



**Winter
Edition
Newsletter**

Message From The Mayor's Desk

As we stand at the doorway of a new year, we pause to reflect on the road behind us and look forward with renewed hope to what lies ahead.

The past year bought its share of challenges and lessons, moments that tested our strength and reminded us of what truly matters.

Through it all, we endured, we learn, and we grew. A new year is more than a change on the calendar, it is an invitation. An invitation to believe again, to dream a little bigger, and to move forward with purpose.

It reminds us, that progress is made not only through grand achievements, but through small consistent acts of kindness, effort and unity.

Let this year be one where hope guides our decisions and compassion shapes our actions. Let us listen more, support one another more deeply and work together to build stronger families communities and futures.

Progress begins when we choose cooperation over division and optimism over fear.

May the coming year bring peace to our hearts clarity to our goals and courage to pursue what is good and meaningful.

As we welcome this new beginning, let us move forward and together, grateful for where we've been, confident in where we are going, and committed to building a year filled with hope progress and possibility.

With best wishes for a bright and promising New Year.

Blessings, health and peace to all.

Mayor Oliveras.

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Town Hall Closing Dates

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Monday, January 19, 2026

President's Day

- Monday, February 16, 2026



**Mayor & Council Meeting Schedule
January - April 2026**

Listed below are the Town of Laurel's Mayor & Council Schedule for January 2026 through April 2026.

JANUARY 2026

- Monday, January 5, 2026 *
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026

FEBRUARY 2025

- Monday, February 2, 2026 *
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026

MARCH 2025

- Monday, March 2, 2026 *
- Monday, March 16, 2026

APRIL 2025

- Monday, April 6, 2026 *
- Monday, April 20, 2026

Mayor & Council Agenda's

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

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Town of Laurel's
"8th Annual Trunk or Treat"
Trunk Vendors - 2025**

Local Businesses, Organizations, and Charities

- Laurel Fire Department Auxiliary
 - Laurel Fire Department
 - Boys & Girls Club
- Dept. of Correction Sussex Community Correction Center
 - Josh Bailey, State Farm
 - Johnny Janosik
 - Laurel Lions Club
- Laurel Women's Civic Club
 - Laurel Public Library
 - Carey's
- Vital Church/Pastor Rob
- Melinda Tingle, Edward Jones (Candy Donation)

**"BEST TRUNK 2025": Laurel Women's Civic Club -
Sesame Street**

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



**Town of Laurel's
Christmas Parade Award Winners 2025**

- **Best Appearing Fire Co.:** Bridgeville Fire Dept
- **Best Overall Theme:** Lakeside Transportation
- **Best Vehicle:** Chisenhall Family
- **Best Civic Group:** Laurel Women's Civic Club
- **Best Scout Entry:** Girl Scout Troop 740
- **Best Classic Car:** Frank Messick
- **Best Youth Entry:** Sycamore 4H
- **Best Float Entry:** Guided Steps Ministries
- **Best Commercial:** CRW Farms
- **Best Overall:** Extreme Dance
- **Best Tractor Entry:** Grow Mark
- **Best Band:** Laurel High School

Trophies can be picked up at Laurel Town Hall between Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**Planning & Zoning Meeting & Board of
Adjustment Dates**

Please be advised that P&Z Meetings and Board of Adjustment Meetings are held on an as needed basis.

If a meeting is to be held the agendas are posted one week prior of the meeting at www.townoflaurel.net.

- **P&Z Meeting:** Meet on the second Wednesday of the Month.
- **Board of Adjustment:** Meet on the second Thursday of the Month.



Broad Creek Seasonal RV Park

A Board of Adjustment Meeting was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Laurel Town Hall to hear a variance request. The proposed request was for a Broad Creek Seasonal RV Park located on Old Sailor's Path, south of the town's wastewater plant and north of the Broad Creek River. Kearsarge Energy will be utilizing the north site of this property for a solar farm. They're proposing a 54-site seasonal RV Park. The RV Park will be accessible by Old Sailor's Path as the solar farm will be improving the road as part of their project. The property was sold in 2005-2006 where the current owner had the property annexed and re-zoned to R-2.

Amenities Include:

- Modern sites with sewer, water, and electric hookups.
- Store/Office with a small laundromat.
- An arcade, restrooms, bath houses, and a pool with a pool house with showers/restrooms.
- Internet connections and a picnic table and grill on stone pads.
- Cabins offered and they will have seasonal and part-time staff.

Variance Request Approval:

The board granted the variance request to be contingent that an Infrastructure Plan to be submitted that complies with all town specifications with the town engineer reviewing and approving the plans. The board approved that the applicant's timeline of 1 year doesn't begin until an Infrastructure Plan is submitted.



NeighborGood Partners

NeighborGood Partners came in front of Mayor & Council in August 2025 and P&Z in October 2025.

Listed below are the proposed Concept Plan of Meadow View located on Discount Land Road as presented.

- 229 new homes (121 single family homes, 60 duplexes, and 48 town homes).
- Lot sizes will be made larger with fewer homes proposed.
- Proposing 49% open space, right of way, a play area, and a walking path.
- Wetlands in the rear will be preserved, and a landscape buffer is proposed.
- Proposing a commercial piece with two 10,000 square foot buildings.



PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE

Listed below are projects who have received their Final Approval or projects that are working on receiving their Preliminary Approvals from the Town of Laurel.

Kearsarge Broad Creek Solar Farm

Kearsarge Environment is a solar panel-based company based in Boston and where they have completed several projects in the New England and New York area. Their goal is to expand into the Mid-Atlantic region. They will own the life of the project for 25 to 30 years where they will build, develop, and operate the property for the project's lifetime.

Location: Old Sailor's Path, Tax Map #232-12.00-13.00. The site used to be formerly known as Laurel Old Campground.

Preliminary Site Plan & Public Hearing:

The Preliminary Site Plan & Public Hearing was held on December 11, 2024, for P&Z's and the public reviews.

Final Site Plan:

The Final Site Plan was presented on December 10, 2025, for P&Z's and the public reviews. All state approvals were received prior in order to receive Final Site Plan Approval. Anticipating construction in Summer of 2026.

Truitt Farm Retail

The developer is proposing to utilize the 12 acres of the front portion of the property and leaving the remaining 32 acres untouched. They're proposing to subdivide the 12 acres (5 Lots) as the entire proposal is zoned a C-B Zoning. The proposed lot they're presenting is for a McDonalds.

Concept Plan: Presented on September 10, 2025, for P&Z and the public's review.

Preliminary Site Plan & Public Hearing:

A public hearing will be held on February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Laurel Town Hall for P&Z and the public's review.

Commercial Business, U.S. Rt. 13 & Rt. 9

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The proposed property is 8.00 acres located adjacent to U.S. Rt 13 and Rt.9 with a C-B zoning. They're proposing to rotate the convenient store and the gas pumps approximately 90 degrees from the original plan as presented. The proposed convenience store is 6,372 square feet with 6 gas pumps proposed. The building configuration has not changed but the gas pumps have been reduced by one.

Amended Preliminary Site Plan:

The Amended Preliminary Site Plan was presented on October 8, 2025, for P&Z and the public's review.

Final Approval Steps:

- (1.) Submission of a Concept Plan - (OPTIONAL)
- (2.) Submission of a Preliminary Site Plan
- (3.) Holding a Public Hearing
- (4.) Submission of a Final Site Plan.

INAUGURAL LAUREL HERITAGE



"YOUR INVITED!!!"

The Town of Laurel invites you to attend the Inaugural Laurel Heritage Day Celebration on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Janosik Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This exciting community event will celebrate Laurel's rich and captivating history, bringing together residents, visitors, and local organizations for a day of family fun and hometown pride.

The celebration will feature: Live music by Charlie and The Cool Tones; a classic car show, a variety of local vendors and artisans, displays and activities hosted by the Laurel Historical Society.

Remember to mark you calendars for this inaugural celebration as you don't want to miss this fun family captivating event!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

**INAUGURAL LAUREL HERTIAGE DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
JANOSIK PARK
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

Hometown Hero Banners



Town of Laurel

Hometown Hero Banner Update

The Town of Laurel's Hometown Hero Banner Project Initiative launched this past summer. The town is proud to announce that 38 banners were displayed honoring our local heroes and first responders.

Applications will be available beginning in January 2026 at Laurel Town Hall or online at www.townoflaurel.net for the 2026 Summer Season.

Please note applications and pictures must be submitted together in-person at Laurel Town Hall or via email provided on the application. **Applications must be submitted by February 27, 2026, in order for the flags to be displayed for the 2026 Summer Season.** The banner project is at least a two-month process including the production and shipment of the banners. The cost of the banner will include the production of the banner along with the brackets/hardware.

Hometown Hero Banner Display

Banners are displayed at the beginning of Memorial Day to Labor Day all throughout the town.

**Trash, Recycle, & Yard Waste
(January - April 2026)**

<u>JANUARY 2026</u>				Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Schedule		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY!!!	2 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	3
4	5	6 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	7 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	8 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	9	10
11	12	13 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	14 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	15 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	16	17
18	19	20 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	21 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	22 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	23	24
25	26	27 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	28 YARD WASTE ENTIRE TOWN RECYCLE WEST SIDE OF TOWN	29 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	30	31

<u>FEBRUARY 2026</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 OF TOWN	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 OF TOWN	12 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	13	14
15	16	17 TRASH PICK-UP EAST SIDE OF TOWN	18 RECYCLE EAST SIDE OF TOWN	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 OF TOWN	26 TRASH PICK-UP WEST SIDE OF TOWN	27	28

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Kid - Friendly Winter Activities

WINTER

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



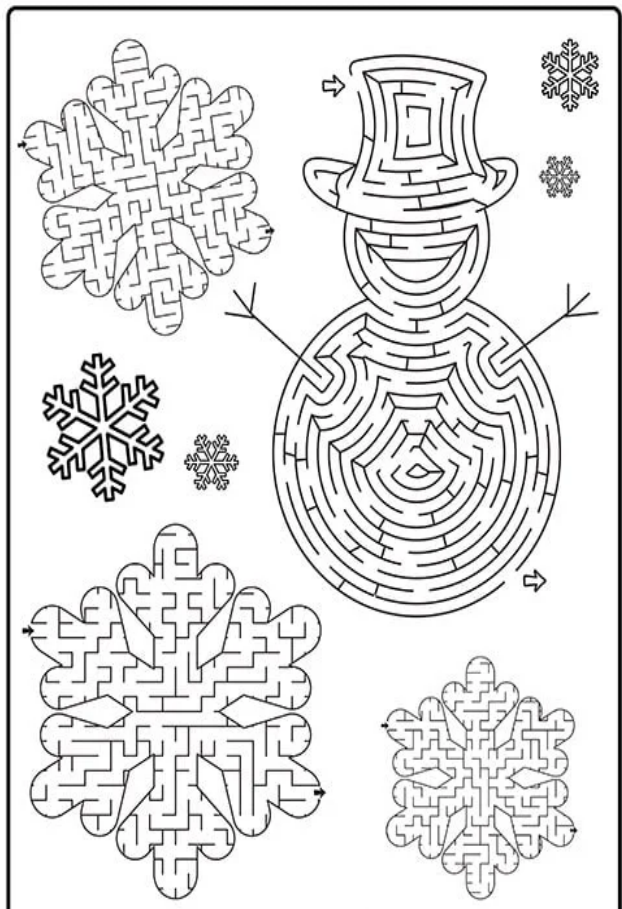
Across

2. Fuzzy footwear for indoors
3. Warm drink in the winter
5. What you build with snow
7. Common winter illness
7. Opposite of hot
8. Keeps your ears warm
10. Animal that hibernates
11. You wear these on your hands
13. Season after fall
14. Large warm outerwear
15. White and falls from the sky
16. Used to ride down snowy hills
17. Sport on ice

Down

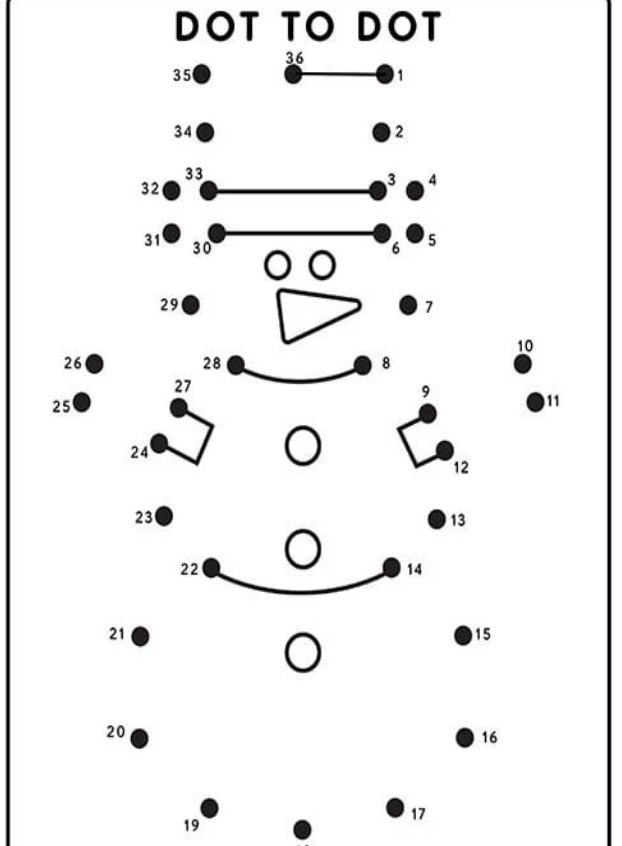
1. Room-heating device
2. A person made of snow
3. Opposite of hot
4. Worn around your neck
6. Slippery frozen water
9. Slippery place to skate
10. Worn to keep feet warm
12. Falls from the sky and melts

SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS



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DOT TO DOT



WINTER Word Search

CLOUDY STORM SNOWY WHITE FROSTY

K	Z	J	A	W	O	M	H	Y	S
L	K	T	T	H	D	B	P	L	Q
X	L	T	K	I	Z	H	R	U	C
I	P	Y	Y	T	M	G	F	X	L
P	L	I	H	E	G	O	R	J	O
M	F	S	B	U	D	O	O	A	U
R	R	Z	W	Y	E	T	S	U	D
F	A	S	N	O	W	Y	T	U	Y
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