



Spring/Summer Edition Newsletter

A Message From The Mayor's Desk

Like many of you, I have spent hours the last few weeks at home watching TV. On one show I happened to catch an interview with Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. The topic of course was the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on the New York City area and the rest of America. The interviewer wrapped up the session by telling the Archbishop he had one-minute left and could he give a sermon. Bishop Dolan did not hesitate. He said, "What I would say to the people of America is to look for comfort in the words of the Pledge Allegiance - "One Nation Under God." For the rest of his minute Bishop Dolan cited the need for all Americans to unify, to take care of our neighbors, to be considerate of the most vulnerable in our population as we struggle to gain control over the Pandemic.

I am proud to say that I see the people of the Laurel community and surrounding area doing just that. The Laurel School District is distributing breakfast and lunch meals Monday through Friday to all children 18 years and younger. Councilman Kellam provided some food on the weekend at one of our rental complexes. Two women volunteers provided a free lunch from a table in their yard on Cooper Street. Workers at our local grocery stores are working diligently to restock paper and food supplies. I see the stress on their faces at the checkouts. Restaurants are operating on a takeout basis only. We need to support them during these days of significant revenue loss.

Federal, State, and local governments are working in a bipartisan manner to help get badly needed medical supplies to our Nation's hospitals and to provide some form of financial assistance to the workers who will be out of work due to the shutdown of all non-essential businesses across America. I and the Mayors of all Delaware Towns have been on three conference calls with Governor Carney since the crisis started. He and his team are focused on minimizing the impact of the virus on our people and restoring the health of our economy once the medical experts tell us out the outbreak is under control.

I want to assure all citizens Laurel Mayor and Council and Town Staff are ready to serve your needs during Governor Carney's Statewide shelter in place order. We ask that you pay bills remotely via credit card or by check or cash at the Town Office. For other transactions such as building permits, plan reviews, or water, sewer or trash issues call the office for an appointment. Mayor and Council will continue to legislate on critical, time sensitive issues that require prompt attention. We continue to pursue new economic development opportunities. We want to be ready when the American economy recovers.

Stay safe, obey the restrictions on movement and group size. This experience shows us once again how fragile human life is. Laurel is "Bulldog Strong." Together we will win!

-Mayor John J. Shwed

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Nanticoke Watershed Report

On the January 21, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting, Ms. Lisa Wool from the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance gave a report regarding the health status of Broad Creek. The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance is a non-profit organization where 100 plus volunteers perform water testing. The water testing consists of water temperature, dissolved oxygen, sanitary, water clarity, nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorine A. Ms. Wool stated Broad Creek stayed pretty much the same as last year due to the high amount of rain. She explained the implementation of Optic Brighteners Monitoring, which can help monitor failing septic systems and illegal wastewater connections to storm drains.

The Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Programs:

- Environmental Education
- Homeowners Education
- Designer Ditches
- Rain Garden Diagram
- Nanticoke Churches Program
- Oyster Gardening
- Bioreactors

For More Information Please Visit:

<https://nanticokeriver.org/>

Paddle the Nanticoke

According to Paddle the Nanticoke, the Nanticoke is the largest Chesapeake Bay tributary on the lower Delmarva Peninsula. The Nanticoke River consists of 64-mile journey that travels through Southern Delaware to Tangier Sound in Maryland. When traveling the Nanticoke a paddler can view marshland, forests, and farmland (Paddle the Nanticoke, n.d.).

Visit the Trail: Starting Points

Barren Creek
Broad Creek
Chicone Creek
Wetipquin Paddle

Broad Creek Paddle

Starting Point: Roger C. Fisher Laurel River Park

Duration: 2.5 - 5 hours

Distance: (one-way and round trip) Approximately 3.5 miles from Roger C. Fisher Laurel River Park to Ed Koch Access, additional 3.5 miles to Phillips Landing

(Can Make More Difficult If Want by Paddling to Phillips Landing)

By beginning at Broad Creek, a paddler can view forested shorelines, and move into a more open landscape south of Bethel (Paddle the Nanticoke, n.d.).

For More Information Please Visit:

<http://paddlethenanticoke.com/>



Laurel Boys & Girls Club - Update

On the February 18, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting, Mr. Chris Couch, Executive Director of the Laurel Boys & Girls Club gave a brief update regarding the Laurel Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Couch explained that the Boys & Girls Club operates currently in the 1925 Armory Building. Mr. Couch explained to Mayor & Council that they're planning on applying for a USDA Grant for renovations. The renovations consist of repairing the ramp behind the building and repairing the roof of the gymnasium. Mr. Couch also gave an update regarding the Boys & Girls Club as a whole.

Boys & Girls Club Activities

- Before and After School Care Program
- Teen Program on Friday Night
- Girls on the Run
- Lego League

Mr. Couch explained the Before and After School Care Program is ranked a 5 Star program according to the State of Delaware. He stated the Lego League recently competed in Dover and will be competing in the Regional's.

Junior Youth of the Year

The Junior Youth of the Year consist of nominating three women and three men who are selected by a group of panels.

Reminder Dates



Town Hall Closing Dates

Good Friday

Friday, April 10, 2020

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2020

Independence Day

Friday, July 3, 2020

Labor Day

Monday, September 7, 2020

Article: Paddle the Nanticoke: Visit the Trail
Paddle the Nanticoke: Broad Creek Paddle
Website: <http://paddlethenanticoke.com/>
URL: https://paddlethenanticoke.com/?page_id=69
https://paddlethenanticoke.com/?page_id=1572

Town News



Lights-On Laurel Strong Project

- Final Report

On the April 20, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting, Ms. Bether Rojas, Program Manager of the Lights-On Laurel Strong Project will be given a Final Report to Mayor & Council.

Lights-On Laurel Strong Project: Adopted

The Lights-On Laurel Strong Project was adopted by Mayor & Council at the past August 19, 2019 Mayor & Council Meeting. The goal was to implement an estimated of 400 homes with LED light bulbs within the Town of Laurel's target area.

Lights-On Laurel Strong Project: Start Date

The Lights-On Laurel Strong Project began this past fall on Monday, September 30, 2019.

What is Lights-On Laurel Strong Project

The purpose of the project is to replace inefficient lighting at homes with LED light bulbs in the town's target area. Once the target area is defined, the team then goes door to door and places fliers and door hangers on the eligible homes. Once a trust factor is built their next goal is to replace the inefficient lighting inside the home.

Lights-On Strong Program

The Light's-On Strong Program falls under Energize Delaware & Sustainable Energy.

LIGHTS-ON LAUREL STRONG PROJECT: FINAL REPORT

Monday, April 20, 2020

Reminder Dates

Know the Code



Bush, Grass, and Weeds

Highlights

(Highlights of the Code Listed Below.)

Cutting or Removal of Weeds Required

Every owner of any area, lot or parcel of land shall cut, trim or otherwise remove or cause to be removed all weeds, grass, brush or vegetation **more than six inches in height** on any lot within the Town of Laurel unless said property is in agriculture production.

Notice

The Town of Laurel Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to notify in writing via mail **(Certificate of Mailing)** the owner of the property, as determined by the official tax rolls of the Town of Laurel, to cut, remove, and destroy such grass and weeds, and/or remove and dispose of growing grass, cuttings, and other plants growing through, onto or over such sidewalks, driveways or streets from the subject property **within seven (7) calendar days** from mailing of said notice

An owner of any property will be given **only one notice per calendar year after** which the Town shall cut the grass after each additional violation days.

Bush, Grass, and Weed: Repeat Offenders

On June 17, 2019 Mayor & Council passed a Resolution to amend the fee pertaining Grass and Weed Works Order. The resolution became effective July 1, 2019.

REPEAT OFFENDERS:

Each violation increases by 25%.



Mayor & Council Spring & Summer Schedule

April Meeting Dates

Monday, April 6, 2020 (IF NEEDED)
Monday, April 20, 2020

May Meeting Dates

Monday, May 4, 2020 (IF NEEDED)
Monday, May 18, 2020

June Meeting Dates

Monday, June 1, 2020 (IF NEEDED)
Monday, June 15, 2020

July Meeting Dates

Monday, July 6, 2020 (IF NEEDED)
Monday, July 20, 2020

August Meeting Dates

Monday, August 3 2020 (IF NEEDED)
Monday, August 17, 2020 (IF NEEDED)

AGENDA'S POSTED ONLINE AT

www.townoflaurel.net

Reminder Dates

MAY 2020				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	2
3	4	5 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	6 EAST & WEST SIDE YARD WASTE	7 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	8 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	9
10	11	12 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	13	14 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	15 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	16
17	18	19 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	20	21 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	22 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	23
24	25 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	26 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	27	28 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	29 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	30

JUNE 2020				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	3 EAST & WEST SIDE YARD WASTE	4 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	5 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	6
7	8	9 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	10	11 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	12 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	13
14	15	16 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	17	18 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	19 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	20
21	22	23 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	24	25 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	26 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	27
28	29	30 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN				

JULY 2020				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 YARD WASTE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	2 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	3 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN (TOWN OFFICE CLOSED)	4
5	6	7 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	8 YARD WASTE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	9 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	10 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	11
12	13	14 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	15 YARD WASTE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	16 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	17 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	18
19	20	21 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	22 YARD WASTE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	23 WEST SIDE RECYCLE	24 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	25
26	27	28 TRASH PICK UP FOR EAST SIDE OF TOWN	29 YARD WASTE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	30 EAST SIDE RECYCLE	31 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	

Reminder Dates

AUGUST 2020				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 TRASH PICK UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	5 YARD WASTE WEST SIDE	6 RECYCLE WEST SIDE	7 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	8
9	10	11 TRASH PICK UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	12 YARD WASTE EAST SIDE	13 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	14 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	15
16	17	18 TRASH PICK UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	19 YARD WASTE WEST SIDE	20 RECYCLE WEST SIDE	21 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	22
23	24	25 TRASH PICK UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	26 YARD WASTE EAST SIDE	27 RECYCLE EAST SIDE	28 TRASH PICK UP FOR WEST SIDE OF TOWN	29
30	31					

Yard Waste Announcement

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Yard Waste will only be picked up the **first Wednesday of each month** until further notice.

Town Projects



Delaware Avenue Water Main Replacement

On January 27, 2020 a Special Mayor & Council Meeting was held to accept the bid approval regarding the Delaware Avenue Water Main Replacement. Del-Dot has been going around various towns repairing bridges. The water main located at Delaware Avenue needed to be relocated and Del-Dot agreed to cover the expenses pertaining the project. The town received one bid from George & Lynch in the amount of \$182,232.



Mill Dam Bridge Closed

On February 18, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting residents were notified that the Mill Dam Bridge would be closed beginning on March 2, 2020. The bridge is projected to be closed until Spring of 2021. The parking lot and the floating dock are also closed.



Town of Laurel: Commercial Highway Signs

On February 3, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting a proposed Commercial Highway Sign Project was presented. In the recent years, the town has received several developer calls who are interested in developing along the U.S. 13 Corridor. The town has received several quotes regarding the cost of the Commercial Highway Signs. The Commercial Highway Signs will be located along the north and along the south side of Route 13 with the town branding implemented on them. The proposed project will be budgeted in next year's budget. The proposed signs will be in accordance to Del-Dot standards.

Town Projects



TAP Funding

The Town of Laurel announced last year they were a recipient of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding. This funding will be utilized to construct the walkway regarding the Ramble Project.

PHASE 1

The PHASE 1 of the Walkway will be built at the beginning of Roger C. Fisher Laurel River Park. In order to begin the installment of the walkway a waiver and easement needs to be obtained from the Railroad Company to go under the railroad bridge. The town will first start on PHASE II of the Walkway to allow the project to begin. The town will continue to work with the Railroad Company in order to secure a waiver and an easement.

PHASE II

The PHASE II of the Walkway is Janosik Park where the walkway is in need of repair. The timeline of PHASE II Construction is projected to start in 6 to 12 months. PHASE I walkway can be completed while PHASE II walkway is being constructed.

Spring Safety Tips



Spring Safety Tips

INDOOR SPRING MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Replace Batteries:** Check batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms
- 2. Sure Your Breathing Clean Air:** Spring Season is upon us which means allergies. Invest in either a HEPA Air Purifier or replace your HVAC Filters in your home.
- 3. Clean Out the Dryer Vent:** Your dryer vent can lead to a fire hazard if not properly clean.
- 4. Check Your Medicine Cabinet and First Aid Kits:** With Spring ahead and the flu and cold season hopefully behind it's time to restock your medicine cabinet and your First Aid Kits.
- 5. Check for Mold:** Mold grows in cold, dark, and damp places around your home. When inspecting your home for mold be sure to wear the proper safety equipment including a mask and gloves.

OUTDOOR SPRING MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Check Your Roof for Weather Damage:** With winter ending, be sure to examine your roof for missing or broken shingles.
- 2. Clean Gutters and Downspouts:** Did you know clogged cutters and clogged downspouts can ultimately lead to water damage.
- 3. Secure Your Home's Entrances:** Double check to make all home's entrances are secure. Make sure your window screens aren't torn and locks work properly. Invest in an outdoor security camera with motion sensors lights placed near your door. Consider updating your passcode to your garage door.
- 4. Secure Window Wells and Crawl Spaces:** With the weather turning warmer make sure your yard is safe for both your children and your pets.
- 5. Check Your Fence For Winter Storm Damage:** Make sure your fence is intact after winter.

Police Department Message



On the January 21, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting Chief Wright presented PFC Smith and PFC Howard as the rank of Patrolman First Class. During the month of February, Laurel Police Officers stopped by to participate in the town's HGTV Hometown Makeover Application. In early March, the Delaware State Police held their Annual Awards Ceremony in Dover, Delaware. Congratulations to PFC Little for earning a Lifesaver Award and to PFC Smith for earning an Exceptional Performance Award at this year's ceremony. Delaware Helping Warriors Outdoors issued the Laurel Police Department and the Laurel Fire Department with sanitizer and cleaning supply this past March. The Laurel Police Department helped honored World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2020 by rocking their socks.

Laurel Police Department

Address: 205 Mechanic Street

Phone #: 302-875-2244



14th Annual St. Phillip's Strawberry Festival

Date: Saturday, May 16th, 2020

Time: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Breakfast Sandwiches Available

-Scrapple Sandwiches

Lunch Menu:

A Platter:

Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, lettuce tomato and pickle. Drink included.

Sandwich Options:

- (1.) Chicken Salad sandwich on a croissant with potato chips and a drink.
- (2.) Hotdog and Chips with a drink.
- (3.) Sausage and Chips with a drink.

Make Sure You Save Room For Dessert!!!

List below of strawberry desserts.

- Whipped Cream & Ice Cream
- Homemade Strawberry Ice Cream
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Strawberries and Pound Cake & Whipped Cream & Ice Cream
- Sliced Strawberries Ice Cream or Whipped Cream

Vendors & Crafters

Both vendors & crafters will be set-up inside and outside.



Hope Lodge #4

Date: Saturday, May 16th, 2020

Address: 102 W. 6th Street

SERVING:

OYSTER FRITTERS & CREAM OF CRAB SOUP
(PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH)



Water-Colors Event

Date: July 11, 2020

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Location: Roger C. Fisher Park



9th Annual Broad Creek Bike & Brew Virtual Distance Ride

This year's Bike and Brew will consist of a Virtual Distance Ride where riders will choose one of the selected distances and will perform the ride on their own course.

Date: June 5th - 7th, 2020.

(Course must be completed between June 5th and 7th.)

Details Virtual Distance Ride

- Riders may select either a 15-mile, 25-mile, or 50-mile, Metric Century and Century Ride.
- Ride will take place on the rider's own course.
- Riders may either ride on a stationary bike or ride outside at their location.
- Participants are asked to post their time and photo of themselves on Bike and Brew Webpage if desire.
- Riders may sign up on website at <http://www.broadcreekbikeandbrew.com/>

Come and Celebrate Your Great Achievement!!!

WHEN: September 26, 2020

TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: Janosik Park

Come enjoy a BBQ Chicken dinner, unlimited beer samples, and live music from Charlie and the Cool Tones.

For More Information Please Visit

<http://www.broadcreekbikeandbrew.com/>



Laurel Public Library

NOTE: Laurel Public Library is currently closed to patrons due to COVID-19. Please visit their website <https://laurel.lib.de.us/> to verify if the events listed are still scheduled to be held.

Page Turner Book Club

Date: Second Thursday of Every Month

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Participants Discuss Selected "Title of the Month")

April 11, 2020

Book: Remarkable Creatures

Author: Tracy Chevalier

May 14, 2020

Book: Main Street

Author: Sinclair Lewis

June 11, 2020

Book: Educated: A Memoir

Author: Tara Westover

July 9, 2020

Book: Master Butchers Singing Club

Author: Louise Erdrich



**Town of Laurel's
26th Annual
4th of July Celebration**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Prayers Breakfast at Abbott's Grill on Broad Creek

- Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.

Food and Non-Food Vendors along Market Street and Central Avenue

- Set-Up Starts at 2:00 p.m.
- Forms are available at Laurel Town Hall if interested.

King's Ransom and Pistol Whip Performing at Market Street Square Park

- King Ransom to begin performing at 3:00 p.m.
- Pistol Whip to follow King Ransom.

Petting Zoo and Face Painting at Market Street Square Park

- 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayors Challenge at Market Street Square Park

- Begins at 4:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Stars & Stripes 5k Run/Walk

- Registration Starts at 4:00 p.m. across from Pizza King
- Run/Walk Starts at 5:00 p.m.
- Sign-Up at www.trisportsevents.com

Independence Day Parade

- Line-Up begins at 6:00 p.m. on Evergreen Drive
- Parade begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Route begins at Evergreen Drive and travels north on Central Avenue.
- Parade Applications are available at Laurel Town Hall or at www.townoflaurel.net

Firework Display

- Begins at dusk.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS!!!



National Public Works Week 2020

Each year American Public Works Association (APWA), recognizes the importance and the significance of Public Works by honoring them on National Public Works Week. APWA created the National Public Works Week to help educate the need and importance of public works projects throughout North America. National Public Works Week continues to be sponsored by APWA, since 1960. The goal of National Public Works Week is to continually to educate the public regarding the importance of the Public Works Department (About National Public Works Week, n.d.).

Town of Laurel: Public Works

Laurel Public Works helps preserve Laurel by maintaining the water and sewer infrastructure, consisting of three water production wells, a water treatment facility, and a modern Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) Wastewater Treatment Plant. The staff also conducts park maintenance and snow removal. Public Work staff also works closely with the Town Code Enforcement Department by assisting with property clean-ups due to code violations. Public Works Departments are currently staffed with certified Water and Wastewater Operators.

Town of Laurel Public Works Staff:

Public Works Director: James Foskey

Laurel Public Works Staff:

Public Works Maintenance Tech: Gilbert Stevenson

Public Works Maintenance Tech: Zach Karoly

Public Works Maintenance Tech: Lewis Calio

Public Works Maintenance Tech: Jeanie Foxwell

Laurel Water Treatment Staff:

Water Superintendent/Operator: Keith Bell

Water Operator: Aaron VanGorder

Laurel Wastewater Treatment Staff:

Wastewater Superintendent: Josh Krueger

Wastewater Operator/Lab Tech: Linda Lewis

Wastewater Operator: Aaron Collier

2020 National Public Works Week Poster Theme:

The Rhythm of Public Works Week

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:

May 17 – 23, 2020



National Hop-A-Park Day

Our days are beginning to become longer, and the weather is beginning to turn warmer, which means the outdoor season has officially sprung. When the weather begins to transition from winter to spring to summer many of us take advantage of the different outdoor activities the season brings us. To help kick off the summer season let's all join and help celebrate National Hop-A-Park Day! National Hop-A-Park Day is recognized on the first Saturday in July, which gives individuals and families an opportunity to learn and explore the different parks in their communities. By help celebrating National Hop-A-Park Day, it allows for more participation of outdoor recreational activities including walking, fishing, kayaking, playing outdoor games, and more. The major advantage of participating in National Hop-A-Park Day is it allows you and your family the opportunity to step away from technology for a day and to take advantage of the bright clear air and the sunny sunshine. By creating community parks, it gives individuals and families the opportunity to utilize the open and spacious area, who may not ultimately have a large backyard. It's important to note that urban planners are continuously creating a greener and open spaces to help improve a healthier community. Let's all help celebrate National Hop-A-Park Day by visiting the town's different parks and posting on social media #NationalHopAParkDay (National Day Calendar, 2020).

National Hop-A-Park Day:

Saturday July 4, 2020

Visit The Town of Laurel's Parks

- Market Street Square Park
- Janosik Park
- Roger C. Fisher Park
- Tidewater Park

Title: About National Public Works Week

Website: <https://www.apwa.net/>

URL:

[https://www.apwa.net/MYAPWA/APWA/Promoting APWA/NPWW How to Guide/APWA Public/Resourses/NPWW how to guide/NPWW How to Guide/home_pg.aspx?hkey=04d4533d-9253-42eb-8ed3-c42e95ce36c9](https://www.apwa.net/MYAPWA/APWA/Promoting%20APWA/NPWW%20How%20to%20Guide/APWA%20Public/Resourses/NPWW%20how%20to%20guide/NPWW%20How%20to%20Guide/home_pg.aspx?hkey=04d4533d-9253-42eb-8ed3-c42e95ce36c9)

Title: NATIONAL HOP-A-PARK DAY - First Saturday in July

Website: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/calendar-at-a-glance/>

URL:

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/hop-a-park-day-first-saturday-in-july/>

Town of Laurel: Special Event Request

If you are interested in reserving one of the towns park for a special event, please submit the Special Event Request Form to Laurel Town Hall. The form may either be obtained either at Laurel Town Hall or www.townoflaurel.net. Special Event Request Forms are submitted on a first come first serve basis.

Due to Governor's Carney Stay-At Home Order and no large gatherings permitted the Town of Laurel will not be approving Special Event Request until May 15, 2020.

(PLEASE NOTE IF YOU RESERVE A PARK FOR AN EVENT THE PARK IS STILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.)

Spring Fun Facts



Dandelion Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

Dandelion Facts:

- Dandelions are NOT weeds, but are from the same family as sunflowers.
- 1 cup of dandelion greens = 535% of your daily recommended vitamin K and 112% of vitamin A.
- A Dandelion Seed can travel up to 5 miles before it lands.
- Every part of the dandelion is edible.
- Up until the 1800's, dandelions were extremely beneficial. People would remove grass to plant dandelions.

Town of Laurel: Meeting Dates

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, Meeting Dates maybe subject to change or cancelled. Please contact Laurel Town Office at 302-875-2277 regarding the meeting dates.

The Laurel Bush



The Laurel Bush

Did you know the Town of Laurel was incorporated in 1883 and the town was named after the infamous Laurel Tree's? The Laurel Tree's were once located along the creek's banks under the giant cypress and mature trees. In 1683 Laurel, Delaware was first founded and in 1802 it was plotted after the sale of an Indian Reservation on the current site. The Town of Laurel, Delaware was home to a Nanticoke Indian Settlement referred to as Broad Creek during the 18th Century (Laurel History Background, 2016).

What Is A Laurel Bush?

The Laurel Bush is considered one of the easiest growing flowers, which consists of blooming evergreen leaves. They're several varieties of a Laurel Bush including Laurel's, Cherry Laurels, and English Laurel's. This type of plant varies in size from small trees to large and small shrubs. The Laurel Bush are considered to be very hardy and low maintenance and can grow in shady or dry areas. This type of plant is deer, disease, and pest resistant and are salt and pollution tolerant. The Laurel Bush are great for planting screens and hedges (Laurel Bush Description, n.d.)

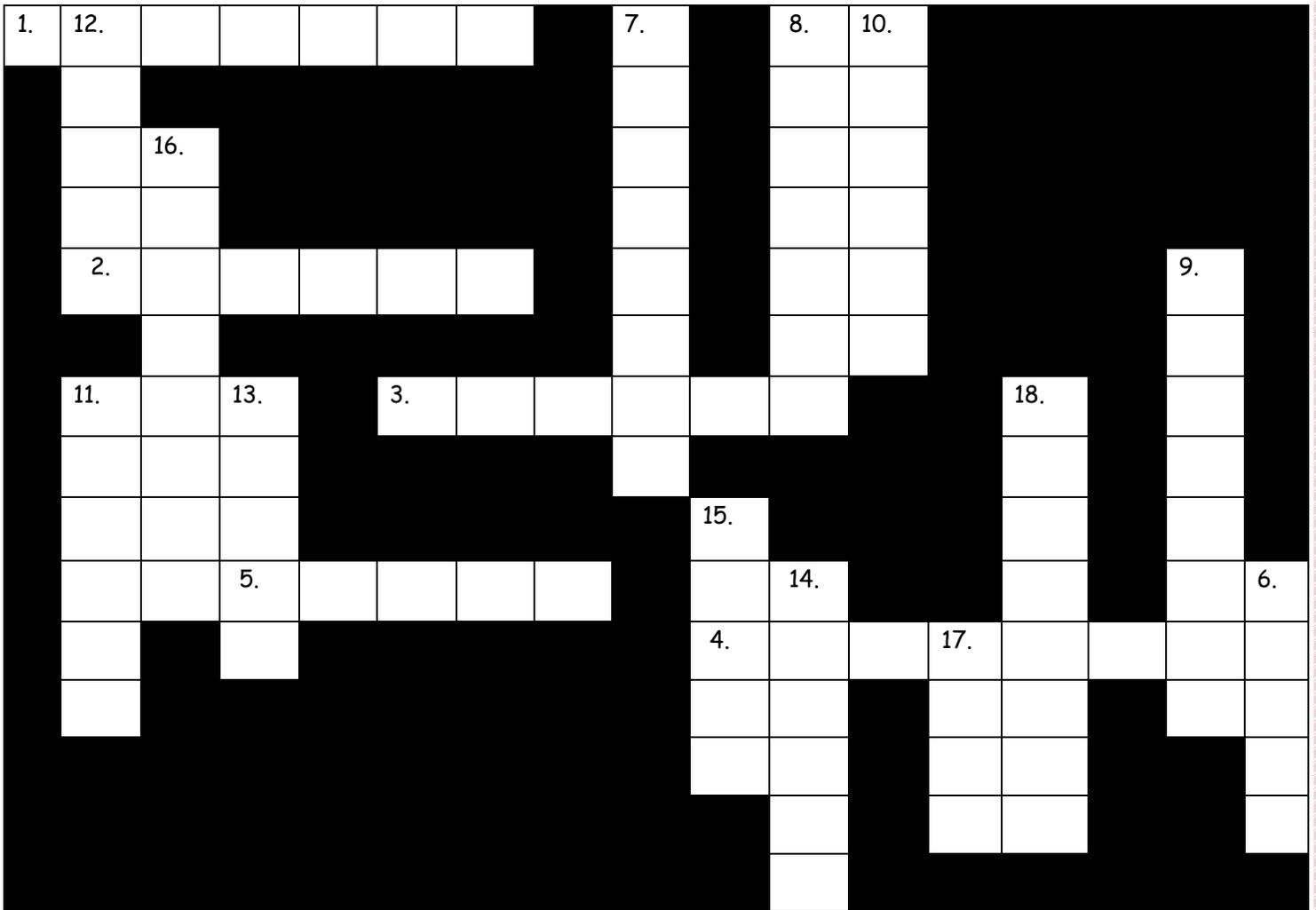
Even though there are several varieties of a Laurel Bush there are differences between their foliage. All varieties of Laurel's have blooming white flowers within the spring and black inedible berries in the summer (Laurel Hedges, 2019)

Title: Laurel, De Base Camp to Nanticoke Country
(A Nature & Heritage Tourism Plan for Laurel, De)
Chapter: Laurel History & Background
Date: 2016

Title: Laurel Bush Description
Website: <https://www.plantingtree.com/>
URL: <https://www.plantingtree.com/collections/laurel-bush>

Title: Laurel Hedges
Website: <https://www.instanthedge.com/>
URL: <https://www.instanthedge.com/laurel-hedges/>
Date: 2019

SPRING THEMED CROSS-WORD



ACROSS:

- #1 April Showers Bring May _____.
- #2 One of the first spring flowers to bloom while there is still snow on the ground.
- #3 Considered one of the easiest spring flowers to grow and known for their bulb shape.
- #4 This sport is considered America's Favorite Pastime.
- #5 Blue skies with an overcast of _____

DOWN:

- #6 During the spring season flowers begin to_____.
- #7 This spring flower is typically a pale-yellow color and appears every spring season.
- #8 A small pool of water good for jumping and splashing in.
- #9 It's considered bad luck to open inside.
- #10 Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall are considered what.
- #11 Considered 1 of the 4 seasons and is followed by Winter.
- #12 This flower symbolizes spring and is the Official State Flower of New Hampshire.
- #13 An alternate name of a baby bird that just hatched that is light yellow and fluffy.
- #14 Spring colors consists of soft and pale shades referred as _____.
- #15 This type of bird symbolizes passion, new beginnings, and renewal.
- #16 What is reserved on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.
- #17 The Easter Bunny is considered a folklore figure who fills children's baskets with decorated_____.
- #18 An arch filled with different colors resting upon the sky.

ANSWER KEY:

Answer Key is available online at www.townoflaurel.net

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