle of the mosquito.

We are here to help! Questions about organics recycling? Recycling right? Check out the Green Living Resource Page on our web site at www.cityoflaurel.org/greenliving and follow us on Facebook [@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.



SERVICIOS HUMANOS: COMPRMISO CON LA COMMUNIDAD

En el corazón de Laurel, un recurso crucial se erige como un testimonio del compromiso de la comunidad con sus residentes más vulnerables. El Centro Multiservicio de la Ciudad de Laurel (LMSC), un centro de servicios esenciales y apoyo, ofrece una amplia gama de programas y servicios gratuitos diseñados para ayudar a las personas sin hogar a recuperar la estabilidad y la esperanza. Esta instalación vital, una colaboración entre la Ciudad y diversas organizaciones sin fines de lucro, está dedicada a ofrecer alivio inmediato y un camino hacia la autosuficiencia a largo plazo.

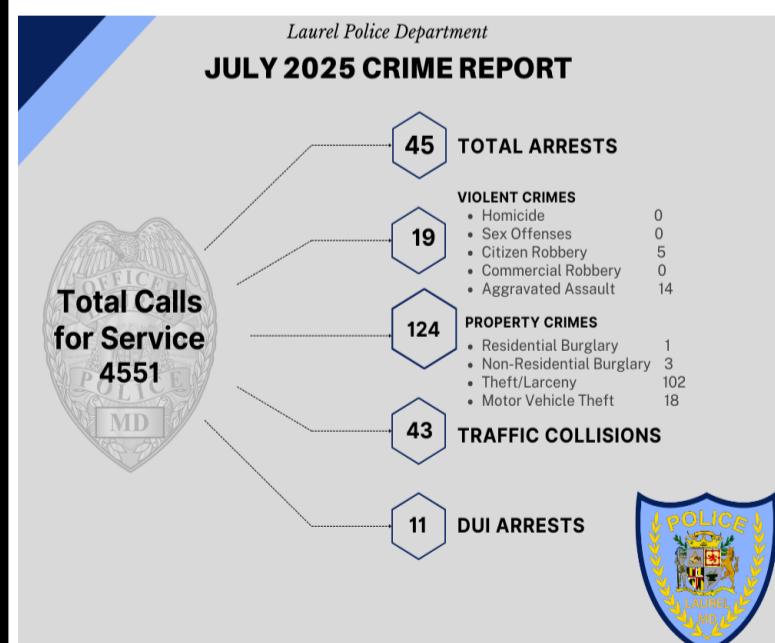


El Centro Multiservicio de la Ciudad de Laurel es más que solo un lugar para encontrar una comida o una ducha; es un centro de transformación. Al abordar las causas fundamentales de la falta de vivienda y proporcionar un conjunto completo de recursos, trabaja para empoderar a las personas a romper el ciclo de la inestabilidad. El modelo de atención integrada del centro, que combina necesidades básicas, servicios de salud y apoyo educativo y vocacional, sirve como un poderoso ejemplo de cómo una comunidad puede unirse para apoyar a sus miembros más vulnerables. Su continua operación es una parte vital de la red de seguridad social en el área de Laurel, ofreciendo esperanza, dignidad y un camino hacia adelante para aquellos que más lo necesitan.

LAUREL POLICE MONTHLY CRIME REPORT

JULY 2025

List of Laurel Police Crime Reports can be found at www.cityoflaurel.org/1896/LPD-Crime-Reports.



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 full agendas, visit www.cityoflaurel.org.

Adopted Legislation:

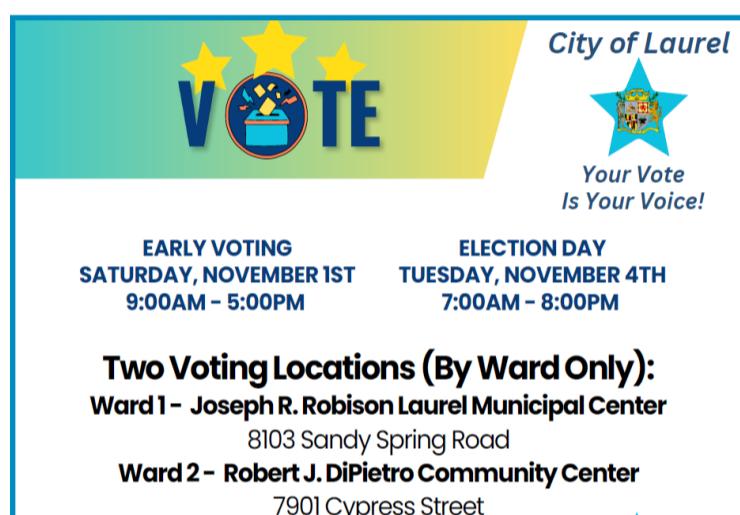
- No Legislation in August. Mayor and City Council on Summer Hiatus.

Bid Recommendations:

- No Bid Recommendations in August.

Appointments/Reappointments:

- No Appointments/Reappointments in August..



City of Laurel Elections will be held this year for the five (5) Council seats. **You MUST vote within the Ward you live in!**

Register to vote at the State Board of Elections at www.elections.state.md.us or the Prince George's County Board of Elections at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov. Deadline is October 10th. Details below:

- **Mail In:** October 20th - November 4th. Request your Mail-In Ballot by October 20th and make sure your applications are received by the Board of Election Supervisors by October 28th at Noon.
- **Drop Box Ballots:** October 20th - November 4th. Drop completed mail-in ballots at secure drop box locations by November 4th at 8pm:
 - ◊ **Ward 1** - Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Road
 - ◊ **Ward 2** - DiPietro Community Center, 7901 Cypress Street
- **Early Voting:** November 1st, 9am - 5pm; **Ward 1** at 8103 Sandy Spring Road; **Ward 2** at 7901 Cypress Street.
- **Election Day: (In-Person):** November 4th, 7am - 8pm; **Ward 1** at 8103 Sandy Spring Road; **Ward 2** at 7901 Cypress Street.

Questions? Visit bit.ly/LaurelCityElections2025.

Contact the Council:

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

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

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

Government Meetings (Dates and Times Subject to Change)

September 2025 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- **September 3rd** - Virtual Work Session (6:00pm)
- **September 8th** - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- **September 22nd** - Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

September 2025 Boards and Commissions

- **September 9th** - In-Person Planning Commission (6:00pm)
- **September 16th** - In-Person Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- **September 25th** - In-Person Board of Appeals (6:00pm)
- **September 30th** - In-Person Master Plan Committee (6:00pm)

October 2025 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- **October 1st** - Virtual Work Session (6:00pm)
- **October 15th (Wed)** - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- **October 27th** - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

October 2025 Boards and Commissions

- **October 14th** - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- **October 21st** - Planning Commission (6:00pm)
- **October 29th** - Master Plan Committee (6:00pm)
- **October 30th** - Board of Appeals (6:00pm)

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

- Laurel Citizens University Registration is OPEN at cityoflaurel.org/lcu. Every Thursday from October 2nd - November 20th. Learn about your local government!
- **Laurel Farmer's Market** - Every Thursday - 3 - 7pm at 378 Main Street.
- **September 6th - Doggie Dip Day** - 10am - 12Noon, Greenview Drive Pool. Enjoy a dip with your canines to celebrate the Dog Days of Summer! \$5/dog.
- **September 10th - Laurel Multiservice Center's 1st Anniversary Celebration** - 12 - 3pm, 204 Fort Meade Road.
- **September 19th - City/Passport Offices Close Early** - 1:00pm - Employee Team Building Outing. Plan your business with the City accordingly.
- **September 21st - The Mansion at Laurel Open House** - 12 - 2pm, 13910 Laurel Lakes Avenue. Let the Mansion be your place for your special day!
- **October 13th - Indigenous Peoples' Day** - City/Passport Offices Closed. Visit www.cityoflaurel.org for updated collection schedule.
- **October 24th - Take-Away-Treat Spooktacular** - 6:30 - 8pm, Robert J. DiPietro Community Center, 7901 Cypress Street. Join Parks and Rec for their annual Halloween event!
- **To learn more or register for Parks and Recreation activities**, visit www.cityoflaurel.org/parks or call 301-725-7800.
- **Senior Services** offers many classes, trips and events. Find out more at www.cityoflaurel.org/parks. There's no better way to jeopardize a program than by not signing up early!



Public Works Monthly Glance



CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE. PLACE ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR.

LEAF VACUUMING begins during October.
Specific date to be determined.

Yard Debris Collection
Bulky Item Collection
Email DPW@laurel.md.us for details.



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Refuse/Recycling/Composting holiday schedule October 13th	 Compost your pumpkins! Pumpkins and gourds are compostable. Remove candles and fake web and put them directly into your compost can!		Yom Kippur Virtual Work Session - 6pm 	1 Farmers' Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 378 Main Street Lot 	2 Farmers' Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 378 Main Street Lot 	3 Sustainable Saturday Event - Fix It Fair DiPietro Community Center 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 5-11	6 Sukkot Begins 	7 	8 	9 Farmers' Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 378 Main Street Lot 	10 	11
12 Indigenous Peoples' Day Monday Trash/Recycling & Composting collected on Tuesday	13 HDC- 6pm Tuesday Trash/Recycling & Composting collected on Wednesday	14 Virtual Mayor and Council Meeting- 6pm 	15 Last Market Day! Farmers' Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 378 Main Street Lot 	16 Music at the Mansion - 6:30pm Gude Mansion 	17 Recycling Event at DPW 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. 	18
19	20 Planning Commission - 6pm 	21 22 	23 	24 Spooktacular DiPietro Center 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 	25	
26 In-Person Mayor and Council Meeting- 6pm 	27 	28 Master Plan Meeting - 6pm 	29 Board of Appeals - 6pm 	30 Halloween 	31	



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PUBLIC WORKS



301-725-0088



DPW@laurel.md.us

Emergency Management: October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month




CYBERSECURITY STARTS WITH YOU

OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is a collaborative effort between public and private sector entities to increase cybersecurity awareness, promote strategies that the public can implement to reduce online risks, and discuss cyber threats.



Cybersecurity involves protecting systems, networks, and data from digital attacks to maintaining confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Key practices include using strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication, updating software, and staying vigilant against phishing. Effective cyber-security is crucial for individuals and organizations to prevent financial loss, identity theft, and service disruptions. Learn more at www.cisa.gov/about.

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