

Laurel Arts Council Meeting Agenda – Feb 11, 2026

at 6:30pm (virtual)

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Preliminaries

1. Take Roll:
2. Determine Quorum:
3. VOTE: Approval of January Minutes (No Quorum in December)
4. Updates on Membership & New Applicants:

Agenda:

1. News from City Government – Bill (DPR), Naomi (ECD)
2. Traffic box wrap update, issues – Bharati, Ella, Melissa
 - Call for Artists distributed
 - Margaret or Angie – send to LAG members
 - Signarama (local business) can do the wraps – need to cost this.
3. Preakness-themed Art Contest – Melissa
 - Call for Artists with detailed image specs drafted, under review.
 - Signarama (Don) can transfer images to posters and windows for display
 - Laurel Art Guild (LAG) providing submission portal, handling fees. Pres. Ephrain Montanez.
 - long experience with art contests, have needed infrastructure. LAG membership covers 4 counties incl. Anne Arundel, which is managing the Preakness. Cements ongoing LAC-LAG partnership.
 - Laurel Emergency Mgr Chrissy Cornwall, via Bill, is liaison to Preakness planning.
 - Audra Madison, Director of Marketing for Maryland Racing, is ultimate POC.
 - Judges – someone from city? Mayor or council?
 - How many pieces? Where display? Cost? Prize money?
4. Poems in Parks – Jennifer
 - Cheryl of Laurel for Patuxent (L4P) notes Apr 18 is also L4P cleanup day – asks for Apr 19 (Sunday) or later for installation of poem at Riverfront Park.
 - Jennifer will conduct poetry workshop (Apr 11) and is curator for poem to be installed
 - Poet Michael Glaser's family gave permission to use his poem "Trees"
 - Glaser was nationally acclaimed poet and former Maryland Poet Laureate
5. Schools – Melissa
 - Meet with Scotchtown Hills in Feb on playground mural after snow melts.
 - Creative Outlets Inc (local nonprofit) agreed to do playground mural with the children.
6. Farmer's Market Music – Sandy
 - Music transfer fully to P&R? Michelle B has it set already for 2026.
7. Writer's Group – Sandy
 - informally, a 1st tag-up Friday noon at Ragamuffins.
8. October Ghost Walks: – Sandy
 - Interest by most stakeholders, will Zoom with Laurel Mill Playhouse.

- Theater Arts
1. Upcoming events – Main Street Festival - May?

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025 (virtual)

FY26 Budget Revised:

Box wraps (3)	<u>\$4500 + \$150</u>
Trashcan sealant	\$250
Poetry sign & supplies	\$550
2 ESs (Scotchtown, Laurel)	\$1000
Laurel HS,	\$500?
Swag & misc for LAC	\$300
Art supplies	\$400
Farmer's Market music	\$4320 (Michele Blair) -> 1/3 of our budget
Main St Festival artists	\$2500 -> \$2000
Selborne House art expo	\$150