



**Fall  
Edition  
Newsletter**

**A Message From The Mayor's Desk**

The Mayor's inbox is full of beliefs, ideas, questions, and projects. I'd like to share with you. First, I hope all residents have had a great Summer and that you survived the crazy hot days followed by the days of pouring rain. When you get to read this our community will be transitioning into Fall. Schools will reopen. Friday night football will return. At the National, State, and County level you will be selecting the leaders for the next few years.

The first item out of the inbox is a question for you "Do you believe Laurel can create a family environment like Rehoboth Beach, Lewes; etc.?" What I mean by that is "are we all going to unite around creating that environment or because of some issues in our present situation are we going to go down the path of an outlier and just throw up our hands and settle for second best.?"

We have a lot going on right now. I believe non-profit organizations, community groups, business leaders, churches, and government are all trying to create a safe and attractive community for all. Tidewater Park is nearing completion. It is unique and families are enjoying the attractions. Further up Central Avenue we get to the Boys and Girls Club. We have outgrown the present facility. Think big, Laurel Community! Encourage the owner of the salvage yard property located next to the existing club to sell the property for the purpose of building a brand-new Boys and Girls Club which includes a swimming pool. Think big about funding! Contact wealthy people like Denzel Washington, Elon Musk, and Bill Gates ex-wife, and organizations like the Longwood Foundation.

Another building that needs attention and a plan is the 1921 school building which is on the State List of historical structures. We need to find a use for it and funding to renovate it. Somehow the State found a developer who with State help is rejuvenating Seaford's Nylon Capital Shopping Center. We need that same State help to create a good use for the 1921 building and bring it back to life, perhaps as business incubator for business start-ups, a training for English learners, or some kind of special training programs sponsored by Del-Tech or a university.

Britt's restaurant should be open by the time you read this. Construction is started on the apartment building that will replace the Globe building downtown. We continue to wait for approvals from the State on residential units planned for the East side of route 13 and for the WAWA project at Laurel Junction. Boaters and anglers are happy because the new boat ramp on Records Pond is now open. The Laurel Redevelopment Corporation is doing a great job transforming the former A&K Shop on the banks of Broad Creek into what will be known as Central Station. Further south on Central Avenue the LRC has four new homes under construction.

I believe Laurel, a community with proud history, has great potential. I believe everyone needs and deserves a safe living environment and people need to be accountable for their behavior. We have several community groups working on these issues with help from various State agencies and the State Department of Justice. I encourage all to think big, stand tall, and join in making this great rural community better with each passing day.

John J. Shwed  
Mayor, Town of Laurel

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### 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 Property Taxes FY 2025

Each year the town utilizes the Sussex County 1974 Tax Assessment for the town's annual real estate taxes and assessment for properties located in the Municipal Boundaries. The Mayor & Council adopted the Sussex County 1974 Tax Assessment at July's Mayor & Council Meeting. Once, the list is adopted the town may move forward with the annual tax billing.

#### Sussex County Tax Assessment Adoption

The Mayor & Council adopted the Sussex County Tax Assessment List on Monday, July 15, 2024, to allow the Court of Appeals to be held in August.

#### Court of Appeals

The Town of Laurel held their Court of Appeals on Monday, August 19, 2024. The Court of Appeals allows the public to appeal the assessment and the appeal will be sent to Sussex County.

#### Property Taxes: Due Date

Taxes were distributed by mail to all property owners in late August of this year.

#### Listed Below Are Details Regarding Payment

- 1% Discount if taxes are paid in full before September 30th.
- If payment is not received by November 30th a penalty rate of 5% per month is added.
- Retroactive to October 1st and 5% every month thereafter.



### Town of Laurel's FY 2025 Budget Highlights

The Town of Laurel held a Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Laurel Town Hall. The citizens were invited to attend the hearing to listen to the presentation and to ask any questions pertaining the FY 2025 Budget. The town has achieved a balanced budget, while understanding the increased cost to operate the various sectors of the municipal government and balancing that without financially burdening our citizens. Highlights of the FY 2025 Budget included: construction of new homes continues with at least four additional single-family homes and 28 town homes (14 units). The town is anticipating construction of a commercial spot along with the reconstruction of two apartment complexes with one featuring commercial on the bottom floor. The town is continuing to work with a commercial developer for the construction of a commercial businesses along U.S. Route 13. The Sussex County re-assessments will not be finalized until 2025 and at the time we will look at a tax rate adjustment.

#### FY 2025 Budget Adoption:

The Town of Laurel's FY 2025 Budget was adopted at Monday's, June 17, 2024, Mayor & Council Meeting.

#### FY 2025 Budget Highlights:

##### Revenues:

- Increase in R/E Tax penalties.
- Dunbar expenses reduce.
- State Revolving Fund to be paid off in FY 2024.
- School grant to help relieve the cost of an SRO Officer.
- Increase in building permits.
- Increase in overall income due to the adjustment of water sewer, and availability rates last fiscal year.
- Increases in septic receiving.

##### Expenditures:

- 5% increase in health insurance.
- Pay increase for all staff.
- Continued line item for MS4 Expense.
- Expenses for federal mandate of lead and copper testing on privately owned properties.
- Increase in janitorial expenses for the police dept; as they're relocating to Dunbar.
- Pay back line of credit.

#### FY 2025 Budget Available

The Town of Laurel's FY 2025 Budget was made available at Laurel Town Hall or at [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net) for citizen's review.



**Town of Laurel's  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Firework Sponsors**

**MAJOR SPONSOR**

- Laurel Redevelopment Corporation

**GOLD SPONSOR**

- Sussex County Council

**SILVER SPONSOR**

- Eastern Shore Veterinary Hospital
- Saul Ewing, LLP
- Melinda Tingle, Laurel Office of Edward Jones

**BRONZE SPONSOR**

- American Legion Home, Inc.
- George, Miles, & Buhr, LLC
- Troy Ventures, LLC
- Lank, Johnson & Tull
- Elvin Schrock & Sons, Inc.
- The Insurance Market
- Baynum Enterprises, Inc.

**BUSINESS SPONSOR**

- Wilson Baker, Inc.
- Abbott's On Broad Creek
- Chet's Auto Body, Inc.
- Laurel Fire Department Auxiliary
- Kranson Clothes, Inc.

**PATRON SPONSOR**

- Delmarva Digital
- Carey's, Inc.
- Dave Smith's Exterminating, Inc.
- Odd Fellows Chairty Lodge #27
- Lakeside Physical Therapy, LLC
- George & Lynch, Inc.
- Lywood Electric, Inc.
- Shannahan Water Company, Inc.
- Laurel Lions Club

**Other Sponsor**

- DMC Farms, Inc.
- Senator Richardson
- Media Choice



**Town of Laurel's 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Mayor & Elected Official Contest**

**Participants:** included State Representative Tim Dukes, President of Sussex County Council Mike Vincent, Town of Laurel Mayor John Shwed, City of Seaford Mayor Matthew MacCoy, and Town of Bridgeville Commissioners John Tomeski and Darryn Harris.

**Contest:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bingo

**Overall Winner:** State Representative Dukes.







### Mayor & Council September – December 2024

Listed below are the scheduled Mayor & Council Days for September through December 2024.

#### September 2024

- Tuesday, September 3rd \*
- Monday, September 16th

#### October 2024

- Monday, October 7th \*
- Monday, October 21st

#### November 2024

- Monday, November 4th \*
- Monday, November 18th

#### December 2024

- Monday, December 2nd \*
- Monday, December 16th

#### Mayor & Council Agenda's

Agendas are posted one week prior at Laurel Town Hall and the town's website at [www.townoflaure.net](http://www.townoflaure.net)

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



#### **Tribute**

#### **Councilwoman Cheryl Martin**

The Town of Laurel's Mayor & Council recently lost Councilwoman Martin as she passed away this past May. Councilwoman Martin was first appointed in April of 2015 where she served 9 years on council. She represented the Ward 4 District. Councilwoman Martin was an active councilperson where she served on various committees including the Budget Committee and the Street Committee. Due to her passing, the Mayor will appoint a resident of Ward 4 to fulfill Councilwoman Martin's term. Councilwoman Martin will truly be missed and the Town of Laurel will always be grateful for her dedication and commitment to the town.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024**



#### **Town Hall Closing Dates**

Please note Laurel Town Hall will be closed during the following holidays listed below.

#### Labor Day

- Monday, September 2, 2024

#### Columbus Day

- Monday, October 14, 2024

#### General Election Day

- Tuesday, November 5, 2024

#### Return Day

- Thursday, November 7, 2024

#### Veterans Day

- Monday, November 11, 2024

#### Thanksgiving Day

- Thursday, November 28, 2024

#### Thanksgiving Friday

- Friday, November 29, 2024

#### Christmas Eve

- Tuesday, December 24, 2024

#### Christmas Day

- Wednesday, December 25, 2024

#### **Police Department Message**



#### **Police Department Message**

The Laurel Police Department recently added a new leader to their department this past June. At June 17, 2024 Mayor & Council Meeting Mayor Shwed presented the Oath to the newly appointed Chief of Police Robert Kracyla. Chief Kracyla thanked the Mayor & Council for the opportunity to lead and the opportunity in working with these great officers within the department.

The Laurel Police Department hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Police Academy this past August. The youth learned about various topics including: The Beau Biden Foundation on bullying, the US Secret Service presentation on their agency, Delaware State Fire Marshall's K9 presentation, the presentation of the Delaware State Police Helicopter, and the HELP initiative on their community outreach. A graduation was held for youth and their families to celebrate their achievements.

The Laurel Police Department and the Delaware State Police Community Engagement held a National Night Out on August 20, 2024 at North Laurel Early Learning Academy. Activities included rock wall climbing, demonstrations from DSP Special Units, food and drinks, and social service resources.

During this past spring, Patrolman Handy was recognized in The National School Safety Journal as a School Resource Officer.

**Trash, Yard Waste & Recycle  
(SEPTEMBER 2024 - DECEMBER 2024)**

<u>SEPTEMBER 2024</u>				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	4 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	5 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	6	7
8	9	10 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	11 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	12 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	13	14
15	16	17 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	18 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	19 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	20	21
22	23	24 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	25 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	26 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	27	28
29	30					

<u>OCTOBER 2024</u>				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	2 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	3 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	4	5
6	7	8 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	9 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	10 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	11	12
13	14	15 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	16 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	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	24 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	25	26
27	28	29 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	30 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	31 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN  "HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!"		

**Trash, Yard Waste & Recycle  
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<u>NOVEMBER 2024</u>				<b>Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule</b>		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	6 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	7 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	8	9
10	11	12 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	13 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	14 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	15	16
17	18	19 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	20 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	21 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	22	23
24	25	26 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	27 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	28 "HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!"	29 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	30

<u>DECEMBER 2024</u>				<b>Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule</b>		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	4 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	5 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	6	7
8	9	10 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	11 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	12 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	13	14
15	16	17 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	18 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	19 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	20	21
22	23	24 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	26 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	27 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	28
29	30	31 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	1 NEW YEARS' DAY!!!	2 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE	3 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	4



## Newsletter Town of Laurel's Newsletters

If you wish to find a copy of the Town of Laurel's Newsletters please visit [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net). Click on "Our Town," Tab and then scroll and select "Newsletter." The Town of Laurel offers the newsletter in the following languages English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Please contact Laurel Town Hall at 302-875-2277 if you have any questions.

### Haitian Creole

Si ou vle jwenn yon kopi vil la nan bilten vil Laurel la tanpri vizite [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net). Klike sou "Vil nou an," Tab ak Lè sa a, woulo liv epi chwazi "Biltter." Vil Laurel ofri bilten an nan lang angle, panyòl ak kreyòl ayisyen. Tanpri kontakte Laurel Town Hall nan 302-875-2277 si ou gen nenpòt kesyon.

### Spanish

Si desea encontrar una copia de los boletines informativos de la ciudad de Laurel, visite [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net). Haga clic en la pestaña "Nuestra ciudad" y luego desplácese y seleccione "Boletín". La ciudad de Laurel ofrece el boletín en los siguientes idiomas: inglés, español y criollo haitiano. Comuníquese con el Ayuntamiento de Laurel al 302-875-2277 si tiene alguna pregunta.

## Community Events



## Town of Laurel & Laurel Police Dept. Presents the "7th Annual Trunk or Treat"

The Town of Laurel and the Laurel Police Department are asking local businesses, organizations, and charities to help make this a "spook-tastic" event. We are inquiring local businesses, organizations, and charities to help participate and distribute candy to trick or treaters in our 7th Annual Trunk or Treat Event. The Town of Laurel wants to make this a fun and safe event where trick or treaters can travel safely to one vehicle to another.

### 7th Annual Trunk or Treat Details:

**Location:** Laurel Elementary School, Bus Parking Lot near Evergreen Drive.

**Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Line-Up:** Line-up will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Evergreen Drive.

### Businesses, Organizations, & Charities Needed!!!

The Trunk or Treat Applications will be made available at the end of September for businesses, organizations, and charities to obtain.

### Applications Are Available Either at:

- Laurel Town Hall  
201 Mechanic Street  
Laurel, De 19956
- Town of Laurel's Website under the Forms Tabs.  
**WEBSITE:** [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net)

### Application Deadline:

The Application Deadline for businesses, organizations, and Charities to submit their applications by Wednesday, October 23, 2024.



## Halloween BUCKET LIST

1. Decorate a haunted gingerbread house.
2. Find a special Trick or Treat event.
3. Plan a costume dinner.
4. Carve Pumpkins.
5. Read some Halloween stories.
6. Visit the pumpkin patch.
7. Have a Halloween Crafting Session.
8. Plan a fun Halloween movie night.
9. TAKE AN EVENING WALK WITH FLASHLIGHTS TO LOOK AT HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS.
10. Attend a local Halloween parade.
11. Make a special Halloween dessert.
12. Make a fun Halloween breakfast.
13. Do a Halloween photo shoot.
14. Make canvas Halloween handprint keepsakes.



**TRICK OR TREAT!**



## Town of Laurel's Annual Trick or Treat

**DATE:** Thursday, October 31, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** Age Limit is 12 and under.





**Town of Laurel's  
Annual Christmas Parade**

Bells will be ringing!!! Make sure to visit the Town of Laurel's Christmas Parade to kick-off your holiday traditions.

**Date:** December 6, 2024

**Time:** Parade begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Parade Line-Up:** 6:00 p.m. on Evergreen Drive.

**Pick-Up a Christmas Parade Application**

- **Applications are either available:**  
(1.) At Laurel Town Hall  
(2.) Online at [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net)
- Applications may either be dropped off or mailed to Town Hall.

**Address: Town of Laurel**

201 Mechanic Street  
Laurel, Delaware 19956  
ATTN: Christmas Parade

**REMINDER:**

**"BRING YOUR CHAIRS & BLANKETS"**



**Town of Laurel's  
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

The Town of Laurel will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This event will include Christmas caroling, Letters to Santa, games, and more! Please gather your family and friends to help kick off this year's holiday season. Details about the event are listed below.

**Date:** Date to be determined

**Location:** Market Street Square Park

**REMINDER:**

**BRING YOUR CHAIRS & BLANKETS!!!**



**Santa Claus Is Coming To Town**

Santa will be coming to town this holiday season. Santa will be making his first appearance on December 6, 2024, the same night of the parade.

**Dates & Times**

Santa dates and times will be available at Town Hall or online at [www.townoflaurel.net](http://www.townoflaurel.net).

**Location**

Santa will be at the Market Street Square Park. (The Santa House)







### **National Pecan Pie Day**

It appears to be that time of year again "Baking Season." With the warmer days eventually behind us we can return to the kitchen and begin scratch making homemade goodies and making memories with families and friends. With the fall season returning it allows us to begin prepping for the holiday season, whether that's decorating the house with fall décor, gathering family recipes for the feast of dinners, or simply taken in all the fall activities. Many of us patiently await the fall season for pumpkin everything, but let's not too quickly forget the sticky gooey dessert that has been simply a classic for years the "Pecan Pie." (History of Pecan Pie, 2022).

### **The Origin of the Pecan**

Did you know pecans are native to North America and were first used by the Native Americans in the following states: Texas, Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, and Alabama. You may ask how did the pecan get it's name? The pecan name comes from the Algonquian which refers to all nuts requiring a stone to crack. Louisiana is in fact one of the most important manufacturers of pecans even though it wasn't until the 1800's the pecan tree was first introduced in that area. Pecans are also grown in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi (History of Pecan Pie, 2022).

### **History of Pecan Pie**

Pecan Pie first made its appearance before written in any cookbooks and the pie is claimed to be originated in the state of Texas. One of the earliest appearances of this pie in a cookbook was in the 1870's in Texas. In the 20th century the pie eventually made its appearance in a cookbook outside of Texas. The ingredients of a pecan pie consist of a cookie like crust, ground pecans, eggs, sugar, butter, and vanilla extract. Some experts say the star ingredient is using high quality vanilla extract to yield a delicious pecan pie. The pie also features one more ingredient corn syrup. The Karo Syrup manufacturer open in 1902, which is a key ingredient in holding the pie together. Soon the company began publishing the recipe on the back of their cans inviting families in creating this pie. Many say the Karo Syrup company helped kick-start the popularity of the pecan pie in the country (History of Pecan Pie, 2022).

## **VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **What Do I Need To Know?**

- You must be registered to vote in General, Primary and Special Elections.
- You do not have to be registered to vote in school elections.
- You can pick a political party affiliation when you register.
- If you do not pick a political party, you will be registered as: No Party.
- You must register as a Democrat or Republican to vote in a primary. Democrats vote for Democrats and Republicans for Republicans.
- Changes of address with the Post Office do not update your voter registration.
- You must vote at the polling place for the address for your home on Election Day.

### **What Are The Qualifications?**

#### **You May Register to Vote in Delaware If You:**

- Are a citizen of the United States; AND
- Are a resident of Delaware (Delaware is your home); AND
- Will be 18 years old on or before the date of the next General Election.

#### **You May Not Register to Vote in Delaware If You:**

- Have been adjudged mentally incompetent. Adjudged mentally incompetent refers to a specific finding in a judicial guardianship or equivalent proceeding, based on clear and convincing evidence that the individual has a severe cognitive impairment which precludes exercise of basic voting judgment; OR
- Were convicted of a felony and have not fully discharged your sentence\*; OR
- Were convicted of a disqualifying\*\* felony and have not been pardoned.

#### **Can a Person Convicted of a Felony Register to Vote?**

- See qualifications above.
- NOTE: If you have been convicted of a non-disqualifying felony and have completed your sentence, you must register to vote, even if you were previously registered to vote prior to your felony conviction.
- Call the Office of the State Election Commissioner at (302) 739-4277 if you have questions about your eligibility

#### **Can I Register to Vote if I Don't Have a Fixed Address?**

- Yes. If you don't have a fixed residence or are homeless and otherwise qualified to vote in Delaware, you may register by completing the proper registration form. If registering in-person you must provide two pieces of identification containing your name. Additionally, one of the pieces must include the address that you listed on the application. The address can be a shelter, agency or another location where you receive your mail.

### **How Do I Register to Vote or Update My Record?**

Eligible Delaware residents who are not yet registered to vote are automatically registered at DMV through the Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) Process:

- Pursuant to Delaware law (15 Del C. § 2050A) a person who meets all of the following criteria is automatically registered to vote at DMV by the Department of Elections:
  - A person who completes an in-person or online application for the issuance or renewal of their Delaware Driver's License, Learner's Permit, or State Identification Card or completes an in-person or online application to change their name or address on these documents.
  - The person is not already registered to vote, is of sufficient age, and whose citizenship status has been confirmed by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

#### **You May Complete and Submit a Voter Registration Application:**

- online at the State of Delaware Voter Portal
- at any Department of Elections office statewide
- download, print, complete and submit a voter registration application to the Department
- Call the Department of Elections and have a voter registration application mailed to you to complete and submit
- at a voter registration event hosted by a Delaware Organized Voter Registration (OVR) Program group of trained voter registrars
- Military and overseas citizens can fill out an application using Delaware's Online Registration System or at the FVAP WEB Site and then mail, email or fax the application to the Department's Office for your county.

#### **You May also Register to Vote or Update Your Record at Certain Other Government Offices:**

- At any of the Department's Offices.
- At Division of Motor Vehicle offices when applying for, renewing or updating a Driver's License or State ID Card.
- At State Service Centers (Department of Health and Social Services) when applying for services.
- At the Department of Labor: Division of Training and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- At WIC Program offices when applying for services or assistance.
- At Armed Forces Recruitment Offices when applying for services.
- At some Social Security offices.
- At institutions of higher education when you register for classes.

#### **ID Requirements for Registering to Vote & Updating your Voter Registration Record:**

- Please provide a copy of ONE of the following with your voter registration application:
  - Delaware Drivers License or State ID Card, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address

#### **When Can I Register to Vote?**

- State Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline Notice
- The voter registration deadline is the 4th Saturday before a Primary and General Election. Voter registration applications submitted via the voter portal, [ivote.de.gov](http://ivote.de.gov), by the deadline, or received by mail by the Department and postmarked by the deadline, will be considered to be submitted by the deadline.

**"PLEASE VISIT <https://elections.delaware.gov/voter/votereg.shtml> FOR MORE INFORMATION PERTAINING VOTER REGISTRATION."**



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