





## NO MOW APRIL COMING TO LAUREL!



As part of the City's on-going commitment to environmentally-friendly practices, on February 27th the Mayor and City Council passed Resolution No. 2-2023 declaring April as "No Mow April." During the month of April, the City of Laurel will relax the enforcement of high-grass rules, allowing Laurel residents to delay or reduce lawn cutting as a way to promote a pollinator-friendly habitat early in the growing season. No Mow April is a voluntary program for City residents. Participants are asked to register online or in-person and display their City-issued "No Mow April" yard sign in their front yard for the duration of the program.

### "No Mow" Registration:

No Mow April is a free, voluntary program. Residents wishing to participate must register no later than March 30, 2023. Residents living in an HOA community need to read their HOA by-laws for regulations governing grass height. Any violation of the HOA's by-laws that result in a fine are the responsibility of the resident.

In-person registration and signs will be available at our kick-off meeting held at the City's Laurel Municipal Center located at 8103 Sandy Spring Road on March 20th at 6:30pm and will be available at the Laurel Municipal Center until March 30th. Registration hours and sign pickup hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Residents needing to pick up their signs at one of our community centers may do so by appointment. The registration page and more information about the importance of pollinators and native plants can be found on the Bee City USA webpage at [www.cityoflaurel.org/green](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/green). Questions can be directed to [greenliving@laurel.md.us](mailto:greenliving@laurel.md.us). You can also sign up to be a Bee City volunteer at [beecity@laurel.md.us](mailto:beecity@laurel.md.us). Learn about the importance of protecting our pollinators, native plants and correct planting practices.

### Green Goals:

Invest In Our Planet! Get Inspired! Take Action! Be a part of the green revolution! Sign up for curbside organics recycling and get FREE compost for your garden – e-mail [DPW@laurel.md.us](mailto:DPW@laurel.md.us) or [greenliving@laurel.md.us](mailto:greenliving@laurel.md.us) to get started. Public Works will deliver a kitchen countertop container, a set of starter compostable bags and an outdoor cart with a locking lid. Organics recycling will be collected on the same day as trash and recycling.

### Recycle Right!

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle! Repurpose! Not only can you recycle through the City's recycling program, but mark your calendars for the Public Works' spring E-cycling/Paper Shredding event coming Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 8:00am to Noon. Residents can drop off Entertainment Electronics, Paper for shredding, Styrofoam for recycling, and gently-used clothing and household items for repurposing through GreenDrop. This event is for City residents and businesses only. Official IDs with a city address must be presented to enter the drop off site. Visit [www.CityofLaurel.org](http://www.CityofLaurel.org) for more information.

**We Want to Hear from YOU!** Sign up for Green Living updates at [greenliving@laurel.md.us](mailto:greenliving@laurel.md.us).



### SERVICIOS DEL OFICIAL DE INCENDIOS Y DE PERMISOS: TODAS LAS COSAS DE PRIMAVERA

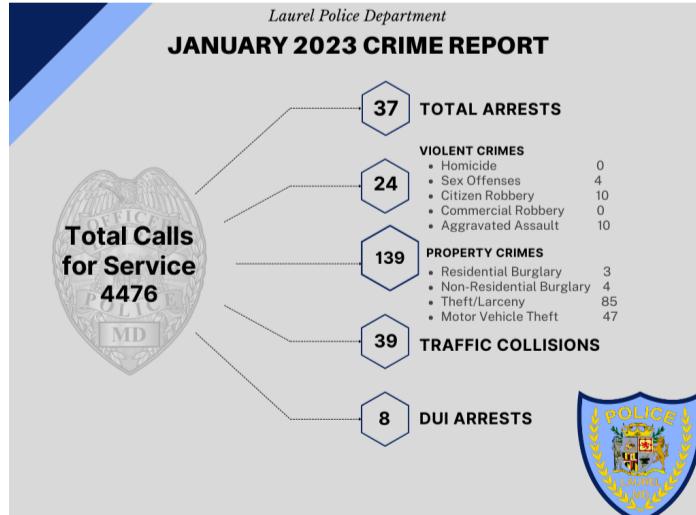
A medida que se acercan los meses de primavera/verano, nos gustaría que los propietarios tengan en cuenta las infracciones de mantenimiento de la propiedad que la División de Cumplimiento de Códigos del Departamento del Official de Incendios y Servicios de Permisos (FMPS) suele recibir durante los meses. Esas infracciones incluyen, pero no se limitan a, exceso de césped, maleza, basura y escombros y trabajos de mejora del hogar realizados sin un permiso. Para obtener más información sobre los permisos necesarios y las infracciones de mantenimiento de la propiedad, visite [www.cityoflaurel.org/permits](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/permits).



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### LAUREL POLICE MONTHLY CRIME REPORT

Welcome the newest addition to the Ledger, the Laurel Police Monthly Crime Report. Check back monthly for stats on Calls for Service.



# Laurel Council Connections

## Legislation

Listed below are recent actions taken by the Laurel City Council during past Mayor and City Council meetings. For further information on any of these actions, please feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk at **301-725-5300 x2121** or at [clerk@laurel.md.us](mailto:clerk@laurel.md.us). For the full agendas, visit [www.cityoflaurel.org](http://www.cityoflaurel.org).

### Approved Ordinances/Resolutions:

- ♦ **Resolution No. 1-2023** - Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- ♦ **Ordinance No. 2004** - M-X-T Concept Approval-Corridor Center
- ♦ **Ordinance No. 2003** - Elderly and Veteran Tax Credit
- ♦ **Ordinance No. 2005** - FY2023 Budget Amendment

### Bid Recommendations:

- ♦ Bid Recommendation - Phase II of the City of Laurel Multiservice Center - \$10,092,663.75
- ♦ Bid Recommendation - Non-Destructive Pavement Evaluation - \$70,760.00
- ♦ Bid Recommendation - Cherry Lane Bikeway Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design - \$75,285.00
- ♦ Bid Recommendation - Compton Avenue Engineering - \$60,180.00
- ♦ Bid Recommendation - Laurel Avenue Engineering - \$87,232.00

### Mayoral Appointments:

- ♦ Appointment of **Douglas Redd**, Emergency Services Commission
- ♦ Appointment of **Ronald Rendle** to the Board of Pension Trustees
- ♦ Appointment of the Honorable **Gayle W. Snyder** to the Historic District Commission
- ♦ Appointment of **Mary-Eileen Leszcz** to the Historic District Commission



**TAKE THE PLEDGE!** The City of Laurel will participate in the Wyland Mayor's Water Challenge this April. Sign up to pledge to conserve our local waterways and help you and your neighbors win prizes!

## COUNCIL OFFICE



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## Government Meetings

(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

### March 2023 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ♦ March 13th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- ♦ March 27th - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

### March 2023 Boards and Commissions

- ♦ March 14th - Planning Commission - CANCELLED
- ♦ March 21st - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ March 28th - In-Person Environmental Affairs Committee (6:00pm)
- ♦ March 30th - Board of Appeals - CANCELLED

### April 2023 Mayor and City Council Meetings

- ♦ April 5th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Work Session (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 10th - Virtual Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 24th - In-Person Mayor and City Council Meeting (6:00pm)

### April 2023 Boards and Commissions

- ♦ April 8th - Virtual Emergency Services Commission (7:00pm)
- ♦ April 11th - Planning Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 18th - Historic District Commission (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 28th - Virtual Environmental Affairs Committee (6:00pm)
- ♦ April 27th - Board of Appeals (6:00pm)

## City Announcements & Events

(Dates and Times Subject to Change)

- ♦ **Adult Pickle Ball - Wednesdays, 6-9pm** - Robert J. DiPietro Community Center
- ♦ **Summer Camp Registration Opens** - Register at the Robert J. DiPietro Community Center, 7901 Cypress Street:
  - ♦ **March 6th** for City Residents
  - ♦ **March 13th** for Non-Residents
- ♦ **Teen Trip - "Little Shop of Horrors" - March 23, 2023** at 6:00pm. To register, call 301-725-7800.
- ♦ **Adult Trip - MGM Resort and National Harbor - March 25, 2023** at Noon. To register, call 301-725-7800.
- ♦ **Eggstravaganza - April 1, 2023** starts 12:00pm SHARP - Granville Gude Park
- ♦ **My Time with the Mayor - April 10, 2023** at 4:00pm at the Anderson-Murphy Community Center (Laurel Armory), 422 Montgomery Street.
- ♦ **City Hall in the Park - April 26, 2023** at 6:30pm - Emancipation Park, 8th and West Streets.
- ♦ **To learn more or register for a Parks and Recreation League**, visit [www.cityoflaurel.org/parks/adult-sports-activities](http://www.cityoflaurel.org/parks/adult-sports-activities) or call 301-725-7800.

