



**Winter  
Edition  
Newsletter**

**Message From The Mayor's Desk**

Whether you celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or some other faith-based event, I hope you and your families enjoyed the holiday season. Most faiths call these special times a season of light over darkness, and hope versus despair. I am proud that our citizens, churches, service organizations, and business leaders are all focused on making Laurel, a great small town, better with each passing day.

If we look at the Town physically, we see major changes and improvements taking place. In our downtown business district, we see two new buildings rising from the ashes of tragic fires. On North Central Avenue a new multi-story building is under construction at the site of the former Rigbie Apartments, and at the corner of Market and Delaware Avenue a new building is rising at the site of the former Globe Building. Central Station on the south bank of Broad Creek looks great. The public can't wait for this new business to open. On the lot opposite Central Station customers are enjoying the treats offered by the Sweet Brew food truck.

On the north side of Broad Creek families are enjoying the exciting attractions in the recently completed and dedicated Tidewater Park. The kids especially love the ride down the zip line to the welcoming colorful big crow. The zip line ride is a real winner! I know firsthand what the experience is like because Senator Carper and I rode the zip line at the park dedication. To the south on Central Avenue the Laurel Redevelopment Corporation has built four beautiful new homes.

Several families have been blessed with new homes built by the Habitat for Humanity organization. On the east side of Route 13 we are still awaiting start of the construction of the proposed Wawa store at the Laurel Junction site. New storage units have been constructed on the Laurel Junction site in anticipation of the several hundred residential units that will be built on the east side of Route 13 once final approval is granted by State Planning.

Socially, Laurel unfortunately continues to have issues with violence among some of our community's youth. Local and the State Department of Justice committees are actively trying to turn this situation around. In my view, the problem is not access to weapons; it is behavior that makes some young people look to weapons to settle disagreements rather than to seek peaceful resolutions. All of us have a role in leading and mentoring our youth towards rewarding careers and a brighter future. I hope 2025 brings more economic development and a significant reduction in violent crimes.

Mavor John J. Shwed

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**Town Hall Closing Dates**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

- Monday, January 20, 2025

**President's Day**

- Monday, February 17, 2025



**Mayor & Council Meeting Schedule  
January - April 2025**

Listed below are the Town of Laurel's Mayor & Council Schedule for January 2025 through April 2025.

**JANUARY 2025 (MEETING TWICE IN JANUARY)**

- Monday, January 6, 2025
- Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**FEBRUARY 2025**

- Monday, February 3, 2025 \*
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025

**MARCH 2025**

- Monday, March 3, 2025 \*
- Monday, March 17, 2025

**APRIL 2025**

- Monday, April 7, 2025\*
- Monday, 21, 2025

**Mayor & Council Agenda's**

Agenda's are posted one week prior at Laurel Town Hall and the town's website at [www.townoflaure.net](http://www.townoflaure.net). Please note if you wish to attend virtually a ZOOM Link and a Dial-In number are listed below on the agenda.

*(1st Meetings of Each Month are Held If Needed.)*

**NATIONAL PIZZA DAY 2025**



**Disponibilidad de boletines informativos listos para español  
Para hogares de habla Hispana**

Tenga en cuenta que las copias del Boletín de la Ciudad de Laurel estarán disponibles en español en Laurel Town Hall, 201 Mechanic Street. Los boletines informativos de la ciudad se publican trimestralmente con una edición de invierno, una edición de primavera / verano y una edición de otoño que se envía por correo a los residentes. Copias del Programa de Basura, Reciclaje y Desperdicio de Jardín también están disponibles en español en Laurel Town Hall, 201 Mechanic Street.



**Town of Laurel's  
"7th Annual Trunk or Treat"  
Trunk Vendors - 2024**

**Local Businesses, Organizations, and Charities**

- Laurel Fire Department Auxiliary
- Laurel Fire Department
- Northeast Classic Ford Parts
  - Laurel Lions Club
- PTO Laurel Elementary/Intermediate
  - Laurel Public Library
- Lakeside Transportation, LLC
  - Josh Bailey, State Farm
- Laurel Women's Civic Club
  - Johnny Janosik, Inc.
    - Carey's
  - Tupperware with Cheryl
  - Vital Church/Pastor Rob
- Melinda Tingle, Edward Jones (Candy Donation)

**"BEST TRUNK 2024": Laurel Women's Civic Club - Wizard of Oz**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY!!!**



**Town of Laurel's  
Christmas Parade Award Winners 2024**

- **Best Fire Dept** - Blades Fire Dept
- **Best Youth Entry** - Extreme Dance
- **Best Overall Theme** - Lakeside Transportation
- **Best Float Entry** - 3 C's Church
- **Best Decorated Vehicle** - The Bridge
- **Best Commercial Entry** - DelDot
- **Best Civic Group** - Laurel Woman's Cicic Club
- **Best Over All Entry** - Encounter Praise and Worship Center
- **Best Animal Entry** - Eastern Shore Animal Hospital
- **Best Band** - Laurel High School Marching Band
- **Classic Car** - Dr Barry Morrison - Mayor of Portsville



**Town of Laurel's  
General Municipal Election 2025**

The Town of Laurel will be holding their General Municipal Election in the spring of 2025. Please review the following General Municipal Election Rules and Requirements, in order to be eligible to vote in this upcoming Municipal Election.

**General Municipal Election: Date & Time**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 27, 2025

**LOCATION:** Laurel Fire Department

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**Municipal Election Requirements**

**Who Can Vote?**

- All residents who are citizens of the United States and a bona fide resident of the Town of Laurel for at least thirty days prior to the date of the General Municipal Election.
- Who are eighteen years of age, are eligible to register and vote.

**How To Become a Registered Voter?**

- The Town of Laurel will be utilizing the State of Delaware Sussex County Election Log for the upcoming election. If you are registered with the state, you will be eligible to vote. The town no longer requires separate registration.
- If you have any questions determining if you're a registered voter, please contact the Laurel Town Hall at 302-875-2277.
- The Registration Deadline to be a Registered Voter is Thursday, February 27, 2025.

**Candidate Filing Forms**

- If you are interested in running for Town Office, a Candidate Filing Form must be submitted to the Laurel Town Office by Thursday, February 20, 2025. Forms are made available at Laurel Town Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**General Municipal Election 2025: Open Positions for Re-Election**

Listed below are the following positions that are opened for re-election at this year's coming General Municipal Election 2025:

- **Mayor**
- **Council-At-Large**
- **Ward 2**
- **Ward 3**

**Board of Elections Appointments**

**Inspector, Judge: Brent Boyce, Judge: Valerie Crockett, Clerk: Vatina Hooper, Clerk: Alexis Oliphant, and Department of Election Representative.**

**Absentee Ballot**

If you are interested in voting by an Absentee Ballot, please contact the Laurel Town Hall at (302)-875-2277 for more information.

**Trash, Recycle, & Yard Waste  
(January - April 2025)**

<u>JANUARY 2025</u>				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEARS DAY!!!	2 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	3 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	4
5	6	7 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	8 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	9 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	10	11
12	13	14 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	15 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	16 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	17	18
19	20	21 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	22 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	23 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	24	25
26	27	28 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	29 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	30 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	31	

<u>FEBRUARY 2025</u>				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	5 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	6 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	7	8
9	10	11 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	12 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	13 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	14	15
16	17	18 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	19 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	20 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	21	22
23	24	25 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	26 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	27 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	28	

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6	7	8 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	9 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	10 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	11	12
13	14	15 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	16 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	17 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	18	19
20	21	22 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	23 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	24 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	25	26
27	28	29 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	30 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	1 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	2	3







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