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Government Meetings

August

All Government meetings for August have been cancelled.

September

- 9/5 Labor Day - Offices Closed
- 9/7 Work Session - 7pm
- 9/12 Mayor and City Council Meeting - 7pm
- 9/13 Planning Commission - 7pm
- 9/20 Historic District Commission - 7pm
- 9/22 Board of Appeals - 7pm
- 9/26 Mayor and City Council Meeting - 7pm

October

- 10/5 Work Session - 7pm
- 10/10 Columbus Day - Offices Closed
- 10/11 Planning Commission - 7pm
- 10/12 Mayor and City Council Meeting - 7pm
- 10/18 Historic District Commission - 7pm
- 10/24 Mayor and City Council Meeting - 7pm
- 10/27 Board of Appeals - 7pm

312 Main Street - Request for Proposal

The City of Laurel Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) is seeking redevelopers and/or redevelopment teams to submit proposals for the purchase and development of property owned by the CRA at 312 Main Street in Laurel. The site, consisting of 14,050 square feet, is located within the East-end of the Main Street Historic District of the City of Laurel. The goal of this RFP is to select a developer who has both the ability to purchase the site and to complete a unique development project.



The site is currently vacant, but, there was formerly a movie theater on the site which was demolished in 2016. The CRA purchased the property in 2014 in order to develop the property and is seeking ideas, a vision, and a methodology from experienced developers to transform this key site into a use that will complement the adjacent residential neighborhood and enhance Main Street while adding to the success of Main Street is commercial core. Submissions are due August 31, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., at the City of Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707 -2502. For additional information, contact Jack Brock, Economic and Community Development Director at 301-725-5300 ext. 2313.

Be Flood Smart



The Federal Emergency Management Agency has updated the 100-Year Flood Plain map because the risk of flooding increases over the years due to erosion, weather events, land use, and other factors.

With the changes in the Flood Plain map, some properties that didn't require flood insurance in the past may need it now. The new map will be effective September 16, 2016. The window of opportunity to purchase discounted flood insurance is open now until August 15, 2016. It will be here before you know it, so plan now!

To purchase flood insurance at a discounted rate, visit MEMA's website at <http://tinyurl.com/jyx5qus> to see if your home or business may be included for the first time in a high risk zone requiring flood insurance. To understand your flood risks, visit <http://tinyurl.com/hvclec2>.

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Back To School Safety

School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

Pedestrian Safety

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:



Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic;



In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection;



Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign; Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas;



Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way;



Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians; and Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Bus Safety

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children;



If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop;



The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus; and



Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



Pokémon GO! Event a Huge Success



Wow! Over 300 people showed up to the Laurel Police Department's Pokémon GO! Event. The Laurel Police hope you all had a wonderful time, caught some good Pokémon, met new friends, learned some safety tips and had a chance to get to know some of your local police officers.

The Laurel Police Department would like to thank Mayor Craig A. Moe, The Cake Faerie, XP Laser Sport Laurel, Chick-Fil-A, The Towne Centre at Laurel, as well as LPD's own Cpl. Rexine and Sgt. Lynn for donating items for prizes and giveaways! Mayor Moe said the Laurel Police should do this again, so they'll try to get even more goodies next time! In the meantime, they'll start planning for the next Pokeomon GO! around.

Please let the Laurel Police know how they did and add suggestions for the next one. And feel free to send them your photos. Since they were busy trying to catch the allusive Snorlax, they didn't get the chance to take many of their own pictures!

National Night Out Well Attended

Another great event that had a lot of the community come out was National Night Out held on August 2nd at the Granville Gude Park.

Laurel's Police Chief Richard McLaughlin would like to thank everyone who attended, from all the businesses to the civic organizations, and the restaurants who provided free food.



There was great participation from all the local public safety agencies, so a big thank you to them for taking the time to come down to Laurel's event!

Each year it gets bigger and better; the Laurel Police hope to see you next year!

For more information about all of the Laurel Police Department's Community programs, please call them at 301-498-0092.

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Economic & Community Development

Master Plan Update

The Master Plan Committee held a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Update to the Master Plan on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and recommended approval of the draft with the revisions.

The Planning Commission met on June 14, 2016, and recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve and adopt the 2016 Master Plan of the City of Laurel and approved Planning Commission Resolution No.16-04-PC.

The Mayor and City Council introduced the draft Master Plan and proposed ordinance at a public hearing on Monday, July 11, 2016, and at the second public hearing held on Monday, July 25, 2016, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the Master Plan and adopted Ordinance No. 1873.

The approved Master Plan is available on the City's website: www.cityoflaurel.org.

Affordable Housing Program

Affordable Housing Dwelling Units are intended to assist with the housing needs of, young adults of modest means forming new households, and public sector employees in moderate income ranges, residents approaching retirement age, with consequent fixed or reduced incomes who wish to live within the City.

Two (2) new apartment complexes are now leasing. Please contact the developments directly - Modera Westside, 240-360-4423; Avalon Laurel, 877- 833-5320.

Moratorium Lifted

The moratorium on the acceptance and processing of zoning requests, special exceptions, and text amendments during the preparation of the new Master Plan established by the Mayor and City Council (Resolution No. 6-15) was lifted effective July 25, 2016.

Applications for the above listed zoning items will be accepted by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Please contact the Department at 301-725-5300 Ext. 2251 with any questions.

Consider volunteering!

We can help you to find the opportunity you are looking for.

Volunteers are needed to do just about anything from repairing computers to filing, landscaping or special projects.

Time commitment can range from a few hours for a single project, to as much time as you have available. Try something new, learn new skills and meet new people!

Call 301-725-5300 ext. 2208.



Hours of Operation

Closed for Lunch

12:00 - 1:00pm

Monday - Friday

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri

10:00 AM - *4:30PM

Tuesdays

(Special Evening Hours)

10:00 AM - *6:30 PM

**Times reflect when last application
is taken*

Service Fees

Passport Fee
(Check/Money Order ONLY)

Age 16 & Over
\$110.00

Under Age 16
\$80.00

Application Fee
(Cash/Credit ONLY)
\$25.00

Expedite Fee
(Add to Passport Fee)
All ages
\$60.00

What documentation is required?

Proof of U.S. Citizenship

1. A previous U.S. Passport.
2. If you were born in the U.S., a certified copy of your birth certificate issued by the State, County or City of your birth.
3. If you were born abroad, bring a certificate of naturalization, or a certificate of birth abroad.
4. All children, 15 years and under, must appear with a parent or legal guardian.

Proof of Identity

1. A previous U.S. Passport.
 2. A certificate of naturalization or citizenship.
 3. A valid driver's license, government or military ID or other photo ID.
- Two (2) identical full front poses, 2" by 2" color photographs on white or light-colored backgrounds.

Gas and Charcoal Grill Safety

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic. Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill. Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers. Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.



Charcoal grills - Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources. Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Propane grills - Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

Hotel/Motel Safety

Often times, we are so excited and relaxed while on vacation that we do not think about fire safety while staying a hotel. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has put together some hotel fire safety tips to ensure that you and your family have an enjoyable and safe summer vacation:



Choose a hotel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system;



When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like;

When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room;



Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away;



Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire;

If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs - never use elevators during a fire; and

If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

If you can't escape:



Shut off fans and air conditioners;

Stuff wets towels in the crack around the doors;

Call the fire department and let them know your location; and

Wait at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

Also, consider taking a battery-operated smoke alarm with you and place it in your hotel room.

For more information, visit the City's website at cityoflaurel.org or contact us at 301-725-5300 x2238.

Parks & Recreation

The Last Days of Summer!

It's time to join the Department of Parks and Recreation for fun! Come on out to one of the many special events, take a class, join a sports league, register for day camp, cool off in our pools or just enjoy one of our many outdoor parks. The Department of Parks and Recreation has something for everyone!



Collect the family pooch and take in one last splash at the annual Doggie Dip Day on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the Municipal Pool from 12 - 3pm. If swimming isn't your dog's cup of tea, then show them off at this year's Annual Dog Show on September 18, 2016, at McCullough Field. Registration begins at 11am.

Bring the whole family out for the last outdoor movie of the season at the McCullough Field stage on Friday, September 9, 2016, and enjoy the Disney's "Frozen" starting at dusk. How about a little tow tapping music? Come by on Sunday, September 18, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. to catch the Razors! Concerts and movies are free of charge.

There are lots of options throughout Laurel for recreation. The City includes two community centers with gyms, two outdoor pools and 14 parks, including baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, walking paths, paddle boats and more! Be sure to get your membership for the Skate Park at Centennial Park so you can enjoy the challenge of the ramps, steps and rails! And don't forget about the family pooch! Dog Park memberships are on sale at the Laurel Municipal Center.

Get your teen active in a safe environment at Teen Nights on Fridays where they can shoot some hoops and play games with friends. A variety of fitness and enrichment classes are also offered year round for children, youth, teens and adults!



The Division of Senior Services has plenty of great outings and classes for adults 55 and older who are on the go. Check out the many trips, events, classes, and lectures and drop in programs on our website at www.cityoflaurel.org. Van transportation is provided for a nominal fee to City of Laurel residents.



Check out all the Department's programs, facilities and parks on our website at www.cityoflaurel.org or grab one of our Spring/Summer brochures to see what's happening in Laurel! To get in on all the parks and recreation action, LIKE us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @laurelparksrec!

Wishing you a happy end of Summer!

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9/11 Memorial



September 11th will always hold a place in our memories - fear, sadness, horror and much more.

The City of Laurel plans to hold a remembrance event on Sunday, September 11, 2016, with a memorial dedication of the World Trade Center Steel acquired about 5 years ago. Stay tuned to the City's website, www.cityoflaurel.org and as details are refined, we will be sure to post it there!

Emergency Services

September: National Preparedness Month

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month which reminds us that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. Due to the success of last year's theme, "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," will be returning for this September with a continuing emphasis on preparedness for youth, older adults and people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. It is always crucial to take the time to make yourself more prepared for emergencies! Below are the themes of each week during National Preparedness Month:

- Week 1: September 4-10| Preparing With Family & Friends
- Week 2: September 11-17| Preparing Through Service
- Week 3: September 18-24| Individual Preparedness
- Week 4: September 25-30| Lead Up To National Day Of Action

For more information about preparing yourself for an emergency, call the City's Office of Emergency Operations at 301-725-5300 ext. 2242.

City of Laurel at MML

The City of Laurel made a prominent showing at the 2016 Maryland Municipal League (MML) Convention last month! Mayor Craig A. Moe is proud to announce the following recognitions at this year's convention held in Ocean City from June 26 – 29, 2016:

MML Achievement Award: The City of Laurel received this achievement award for its Community Redevelopment Plan which includes the formation of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA); the purchase of property and plans for land use in the Revitalization Overlay Areas along Main Street that will help to protect and preserve, as well as enhance, the quality of life along that corridor; and the creation of the Main Street Area Economic Development program that can provide grants and forgivable loans to tenants, owners and potential businesses on Main Street;

Banner City Award: presented to the City of Laurel for being an active participant in showcasing municipal government and how it works; educating youth about municipal government; taking part in League programs and activities; and being sure that residents' voices are heard on issues relevant to the membership and in matters of legislative priorities;

HEAL Cities Award: awarded to the City of Laurel for adopting policies that create walking and biking paths, parks and open space, healthy and affordable food outlets, and fostering an environment that supports daily physical activity and nutrition;

Municipal Officials Hall of Fame: The Honorable Michael R. Leszcz was inducted into this prominent group for his 20 years of service to the citizens of Laurel; and Election to the MML Board of Directors: Congratulations to The Honorable Donna Crary, elected as a member-at-large, and Chief of Staff LouAnn Crook, representing the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association on the MML Board of Directors!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mayor's Office at 301-725-5300 ext. 2125 or your Ward Councilmember at 301-725-5300 ext. 2120.

Public Works

Labor Day Holiday

Residential and commercial refuse and recycling collection will be shifted one day for the Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 5, 2016. Refuse and recycling collection scheduled for Monday, will be collected on Tuesday, September 6th, Tuesday's refuse and recycling will be collected on Wednesday, September 7th.

Leaf Vacuum Schedule

Every year, beginning in October, the City provides weekly leaf vacuum services. The service continues through the first Friday in December. There will be no leaf vacuum provided on Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving. Residents can find their scheduled vacuum service on page 16 of the 2016 Calendar. To prepare leaves for leaf vacuum, please:



Rake your leaves into the grass plot between your sidewalk and the street, or, if you have no median, rake them into the gutter. You should do this the day before the collection. The leaf crew cannot return until the following week if your leaves are not out on time;



City crews will not vacuum leaves from private property or from alleys;



Please remove parked cars from the path of the leaf vacuum. It is very difficult to collect piles of leaves from between parked cars; and



Remove all cans, bottles, sticks, toys and debris from your piles of leaves. These items can cause very expensive damage to the City's equipment.

If you would like leaves for mulch or compost, Public Works crews will deliver a load of leaves, free of charge. Such requests are on a first come, first served basis. Delivery will be one load of leaves from the leaf loader, as is. Please call to arrange for a delivery.

Walking/Biking Laurel

With Fall around the corner and temperatures starting to drop, it'll be a great time to get out and walk/bike around Laurel. The Department of Public Works has some great information in their Bikeway Master Plan. That information can be found on the City's website at www.cityoflaurel.org/dpw/bikeway-master-plan. Walking/biking is a great way to see Laurel!

Tree plantings

Residents can expect to see Public Works crews out and about planting trees in the public right-of-way. If you want to know if you can expect a new tree in your neighborhood, call Tommy Helms, Project Inspector, at 301-725-0088.



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New Set at Laurel TV



Our new Laurel TV studio is finally ready for prime time. There is an anchor desk for a Laurel TV newscast and an interview area for hosting local programs.

These great, new sets need you! Laurel TV needs your help to get content on the air! If you have a pre-produced program or show that you'd like to share with our Laurel viewers, email a link to info@laureltv.org. If you don't have a show already produced, then come volunteer! The more the merrier!

Laurel Regional Hospital Press Conference

Laurel TV was honored to air the Press Conference outlining plans for Laurel Regional Hospital. Laurel Mayor Craig A. Moe, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, and President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System, Robert Chrencik, announced an agreement will keep in place all inpatient services currently offered at LRH through December 31, 2017, and charts a course for enhanced health care options at the LRH campus into 2018.

The plan is contingent on Dimensions Health Corporation being awarded a Certificate of Need to build a new regional medical center in Largo. Once the certificate is approved, current Dimensions facilities, including Laurel Regional Hospital, would become affiliates of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS).

This announcement is the culmination of a yearlong effort, spearheaded by Mayor Moe and other County-elected officials. Mayor Moe will co-chair a Strategic Planning Work Group along with UMMS Surgeon-in-Chief Stephen Bartlett, M.D., to get community input and make recommendations on how to improve the delivery of healthcare in Laurel and Northern Prince George's county.

Catch up on all the local news by tuning into Laurel TV!

You can watch them on
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Channel 996(HD) or 71(SD)
FiOS,
Channel 12
or watch them live via
web streaming at
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Turn Your Power On!





Mayor's Corner

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We've had a very busy summer!

I was pleased to host the press conference regarding the future of the Laurel Regional Hospital and the partnership with the University of Maryland Medical System. While there is still much work to be done, I am confident that we will end up with a facility that meets the needs of the community and provides top-notch quality healthcare.

“City Hall in the Park” continues to be a very popular venue for City government and citizen interaction. We'll provide an update on current City of Laurel issues and events, then we'll be available to chat with you about specific concerns you may have, and answer your questions. For information or questions please call: 301-725-5300 x 2125. We'd love to see you!

August 24
Centennial Park, Montrose Ave
6:30 – 8:00 pm

September 21
Anderson Murphy Community Center, 5th and Montgomery Streets
6:30 – 8:00 pm

I'm also available to meet with you in a one-on-one setting at “My Time With the Mayor” right in your neighborhood. I'll be at the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Facility located on Sandy Spring Road on October 12 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Please feel free to stop by and let me know about your concerns and issues.

The 7th Annual Mayor's Summer Jobs Program has been very successful again this year. Every City Department has a student employee in their office who is being taught about real-life work experiences, from the interview process, to work responsibilities, to understanding their paycheck stub and performance evaluations, while learning a lot about their local government. It's a win-win program for the City and the youth participants.

You'll see in this newsletter that there are many summer and fall events and activities to come. The City Staff continues to strive to provide the best programs and events, and work hard to bring you the quality of service the citizens of Laurel deserve. As always I invite you to visit our website, www.cityoflaurel.org, for the latest and greatest information, like us on Facebook City of Laurel - Government and follow us on Twitter @cityoflaurel and tune in to Laurel TV! Stay in touch with us!

See you around town!



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