



A Message from the Mayor's Desk Change is in the Air!

The season's last crops are being harvested, students are getting their back packs ready, and our daylight hours are getting shorter. These are all signs that once again we are transitioning from summer to fall. I hope everyone has had a fun filled summer. As I look around our community I see many positive changes taking place.

Congratulations to the Laurel School District on opening a beautiful new Laurel Elementary School. Excellent schools are the foundation of an enlightened society. Students will have an excellent physical environment to support their learning. Congratulations also to all administrators, teachers, support staff and students for being recognized by the Delaware Department of Instruction for having made excellent progress on the 2018 State achievement tests. Way to go Bulldogs!

Progress is being made on the renovation of the Lions Recreation Complex at the corner of Evergreen Drive and South Central. In true, small town, can-do fashion the Lions have received invaluable help from the Nanticoke Rotary volunteers who dismantled all the old lighting that did not work. The community has responded very generously with donations that now total about \$45,000. Keep watching as the new facilities take shape.

On the North side of Town, infrastructure construction is underway on the field north of Broad Creek. A bio swale is what DNREC calls it. When completed, it will control water run off from that field into Broad Creek while creating a small pond which will become a habitat for fish, frogs and plants. This is the first step leading to the construction of the nature based Tidewater Park which will provide a unique recreational site for our citizens and visitors as part of the larger "Ramble" vision.

The Town has taken ownership of the former Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School. Police Chief Dan Wright and Town Manager Jamie Smith are now working on plans for use of the facilities. First, and foremost, the building will continue to bear the name of Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Secondly, we must operate this property on a cash neutral basis. To accomplish that, we must find ways to generate income through leasing, rentals, and grants. Any member of the community who wishes to provide input into the Town's plans should contact Town Manager Jamie Smith in writing.

Burger King has plans to build a store at the corner of Routes 9 & 13 on Laurel Junction property. I hope this plan turns into reality and doesn't evaporate like some past ventures. The Villas at Broad Creek has a newly posted sign announcing phase II construction in late 2018. Milford Housing will soon start plans for the new homes in the "Old Towne" section of the community.

Embrace the changes!

Respectfully,
Mayor John J. Shwed

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The Ramble Project - Ground Breaking

On July 12, 2018 a press conference and a ground breaking occurred pertaining to The Ramble Project. The open field across from Pizza King will now be known as Tidewater Park. Tidewater Park will feature different nature base playgrounds pertaining to different age groups. Construction is now underway and will be completed in approximately 2 to 3 weeks. The project consists of installing a bio swale and a constructed wetland. The town was a recipient of a \$200,000 grant from Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). A match was needed, and State Representative Dukes and Senator Richardson matched the grant by utilizing CTF funds.

What is The Ramble Project?

The Ramble Project was first introduced to town citizens and partners in 2014. The Ramble was helped created by the Town of Laurel and the University of Delaware. The Ramble will be a green, mixed-use community that compliments the natural features along Broad Creek. The design of the Ramble consists of: a nature-based park for children, cottage style homes, a kayak launch, village green area, emphasis on nature tourism, and new businesses. The Kayak Launch was installed in 2016 on Poplar Street (The Ramble: Reimagining Laurel, 2016).

For more information pertaining the Ramble please visit:

<http://www.reimaginel Laurel.net/the-ramble/>

Partners for the Ramble Project:

University of Delaware
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Laurel Redevelopment Corporation
Sole Conservation
Town of Laurel

Article: The Ramble: Reimagining Laurel

Author: Town of Laurel, Laurel Redevelopment Corporation, University of Delaware, US Department of Agriculture, and The Delaware Economic Development Office.

Website: <http://www.reimaginel Laurel.net/>

Year Published: 2016

URL: <http://www.reimaginel Laurel.net/the-ramble/>

Town News Project Updates



Laurel Economic Development Committee (UPDATE)

The Town of Laurel was a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the USDA. The grant will be used within the Downtown Development District to help establish guidelines regarding Historical Commercial locations. The committee has been meeting since February at Town Hall to review information pertaining to the Design Guide. The purpose of the Design Guide is to help encourage and guide retail storefront design and development in downtown Laurel (Harris, 2018). The Town of Laurel will be holding a Public Hearing in August for Mayor and Council to adopt the Design Guide. In September, business owners within the Downtown Development District will be invited to the Laurel Public Library for a presentation regarding the Design Guide. The committee members and the consultant will be in attendance to answer questions.

Committee Members:

Brian Shannon: Laurel Redevelopment Corporation

Scott Ruckowicz: Bank of Delmarva Representative

Debbie Mitchell: local resident, business owner, and property owner

Norma Jean Fowler: local resident, property owner, and Laurel Historical Society

Cheryl Martin: local resident, property owner, and Council Member Ward 4

Alexis Oliphant: Operations Manager

Jamie Smith: Town Manager

Where to Find the Design Guide

The Design Guide for Laurel, DE and Using the Downtown Design Guide will be available on the town website.

Town of Laurel Website: www.townoflaurel.net

A special thank you to Donna Ann Harris, principal, Heritage Consulting Inc. and Phillip Green, designer, Heritage Consulting Inc.

Author: Donna Harris, Heritage Consulting Inc.

Article: Design Guide for Laurel, DE (Introduction/
Acknowledgements

Year Published: 2018



Parks and Recreation Committee

The Town of Laurel has re-energized their Parks and Recreation Committee. The Parks and Recreation will meet on the third Wednesday of every month or as needed. The committee held their first meeting on July 18, 2018. One event the Committee plans on holding this December is called "Christmas Markets on Broad Creek." The Committee will be establishing a calendar of events throughout their meetings.

Parks and Recreation Committee Members

Debbie Mitchell

Penny Denny

Donna Sava

Breada Jones

Eric Bernal

Town Events



Farewell Celebration

Friends of Cpl. Johnny Ryall invite you to a Farewell Celebration

Listed below are details pertaining the event

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018
Time: Drop in between 10am and 1 pm
Location: Laurel Public Library



Fall Movie Nights

Once again, the Town of Laurel and the Laurel Police Department will be holding Family Movie Night's located at Jansoik Park. Family Movie Night's are estimated to run through September to October.

Movie Dates

September 8, 2018
October 13, 2018



Trick or Treat

The Town of Laurel will be holding their annual Trick or Treat. Time and date are listed below.

Date: October 31, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



6th Annual Eastern Shore Veterans Day Parade

The Laurel American Legion Post 19 will be holding it's 6th Annual Eastern Shore Veterans Day Parade in Laurel. The parade will be followed by a festival, which includes vendors, entertainment, and displays. Please join the event to thank and honor all the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.
Information pertaining the event are listed below.

2018 Parade Theme: "Service. Sacrifice. Salute."

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018

Time of Parade: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Central Avenue, Market Street, Delaware Avenue in Laurel, DE

Veterans Day Service

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2018

Location: Laurel American Legion Post 19

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be followed by the Veterans Day Service

For more information about the 6th Annual Eastern Shore Veterans Day Parade please visit <http://www.devvetparade.com/>

Town Events



Town of Laurel Christmas Parade

The Town of Laurel will once again be holding their annual Christmas Parade. **Listed below are details about the Parade.**

Date: December 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Parade Route: Evergreen Drive, Central Avenue, 4th Street, Delaware Avenue, and Maryland Avenue

Pick-up a Christmas Parade Application

-Applications are available at Town Hall or online.

-Applications can be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall.

Town Halls Address: 201 Mechanic Street
Laurel, Delaware 19956
ATTN: Christmas Parade

Town of Laurel's Website:

<http://www.townoflaurel.net/>

Santa will be arriving at Market Square Park in December. Dates will be available at Town Hall.



Christmas Tree Lighting

The Town of Laurel will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Please bring your friends and family to help kick off the Holiday season. **Details about event are listed below.**

Date: November 21, 2018

Location: Market Square Park



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Vital Church Love in Action and AFH for the Rock the Block Event. **Details listed below.**

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018

SEEKING HOMEOWNERS!!!

Volunteers will be partnering with homeowners to provide **FREE** services:

- Landscaping
- Trash removal
- Power washing
- Gutter cleaning and more

Contact Mark to sign-up:

Laflamme@sussexcountyhabitat.org
(302)-855-1153 X 217

**Deadline to sign up is
September 14, 2018**



Christmas Markets on Broad Creek

The Town of Laurel's Parks and Recreation Committee will be sponsoring "Christmas Markets on Broad Creek." This festive event along Front Street is for the entire family and will feature food music, pop up shops, games, and a Spirits of Christmas Pop Up Pub. Toys will be collected and donated to area charities. **Listed below are details pertaining the event.**

Date: December 7, 2018

Time: 5:30p.m - 9:00p.m.

Location: Front Street Laurel, De

Seeking Holiday Vendors

The Committee is now accepting a limited number of applications for pop up vendors for a donation of \$25.00.

More Details Coming!!!

Republic Service Trash Company

The Town of Laurel has currently renewed their contract with Republic Service Trash. Listed below are details pertaining the Recycling and Yard Waste Service Changes.

The 96-gallon trash canister will be provided to residents in late fall.

Recycling Service Changes:

October 4, 2018 recycling will be collected for every Laurel resident. October 11, 2018 the East Side of Laurel (**east side of Central Avenue**) will have recycling Service and on October 18th, the West Side of Laurel (**West side of Central Avenue**) will have Recycling Service. The East and West side of Laurel will alternate for Recycling service every other week from October 11th service week moving forward.

Yard Waste Service Changes:

October 3, Yard Waste will be collected for every Laurel resident. October 10th, the East side of Laurel (**east side of Central Avenue**) will have Yard Waste service, and on October 17th the West Side of Laurel (**west side of Central Avenue**) will have Yard Waste service. The East and West Side of Laurel will alternate for Yard Waste every other week from October 10th week moving forward.

Town News



Reminder Dates

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

Labor Day: September 3, 2018
Columbus Day: October 8, 2018
Veterans Day: November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving: November 22, 2018
Thanksgiving Friday: November 23, 2018
Christmas Eve: December 24, 2018
Christmas Day: December 25, 2018
New Year's Day: January 1, 2019

Recognition Day



Day Light Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Article: Make a Difference Day
Author: Holidays Calendar
Website: <http://www.holidayscalendar.com/>
URL: <http://www.holidayscalendar.com/event/make-a-difference-day/>



Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day was first created by USA Weekend the second largest national newspaper at the time in 1992. The newspaper encouraged their readers to perform a good act within their communities or help those who are in need due to it was a leap a year. Since the initial year of its founding, Make a Difference Day has grown and has encouraged community service and volunteerism. Make A Difference Day is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of each October. Every fourth Saturday of October individuals across the Nation volunteer and perform acts for their community, help those in needs, and for charitable organizations (Make a Difference Day, n.d.)

What Can You Do on Make A Difference Day

Individuals who par take on Make a Difference Day choose an act that will help their communities or those who are in need. Some acts that individuals perform are painting a local school's computer room, cleaning out the animal cages of a zoo, building community playgrounds, or cleaning parks (Make a Difference Day, n.d.)

Make a Difference Day:
October 27, 2018



Police Department Message

Laurel Police Department
205 Mechanic Street
Laurel, Delaware 19956



The Laurel Police Department recently added a new officer to their department in early August. The police department introduced Patrolman Karlik to the Laurel community on Facebook. The Laurel Police Department held their first Ministry Council on July 23, 2018. The Ministry Council was well attended with approximately 14 individuals. The churches are recommended to send one representative to the Ministry Council to help establish an open mind of communication. The next scheduled Ministry Council meetings will be held on the following days: August 27, 2018 and September 24, 2018. In the next four months the Laurel Police Department will be holding Local Business Owner Meetings. The Local Business Owner Meetings will allow the police department to receive feedback on how they are doing as a department.

Safety Tips



Laurel Police Department Safety Tips

The Laurel Police Department has responded to several traffic accidents on the highway. **Listed below are safety tips to avoid traffic accidents:**

- Be aware of surroundings when driving.
- Always look twice before crossing.



Holiday Awareness Tips

The Holidays come along only once a year. The Holidays are usually filled with spending time with family and shopping. **Listed below are Holiday Awareness Tips to help keep you and your family safe throughout the Holiday season:**

- Go in a certain store instead of several different stores.
- Carry enough cash to cover the bill.
- Credit cards are better than cash.
- Shop in groups instead of by yourself.
- Usually target one person.

Holiday Home Safety Tips



Merry and Bright

During the Holiday season families gather around to help decorate their tree. It's important that you check your string of lights each year before using. **Listed below are tips that you should discard your light strings:**

- Frayed Cords
- Cracked Lamp Holders
- Loose Connections

If you choose to replace a light bulb in your strand of lights always do the following:

- Unplug the light string.
- Match the voltage and wattage to its original bulb.



Fresh is Best

The great debate a fresh Christmas tree versus an artificial Christmas tree. Either type of Christmas tree that you select will be fine. **If you choose to use a fresh Christmas Tree tips are listed below:**

- A freshly cut tree is more resistant to an ignition.
- Keep your tree watered.
- Keep open candles away from tree.



Lights Out

Many families gather together to go see Christmas lights around the neighborhoods. Christmas lights are beautiful, but it's important to know when the lights should be turned off. **Listed below are tips when Christmas lights should be turned off:**

- When the house is unattended.
- When you are going to bed.



One and Done

When decorating your tree or your outside it's important not to plug several light strands or extension cords into each other. **Below are tips on how to use an extension cord safely.**

- Do not connect more than one extension cord together.
- Try to use one extension cord that can reach the outlet without pulling.
- Try to find an extension cord that fits just right to avoid pulling or tangling.



The Great Outdoors

During the Holiday season many of us decorate our homes on the outside. Just as decorating the inside of our home they're safety tips for decorating the outside of our homes too. **Listed below are safety tips for decorating the outside.**

- If hanging outdoor lights make sure, electrical connectors are off the ground.
- Avoid using metal nails or tacks to hang decorations. Instead use insulated tape or plastic clips.

Title: 12 Tips for Holiday Home Safety
Author: Lexi Walters
Publisher: Parents
Published: AmericanBaby.com November 2005

Tribute Page Cpl. John W. Ryall



Corporal John W. Ryall has dedicated his career by serving his hometown community for nearly 32 years. Corporal Ryall graduated from the Delaware State Police Academy in 1975 at 19 years old. The Delaware State Police Academy consisted of 12 weeks of training when Cpl. Ryall attended. Cpl. Ryall not only served as a Laurel Police Officer but was an officer for Delmar and Greenwood municipalities. Growing up as a young child, Cpl. Ryall was fascinated with police officers and eagerly wanted to pursue a profession as a police officer. When in high school, Cpl. Ryall still expressed his interest of becoming a police officer to fellow students. Cpl. Ryall stated his career has been very fulfilling because he had the opportunity to serve his community in which he grew-up in. During Cpl. Ryall's police career, he attended the Maryland State Commission Academy, Department of Corrections Academy, and K-9 schooling.

Throughout Cpl. Ryall's career, he has played vital roles in the Laurel Police Department. Cpl. Ryall's most satisfying role he accomplished was dressing as McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog. McGruff the Crime dog was implemented 25 years ago by Chief Harris. Cpl. Ryall expressed the goal of McGruff was to promote children safety, say no to drugs, and to prevent bullying. Cpl. Ryall has made many appearances as McGruff by attending the Bob Carpenter Special Olympics, visiting local schools, and several parades. Cpl. Ryall now dresses as Chase off the popular T.V. series Paw Patrol. Even though Cpl. Ryall is retiring, he will continue to dress as Chase.

Throughout his police career in both Laurel and Delmar, he was part of the K-9 unit. In Delmar Cpl. Ryall was issued two K-9 dogs and in Laurel he was issued one K-9 dog. As a Laurel K-9 Officer, Cpl. Ryall was trained by the Department of Correction to become certified. Cpl. Ryall's K-9 dog consisted of a pit-bull and lab mixed name J.R. after Cpl. Ryall.

Corporal Ryall has witness different equipment and technology changes throughout his 32-year career as an officer. When Cpl. Ryall first entered his police career he issued hand written reports. During the early years of his career, his radar consisted of a large cone hanging out the window of his patrol car. Cpl. Ryall mentioned the radar was able to be transferred to one patrol car to another patrol car. When drivers were under the influence, Cpl. Ryall expressed they went through the Mobat Test. Before there was intoxilizers officers used the Mobat Test determine if individuals were under the influence. The Mobat Test consisted of a balloon with several bands around the balloon and the band determined if the individual was under the influence. Cpl. Ryall explained when he first started they had a wire cage between the officer and individual in the patrol car. There were no computers and only one light on the patrol car known as a bubble light existed. Cpl. Ryall discussed that officers today now carry more weapons, wear a bullet proof vest, have a take home car, and computers are installed in patrol vehicles.

In order to be a successful officer, Cpl. Ryall suggested officers should possess good communication skills. Throughout his career Cpl. Ryall has conducted community policing. As being an officer Cpl. Ryall suggested an officer must know when to be fair and when to be firm. Cpl. Ryall advised the danger is higher for police officer's today due to more guns on the street and drug abuse. Cpl. Ryall expressed officers today should use good discretion and be community oriented. He stressed officers should take the time to carry a conversation with local business owners and customers to establish a rapport.

Congratulations Cpl. Ryall on a successful career as a Laurel Police Officer!!!



Community Activities



Laurel Public Library

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday: 10am - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 2pm
Sunday Closed

Events Listed Below:

Life in Laurel

-Life in Laurel is co-sponsored by the Laurel Public Library and Laurel Historical Society.

-Life in Laurel consists of a monthly round table discussion about Laurel's history.

-Meetings are held monthly from September through May located at the Laurel Public Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

2018-2019 Schedule

September 27, 2018
October 25, 2018
November 29, 2018
December 20, 2018
January 31, 2019
February 28, 2019
March 28, 2019
April 25, 2019
May 30, 2019

Page Turner Book Club

-The Club meets the second Thursday Of every month from 3:00 to 4:30

-Individuals discuss the selected "title of the month"

Listed below are the dates and titles of the books per month

September 13, 2018

Book of Polly by Kathy Hepinstall

October 11, 2018

Tulip Fever by Deborah Moggach

November 8, 2018

Kill of the Flower Moon by David Grann

December 13, 2018

The Life She Was Given by Elle Marie Wiseman



Laurel Varsity Football (Home Games)

9/14/18 St. Elizabeth High School
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
9/28/18 Woodbridge High School
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
10/13/18 Polytech High School
Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Homecoming
11/2/18 Lake Forest High School
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
11/9/18 Seaford High School
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



Laurel Varsity Field Hockey (Home Games)

9/11/18 Lake Forest High School
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
9/18/18 Cape Henlopen High School
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
10/4/18 Woodbridge High School
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
10/9/18 Sussex Technical High School
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
10/12/18 Seaford High School
Friday, 4:00 p.m.
Bonnie Bryan Field Dedication
10/30/18 Milford High School
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.



Laurel Varsity Soccer (Home Games)

9/13/18 Seaford High School
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
9/20/18 Sussex Academy
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
9/22/18 Newark High School
Saturday, 12:00 p.m.
9/25/18 Dover High School
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
9/27/18 Woodbridge High School
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
10/11/18 Lake Forest High School
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
10/16/18 St. Marks High School
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Hitchen's Homestead Press Release



THE HITCHENS HOMESTEAD

1878

"Little house on the hill" to be restored

Most Laurel residents, if asked if they are aware of the house on the hill by the mill pond, will respond with "oh, I love that house" or "oh, I've always wanted to see inside that house." These sentiments are shared by the Laurel Historical Society, which has purchased the entire acreage for restoration and development as a living history site right in the heart of the town.

Laurel's iconic Rural Gothic Revival cottage, one of only a handful left in Delaware, will soon take on a new life. The Hitchens Homestead on the Willow Street hill is slated to become a museum celebrating Laurel's agricultural heritage and heyday. The 4.33 acre property, owned and/or occupied by six generations of the Edmund Hitchens family, will be the crown jewel of Laurel's public parklands stretching one-half mile through the center of town on both sides of Broad Creek. It borders Rossakatum Run branch and overlooks Records' Pond.

The 1878 residence and its original outbuildings were constructed by Emanuel Twilley, owner of the pond and its grist mill, which was the largest mill in the state at the time. Also on the premises is a miller's house built before 1868. The dwellings will be furnished to reflect the Twilley and Hitchens occupancies, whereas the outbuildings will focus on farm life and the products of local factories, fields, and forests. Imagine Laurel bustling with baskets, a creek teeming with ships, trains chugging up and down the tracks, and the output of canneries, lumber yards, fertilizer plants, and fruit evaporators going off to Northern markets.

The Hitchens Homestead will be the Laurel community's centerpiece, serving as a backdrop for all types of social, educational, recreational, and cultural events. Although initiated by the society, this is a project for the entire town to get behind. Anyone interested in joining in with this exciting endeavor is encouraged to contact the society at www.laureldehistoricalsociety.org or call 302-875-1344 and leave a message.

Title: A Brief History of Pumpkin Pie
Author: Alexia Wulff
Published: November 6, 2016
Publisher: Culture Trip
URL: <https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/articles/a-brief-history-of-pumpkin-pie/>

History of a Fall Classic



During Thanksgiving the table is decorated with the annual turkey and traditional side dishes including stuffing, cranberry, and mash potatoes. As your friends and family are gathered at the table, the iconic fall classic "pumpkin pie" once again makes its presence to your Thanksgiving table. Did you know pumpkins were first called 'pumpions' in England after the French 'pompon?' Pumpkins have a long and vibrant role in our history. The pumpkin was first brought back from European Explorers who explored the New World. The pumpkin originated from Central America and the pumpkin can be outlined back to 5500 B.C. (Wulff, 2016).

In 1536 European Explorers returned from their adventure and within a couple decades the pumpkin was grown and used in many English recipes. Many say the colonists had already heard and knew about the pumpkin when they reached America just as the Wampanoag did. The colonists and Wampanoag held a three-day Harvest Celebration a year later and many say pumpkin made its presence (Wulff, 2016).

Pumpkin pie first made its appearance in a cookbook in the 17th century. One recipe in a 1653 French cookbook consisted of a milk-boiled pumpkin that was strained and baked in a crust. The second recipe was created by an English writer Hannah Woolley in 1670. Woolley's recipe consisted of a pie filled with layers of pumpkin, apple, rosemary, thyme, and marjoram. A third recipe consisted of an early New England recipe, which consisted of a hollowed-out pumpkin to be filled with sweet and spiced milk cooked over an open flame (Wulff, 2016).

The pumpkin pie grew and became even more popular throughout the next two centuries. In 1796, Amelia Simmons' cookbook *American Cookery*, contained two recipes for the iconic pumpkin pie. The pumpkin pie became a national recognized American Thanksgiving Hallmark. It is rumored that one town in Connecticut in the 18th century postponed Thanksgiving due to there was a shortage of molasses needed to make pumpkin pie. In 1929, Libby's meat canning company were the first company to release a line of canned pumpkin (Wulff, 2016).

During this special time of year, most of us expect the savory dessert to appear. There are numerous variations of the famous fall classic. What is your favorite pumpkin pie recipe?

The History of Laurel's Train Station

The Delaware Railroad

Before the Delaware Railroad tracks were laid upon in Laurel, many individuals relied on different ways of transportation. The highways throughout Sussex County were not fully developed and throughout the years there were conversations to re-energize the highways. With conversations to re-boost the highway transportation, it soon was once overlooked by water transportation. Highway transportation was typically used to connect in-land farms with the river and bay ports and used by stage coach travelers to help them reach their destination in the 1830's and 1840's. The construction of the railroad was underway by having a line completed from a junction with the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad to Seaford in 1856. By completing the line, the railroad had cost approximately \$1,146,310 and the states share was \$170,000. In Sussex County the citizens had raised \$35,875 and in Kent County the citizens had raised \$44,750 for the railroad, which the remaining would be divided between private corporations. In 1859, the Delaware Railroad had finished the Harrington to Milford Line. The Delaware Railroad had also completed an extension from Seaford to Delmar to connect with the Eastern Shore Railroad in 1859. The Delaware Railroad helped many individuals within Sussex County especially the farmers. The farmers benefited from the railroad because their large crops, fruits, and other vegetables were easily transported to a market where they were delivered in prime position. With the railroad it created many successful businesses; such as, the manufacturing of baskets, crates, and other wooden containers. In the 1890's, the manufacturing of baskets in Millsboro, Frankford, Laurel, and Seaford were thriving due to the large fruit and vegetable crop (Carter, 1976).

History of Laurel's Train Stations

The Delaware Railroad reached Laurel, Delaware in 1859 with the help of Governor Ross. Governor Ross expressed interest with having the railroad come downstate so his products could be easily transported to the cities. The Town of Laurel planned a jubilee to help inaugurate the railroad (Hancock, 1983). Laurel's first Train Depot was constructed in 1858 located at the end of Clayton Avenue., which is now known as Carvel Avenue. Laurel's current Train Station was constructed in 1910 (Fowler, Laurel Historical Society). The 1910 Train station had railroad tracks that could travel north and south bound. The trains could haul both freight, passengers, and the town mail. The mail was available in the morning and evening times. Laurel's Marvil Package Company, which was a manufacturer of fruit-packing baskets, was centrally located between both the Broad creek and the railroad tracks. In the mid 1960's, the Laurel Train Station no longer carried a passenger service. In 1965, the train station's last run was from Delmar to New York City for a "Celebration of Delaware Day," at the New York World's Fair. Governor Elbert N. Carvel who was from Laurel was aboard that train that special day (Fowler, Laurel Historical Society).

Who's Housed at the Laurel Train Station

The Laurel Train Station used to house the Town Offices of Laurel. The Train Station is now holding the Laurel Chamber of Commerce and the Laurel Heritage Museum. The Town of Laurel received the Transportation Enhancement Act grant to help restore the Laurel Train Station (Fowler, Laurel Historical Society).

Title: The History of the Nineteenth Century Laurel
Author: Harold Hancock
Published: 1983
Publisher: Otterbein College Print Shop
Chapter: X-Newspapers Abstracts about Laurel 1959-1900 The Delawarean 1959

Title: The History of Sussex County
Author: Dick Carter
Published: 1976
Publisher: Community Newspaper Corp.
Article: Sussex had been in decline for years when the railroads arrived

Laurel Historical Society
Norma Jean Fowler

Train Station Photos



Picture: The front of
the original 1858
Train Depot



Picture: Crowd awaiting the
train arrival at the 1910
Train Station



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are courtesy of the Laurel
Historical Society and cannot be
reproduced without permission



Picture: View of the
Southbound little Station
House

**Town Staff Holiday
Recipe Page**

DIABETIC SWEET POTATO PIE

Ready In: 1 hr. 30 mins

Serves: 8-10

Yield: 1 9-inch pie

**Recipe Provided by Councilwoman
Cheryl Martin.**

Ingredients

- 1(1lb) sweet potato
- ½ cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar substitute
- ½ cup low-fat milk
- 2 eggs
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 (9-inch) unbaked pie shells in
bake cookie refrigerator isle
Pillsbury in store for use I wrap
foil around crust to keep from
getting too dark or burned
appearance.

Directions

- (1.) Boil sweet potato whole in
skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or
until done. Run cold water
over the sweet potato and
remove the skin.
- (2.) Break apart sweet potato in a
bowl. Add margarine and mix
well with mixer. Stir in brown
splendor milk, eggs, nutmeg,
cinnamon and vanilla. Beat on
medium speed until mixture is
smooth. Pour filling into an
unbaked pie crust.
- (3.) Bake at 350 degrees F (175
degrees C) for 55 to 60
minutes, or until knife
inserted in center comes out
clean. Pie will puff up like a
souffle and then will sink
down as it cools.

CHOCOLCATE BOURBON PECAN PIE

**Recipe Provided by Alderman Kelly
Pettyjohn.**

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup sugar
- ½ cup Karo light corn syrup
- ½ cup Karo dark corn syrup
- 2 T Bourbon Whiskey
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup butter (melted)
- ½ t salt
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet or dark chocolate
chips
- 1 9-inch refrigerated prepared pie
crust

Directions

- (1.) Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- (2.) Beat sugar, corn syrup, bourbon,
eggs, butter, and salt together
in a mixing bowl until smooth
and creamy.
- (3.) Fold in pecans and chocolate
chips.
- (4.) Pour mixture into prepared pie
crust
- (5.) Bake until center sets
(approx... 50 minutes)

**Cover edges of pie crust with aluminum
foil strips to prevent from burning.
Remove foil strips after 30 minutes of
baking for a golden crust.**

CORNBREAD

Recipe Provided by the Oliphant Family.

Dry Ingredients

- 2 cups white cornmeal
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- ½ tsp baking powder

Wet Ingredients

- 2 cups milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick butter
- 2 cups water

Directions

- (1.) Boil water and butter.
- (2.) Mix with dry ingredients.
- (3.) Remove from heat.
- (4.) Add eggs and milk.
- (5.) Stir constantly about 2 minutes.
- (6.) Pour in 8X8 or 8X9 metal baking
dish.
- (7.) Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.
Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon when
done.

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APPLE CRISP

Recipe Provided by Finance
Manager Mary Introcaso.

Ingredients

- 6 cups sliced peeled apples
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tbs. water
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Topping:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, softened

Instructions

- (1.) Heat oven to 375 degrees.
- (2.) Place apples in ungreased 2 QT. casserole.
- (3.) Sprinkle with cinnamon, water and lemon juice.
- (4.) Mix topping ingredients in bowl until crumbly.
- (5.) Sprinkle over apples.
- (6.) Bake for 25 to 35 until golden brown.

Serve with ice cream.

CRANBERRY CHRISTMAS CAKE

Recipe Provided by Lori Dean.

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup softened butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 12 oz fresh cranberries

Instructions

- (1.) Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- (2.) Beat eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color about 5-7 minutes
- (3.) This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl.
- (4.) Add the butter and vanilla mix two more minutes, stir in flour until just combined.
- (5.) Add cranberries and stir.
- (6.) Spread in a buttered 9X13 pan.
- (7.) Bake 40-50 minutes or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

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