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City of Laurel Coordinates Support for Residents Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown and Delayed SNAP Benefits

Laurel, MD — The City of Laurel is closely monitoring the ongoing federal government shutdown and the resulting delay in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit disbursements. Recognizing the financial uncertainty this creates for individuals and families, the City is reinforcing its commitment to ensuring that residents are aware of and connected to local resources that provide support during this disruption.

“The City of Laurel remains steadfast in its responsibility to safeguard the well-being of our residents,” said Mayor Keith R. Sydnor. “While the federal government works to resolve this shutdown, our focus is on ensuring that no Laurel resident goes without access to food, emergency assistance, or support services. We have strong partnerships in place, and we are prepared to assist anyone who needs help.”

Residents affected by delayed federal benefits or experiencing financial hardship may access support through the following City-operated and partner organizations:

Craig A. Moe Laurel Multiservice Center (LMSC)

204 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, MD 20707

Contact: 301-974-1030

Resource: Nutritional Hot Meals (For Families)

Days/Times: M-F 6:00pm-7:15pm

Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS)

311 Laurel Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707

Contact: 301-776-0442

Resource: Utility Assistance, Food, Housing Assistance

Days/Times: Contact for Hours

Elizabeth House / Laurel’s “FISH” House

308 Gorman Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707

Contact: 240-547-9010

Resource: Grab-N-Go Meals

Days/Times: 7 days a week / 6:00pm-7:30pm

St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church

800 Main Street, Laurel, MD

Contact: 301-725-3080

Resource: Groceries

Days/Times: Every Thursday/7:45am until all food has been distributed

Prayer Tower Church Community Food Pantry

424 Main Street, Laurel, MD (Parking Lot of First United Methodist Church)

Contact: 240-583-0996

Resource: Groceries

Days/Times: Every Friday/5:00pm-7:00pm

Smiling Souls Food Bank

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 13611 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, MD 20708

Resource: Groceries

Days/Times: Saturday, November 8th (Occurs monthly, 2nd Saturday each month) / 9:00am-11:00am

Website: <https://oslclaurel.org/events/food-bank/>

Laurel Church of Christ Food Pantry

7111 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707

Resource: Groceries

Days/Times: 10:00am-1:00pm/Saturday, November 15th (Occurs monthly)

Website: <https://www.laurelchurch.net/ministries/food-pantry>

Royalhouse Church, Grace2Grace Center

7911 Braygreen Road, Laurel, MD

Resources: Groceries

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm / November 1, 2025 (Occurs every 2 weeks)

*November 15th - Distributing turkeys and more for holiday meals.

The City will continue to monitor the status of federal benefit programs, including SNAP, and will share additional information through official channels as updates are received.