

Leonardtown BEACON

A Publication for the Community of Historic Leonardtown ~ Est. 1660

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Governmental Center

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APRIL 27

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Leonardtown Square

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SMC Fairgrounds

MAY 16

Leonardtown's 300th Birthday
Celebration & Grand Opening of
Leonardtown Wharf Public Park
Leonardtown Wharf Park

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JULY 26, & AUGUST 23**

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Goddard Farm

AUGUST 9

Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtown Square

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

The Leonardtown Lions Club Roaring for their Community!

To understand the Leonardtown Lions Club, you must first identify "What is a Lions Club organization?" Lions Clubs International and the associated Lions Clubs around the world are one of the world's largest service organizations. Lions Clubs worldwide take on many challenges within their local communities. Individual clubs are chartered when a group of individuals decide

that they can make a difference in their community by establishing a Lions Club and finding solutions to unaddressed needs.

The Leonardtown Lions Club was established in 1940, and has served the Leonardtown community and outlying areas for more than 68 years. So, you might ask, who are the Leonardtown Lions? The answer . . . committed volunteers . . . any

man or woman who is willing to become involved in helping others, from business people, doctors, bankers, engineers, clergy, farmers, mechanics, police, government employees, and a wife, husband, son or daughter of any of the aforementioned.

The Leonardtown Lions Club actively supports community functions and charitable organizations, including:

- Lions Camp Merrick - summer camp for children
- White Cane Program
- Vision testing and eye glasses for the needy
- Leader eye dogs for the visually impaired/blind
- Used eye glasses and hearing aid collections
- Lions Vision Research Foundation - Wilmer Eye Institute
- Hospice of St. Mary's
- Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

- Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Health Share of St. Mary's County
- College scholarships for local students
- Christmas gifts for needy families in St. Mary's County
- Fire and Rescue Appreciation Day
- The St. Mary's County Memorial Committee and War Memorials in the Leonardtown Square
- Other District and International Programs



Come on out! The Leonardtown Lions Club invites you to the Annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival on Sunday, June 8th at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. You'll not only be supporting the mission of the Club, but enjoy delicious crabs, tasty food, splendid entertainment and socializing with your family and friends!

"White Cane Week" has been established by the National Federation of the Blind as the third week in May. Look for Lions Club members at local businesses the weekend of May 16th as they bring awareness and collect donations for supporting programs and services for the blind or visually impaired. For your donation, you will receive a "White Cane" sticker and feel the joy of helping others.

By donating your old eyeglasses in a Lions Club collection box, you are providing a great service for the visually impaired. The Leonardtown Lions Club has a collection box for your eyeglasses at St. Mary's Hospital, Bell Motor Company, Cedar Point Federal Credit Union in Leonardtown, Our Lady's Church, the Garvey Senior Center, and the Leonardtown AAMCO Service Center. In addition to eyeglasses, donations of used hearing aids are also being accepted at these locations.

The major fund raiser for the Leonardtown Lions Club is the annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival, traditionally held on the second Sunday in June. This Festival has been a popular event since its inception in 1986, generating funds that allow the Club to continue its support of the many charitable functions it's committed to. Over the

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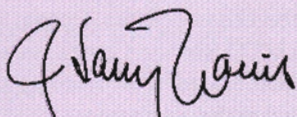
Leonardtown's Web Site:
leonardtown.somd.com

Mayor's Message

Our feature story focuses on the Leonardtown Lions Club. The local club is a member of Lions Clubs International which meets the needs of local communities around the world. With over 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas, the Club conducts vision and health screenings, builds parks, supports eye hospitals, awards scholarships, assists youth, and provides help in time of disaster.

The local Lions do so much, but the one event that stands out to me is the annual Christmas present drive. Every year the Leonardtown Lions collect donated gifts and toys to distribute throughout the county. Dick Russell coordinates the collection, wrapping, and actual distribution of the presents to needy families. This past year, I traveled with Dick's daughter, Carolyn Weiler, while she made four different trips in the area. Each family was truly overwhelmed and so appreciative of this generous gesture.

If you want to be involved in your community, consider the Leonardtown Lions Club. They are a great group of men and women, and they truly seem to enjoy their charitable activities.



J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor

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Southern Maryland's largest running event will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19th, starting and finishing at the Governmental Center with a 10K Run on a scenic country road and a 5K Run & Fun Walk on the streets of Historic Leonardtown. Children, strollers, and pets are welcome. Register on race day beginning at 7:30 a.m., or pre-register on-line at <http://www.runforhospice.org/>. Proceeds benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. 301-475-2023.

Earth Day Celebration on the Square

Celebrate Earth Day in the Town Square on Sunday, April 20th, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Live music, entertainment, puppet show, seated massage, face painting, children's crafts, animal rescue organizations, and more! Pick up information on organic gardening, pesticide-free produce, recycling, conservation and environmental tips to help save our planet. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.

Spring Fling XXIII Classic Car Show



See classic and antique cars, trucks, and street rods displayed around the Town Square on Sunday, April 27th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Trophies awarded for best of class, best of show, people's choice, foreign car, pedal car class, and model car contest. Kids can also enjoy a tractor pull, games and prizes! Donations will benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Rod and Classic Car Club. For details and registration, contact Bill Higgs at 301-994-9666, or go on-line <http://stmarysrodandclassic.com>. (Rain date: Sunday, May 4)

15th Annual So. Md. Spring Festival



Enjoy entertainment, music, crafts, carnival rides, a parade, car show, and more during the So. Md. Spring Festival, Thursday, May 1st - Sunday, May 4th. This annual festival is held at the SMC Fairgrounds and is sponsored by Holy Face Church. Admission. Call 301-994-0525 for details.

Soap Box Derby



The 2008 Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, June 7th beginning at 9:00 a.m. on "Derby Hill" (Fenwick Street) in Leonardtown. Boys and girls between the ages of 8-17 will race their derby car for an opportunity to represent Southern Maryland in the 71st Annual All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio in July. Details about the All-American Soap Box Derby can be found online at <http://aasbd.com>. The Lexington Park Lions Club sponsors this local Derby event, where youth learn some of the basic skills of workmanship, the spirit of competition and the perseverance to see a project to completion. Contact Chris Hayden, Southern Maryland Derby Director, at 301-934-3659 for registration, kits, and requirements.

23rd Annual SMC Crab Festival



Bring your family and friends to the St. Mary's County Crab Festival on Sunday, June 8th for hot & tasty steamed crabs, other seafood and non-seafood items, live music, entertainment, classic cars, crafts, and more! The Crab Festival is relocating to the SMC Fairgrounds and will be open for your enjoyment from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 p/person over 12 years of age. The annual SMC Crab Festival is sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club. For more information visit www.stmaryscrabfestival.com.

Grand Opening of Leonardtown Wharf Public Waterfront Park

Come celebrate Leonardtown's Tri-centennial in a place that was one of the cornerstones of Leonardtown history - Leonardtown Wharf. The Town will open the Leonardtown Wharf Public Park on Friday, May 16th, and we encourage you to join us in celebrating this event! Stop by between 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m for music, food and a tour of the facilities.





Flag Day Celebration

Come on out for this patriotic program in celebration of our Nation's Flag on Saturday, June 14th on the Governmental Center lawn. The activities begin at 6:00 p.m. with music, a parade, flag raising, and the Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1341.

Freedom Fest

Celebrate Independence Day on Friday, July 4th with entertainment, exhibits, food and a fireworks display at the SMC Fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Sponsored by the SMC Dept. of Recreation, Parks & Community Services. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1849 for further details.



Beach Party on the Square

Mark your calendar for Leonardtown's annual "Beach Party on the Square" event on Saturday, August 9th! Family fun highlights an afternoon of live music, entertainment, sand volleyball play, fire truck hose-downs, jump rope and hula-hoop contests, crafts, games, and expanded Beach Party activities in the Town Square! While at the Beach Party, stroll down to Leonardtown Wharf for even more entertainment and fun. Additional details will be available in the summer edition of the Beacon and placed on the Town's website at <http://leonardtown.somd.com/>.

Have Fun Volunteering at Town Events!

Would you like to volunteer or perform during any of the events on the Leonardtown Square? This is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn those needed community service credits! For event opportunities or to obtain a 2008 event calendar, contact Julie Lemmon, Event Coordinator, at 301-475-9791, or e-mail julie.lemmon@verizon.net.

The Office of the Leonardtown Commissioners will be closed in observance of upcoming 2008 Holidays:

May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

Concerts on the Square

Mark the following dates on your calendar, bring your family and friends to the Leonardtown Square, and enjoy a summer of music during Leonardtown's "Concerts on the Square"!



- ❖ Downtown Tunes - Local musicians will perform on the following 4th Saturdays: May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, and August 23rd. The tunes begin at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic will present a special concert on Wednesday, July 2nd, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Musicians from the St. Mary's College River Concert Series perform on Saturday, July 12th & Saturday, July 19th, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

"Concerts on the Square" in downtown Leonardtown are presented free of charge for your enjoyment of diversified and cultural music. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and remember to check out the Town's selections of fine restaurants and shops. Check the Town's website at <http://leonardtown.somd.com/> for the latest on concert schedules and details.

Twilight Performance Series at the College of Southern Maryland

The College of Southern Maryland will kick off its free outdoor performance series on the following Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Leonardtown CSM Campus:

- June 17 - Deanna Bogart Band
- June 24 - Simple Gifts Folk Music Trio
- July 15 - Tarnished Six Dixieland Band
- July 22 - Salsamba Latin Jazz
- July 29 - Barnstormers

Be sure to check the entire CSM Twilight Series schedule, which includes the LaPlata and Prince Frederick, campuses by visiting www.csmd.edu/finearts/Twilight%20Series/Twilight.html. Bring the family and enjoy!

"First Fridays" Are Special in Leonardtown

Leonardtown restaurants, shops, and art galleries welcome you to enjoy tasty food, unique shopping, quality art, and socializing on "First Fridays". Participating businesses celebrate "First Fridays" with special events, discounts, artist receptions, and other happenings in the Downtown Square, Breton Marketplace, and the Maryland Antiques Center Complex. For details contact Dan Burris, LBA president at danburris@danburris.com.

Mayor

J. Harry Norris, III

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- Dr. William Icenhower
- Kristin Kraus

Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
Planning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 2:30 p.m. in the Town Office. April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15

Contact the Town:

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Trick-or-Treat on the Square

The Town Square was certainly active on October 27th when children enjoyed creating life-sized scarecrows with members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild, and parading around the Town Square dressed in costume and collecting candy and goodies from downtown merchants.



Miss Brynn Lemmon lovingly hugs her beautiful scarecrow named "Bob"

Jeanie Bean of Jeanie's Flowers & Gifts sprinkles Halloween treats into this little cowgirl's basket



Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting

What excitement and wonder filled the Town Square as thousands enjoyed holiday entertainment on November 24th. A special thank-you is extended to all our stage performers, Soloist Lauren Norris, Pianist Jonah Yeh, Chopticon High School Peace Pipers, The Bodyshakers, the Handbell Quartet of the Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church, Gracie's Guys & Gals Dance Troupe, the College of Southern Maryland Guitar Club, all our performers, volunteers, merchants, contributors, sponsors, the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, and the Leonardtown Business Association!



The crowd in Town Square was filled with Christmas cheer to ring in the season and see the lighting of the Town Christmas tree

Councilman Mock Mattingly presents Crystal Brasel of "Tea N Scones" with the 2007 "Best Dressed Window Award".



Doug Mackey chisels away on his "Christmas Snoopy" ice sculpture.



Mayor Norris and his grandson Will, anxiously watch for Santa's arrival.

Veterans Day Parade & Memorial

Patriotism blared and sunshine shone in Leonardtown during the 2007 Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. What a fantastic time was had by all the participants, spectators, and volunteers!



Cub Scout and Webelos Pack 413 from Patuxent River, MD.



Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame and Blue Crabs Baseball, enjoyed participating in Leonardtown's Veterans Day Parade, addressing the crowd in support of our troops, and chatting with members of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department.



Craig Knoblauch, Ruthie Hornbuckle, Brianna Hodge, and alternate Sharlene Chiu, 4th grade students of Leonardtown

Elementary School who read their winning "What Veterans Day Means To Me" essays during the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony, were presented with certificates by County Commissioner President Francis "Jack" Russell and Mayor Norris.



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SMC Festival of Trees

Beautifully decorated and sparkling Christmas trees and wreaths highlighted the 10th annual St. Mary's County Festival of Trees. This holiday event, sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, raised over \$13,000 for the Rescue Squad. Interested volunteers for the 2008 Festival of Trees should contact Dudley Lindsey at 301-373-2551.



Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square

Brrr.... A cold and windy December 15th persuaded Santa & Mrs. Claus to greet their Christmas wish-list friends in the warmth of the Bell Motor Company showroom.

Leonardtwn Volunteer Fire Department Installs 2008 Officers

On January 5, 2008 the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department held its 80th Annual Installation of Officers, dedicating its program to Clinton B. Duke for 50 years of active service. Tommy Bell and Leonard Longmore, both who passed away in 2007, were remembered for their dedicated service. Congratulations to Wayne Miedzinski, Sr., President, John Trossbach, Fire Chief, Kat Pilkerton, Auxiliary President, and all the administrative officers, line officers, engineers, and all LVFD volunteers. A complete list of officers and information about the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department can be found at <http://www.lvfd1.org/>. Contact the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department at 301-475-8996 or e-mail leonardtwnvfd@lvfd1.org to request the LVFD 2008 calendar, or be a volunteer.

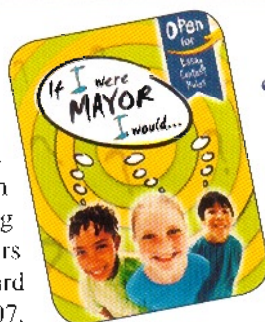
Leonardtwn Volunteer Rescue Squad Installs 2008 Officers

Congratulations to Mary Della Trossbach, President, Bill Holmes, Chief, Candy Chesser, Auxiliary President, and all the administrative officers, line officers, engineers, and members of the 2008 LVRS. For a complete list of officers and information on the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, visit their web site at <http://www.lvrs.org/>.

Town Receives Partnership Award



The Town of Leonardtown was recognized during its March 2008 Council meeting for its 20 years as a member partner with the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). Mayor Norris and Town Councilman Mock Mattingly accepted the award which was presented by John Burrell, Executive Director of LGIT and Wilson H. Parran, Calvert County Commissioner President and LGIT Board Member.



Essay Contest "If I Were Mayor, I Would ..."

Let's have a winner from the Leonardtown Municipality! 4th graders, "What Would You Do If You Were Mayor of Leonardtown?"

The Maryland Municipal League's Communication Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for 4th grade students enrolled in the 2007-2008 school year. This project gives students an opportunity to creatively use cognitive and grade-specific language arts skills and civics-social studies knowledge. One winning essay will be selected from each of the MML's 11 regional districts throughout the State. Winners will receive a \$250 savings bond, an award plaque, and be recognized at the Municipal Government Week celebration activity held at the Maryland State House in May.

Essays must be submitted by April 1, 2008 to Mayors Contest, Maryland Municipal League, 1212 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Students can download an official entry form, complete contest rules, and contest study guide by visiting the MML website at www.mdmunicipal.org. For further assistance, call MML at 1-800-492-7121 or the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

"Taste of Leonardtown" Cookbook Available This Summer!

As part of its Tricentennial celebration, the Town of Leonardtown is excited that a cookbook is now on the press containing favorite recipes collected from Town residents and friends. We thank all those who submitted recipes and truly appreciate your taking the time to add value to Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary Cookbook. We look forward to making the cookbooks available to you this summer, and believe you'll be delighted to see your favorite recipes in print for all to enjoy!



VOTE -- VOTE -- VOTE 2008 Leonardtown Elections Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Town Election Day will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, whereupon the Mayor's seat and two Council seats will be voted on. A Mayor and five-member Town Council govern Leonardtown, each serving a four-year term of office.

All elected officials of the Town of Leonardtown must reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown and be a registered voter of St. Mary's County. Residents interested in filing as a candidate must do so before the deadline date of Monday, April 14, 2008. Potential candidates for the 2008 elections are encouraged to contact the Town Office for additional information.

To cast your ballot - Polls will be open on Tuesday, May 6th between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office, located in the Proffitt Building on 41660 Courthouse Drive. Voters in Leonardtown elections must reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, be at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the general election, and be a registered St. Mary's County voter. The voter registration deadline for Town residents is Friday, April 11, 2008. If you are not a registered voter and would like to register or update your address, contact the St. Mary's County Board of Elections at 301-475-7844 ext. 1610. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Office. The deadline to submit a completed absentee voter ballot for the Town's 2008 election is Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

Having a Leonardtown mailing address or owning property within the incorporated limits does not qualify you as an actual resident. If you would like to confirm that you actually reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, or have other questions about the Town's elections, please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

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Seeking Interested Citizens to Serve on Town Boards and Committees

The Town is seeking interested citizens to serve on various boards and committees. If you would like to volunteer and participate in ensuring the success of your community's future, please mail us a letter of interest to Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650, or e-mail your letter to Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net. We will keep your letter on file for present and future vacancies.

Attention Leonardtown Residents! 2007 Tax Returns

When completing your Maryland Income Tax return, please remember to check the "Municipality" box and write in "Leonardtown". This does not increase your taxes, but, thanks to you, it does assure that the Town will receive its share of income taxes from the State of Maryland.

Homestead Tax Credit

Leonardtown property owners should have recently received assessment notices from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in 2007 states that owners living in their homes must submit an application to be eligible for the Homestead Tax Credit. This credit limits the amount of assessment increase on which a homeowner will pay property taxes in that tax year on the one property actually used as the owner's principal residence. Your assessment notice should have included an application form.

For answers to some common questions about the credit, visit the State's website at http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/Homestead_app.htm. The site also provides an online application process and a toll-free number to call if you need additional information. The application and approval process is being handled by the State.

The Town will have copies of the application available, but will not accept completed applications; they should be mailed to the address on the application.

Permits Required for Home Repairs

With the advent of the spring and summer seasons, it's customary for residents to check their "to do" lists and make plans for home improvement projects. Town residents should apply for and obtain a building permit at least two weeks before beginning their new and exciting additions! Building permits are required for sheds, decks, swimming pools, piers, room additions and additional living space. In some instances, approval may also be required from your homeowner's association before a building permit can be issued. Contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791 for details.

It's Spring-Cleaning Time

As part of spring cleaning around your home, don't just look inside but spruce up the outside too. It's so easy in our busy lives to let things accumulate around our homes over time. Leonardtown Code, Chapter 112, requires that *"It shall be the duty of each occupant or owner of a lot or vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown to keep the same clean and free from the accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage and similar matter and from weeds as required"*. Please be a good neighbor and Leonardtown resident and do your part today.

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash is accepted in 30-gallon cans with lids, cans on wheels, or totes issued by Goode Trash Removal. To guarantee collection, trash should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up. Bagged leaves set out by Town residents will also be picked up on regularly scheduled collection days, but is limited to 5 bags per household, per collection day. Town residents wishing further information on Leonardtown trash service, or to obtain a container, contact the Town Office.

The 2008 quarterly bulk trash pickup dates will be on the following Fridays: March 7th, June 6th, September 5th, and December 5th.

Residential recycling pickup of old newspapers, glass bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and approved plastic bottles is made on Thursdays. To guarantee collection, your recycling tote should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. the day of pick-up. Remember to make recycling a part of your daily routine. For more information on recycling or to receive a recycling tote, contact the Town Office or check our web site at Leonardtown.somd.com.

Goode Trash Service will operate as follows during the weeks in this quarter having a holiday:

May 26	Memorial Day	Trash pick-up: Tuesday & Friday Recycling pick-up: Thursday
July 4	Independence Day	Trash pick-up: Tuesday & Saturday Recycling pick-up: Thursday

In the event of snow or other hazardous conditions, service will be resumed as soon as the driver can access the streets safely.

For further information on trash service, recycling, or to obtain a recycling container, contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

Commercial Single Stream Recycling

The Town of Leonardtown is considering to provide Single Stream Recycling to our commercial clients, and want to know how many commercial customers would be interesting in participating in a Commercial Single Stream Recycling program. Please contact the Town Fiscal Clerk, Jackie Post by e-mail at Jackie.post5@verizon.net, or by phone, 301-475-9791, to express your interest and ask any questions.

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Leonardtown Fact

Did You Know?

In 1708, Philip Lynes, who was the Mayor of St. Mary's City, donated 50 acres of land, known as Shepherd's Old Fields located at the head on Breton Bay, to the colony to be laid out as the county seat. The town was named Seymour Town in honor of Governor John Seymour, the then Governor of Maryland, who signed an act into law that enabled the land to be laid out into a town.

In 1728, Seymour Town was renamed to Leonard Town, after Governor Benedict Leonard Calvert, the then Governor of Maryland.

Now a thriving social, educational, medical, and cultural center of St. Mary's County, the Town of Leonardtown in 2008 is excited to celebrate its 300 years as an established Town.

past years, word has spread about Southern Maryland's steamed and spicy hard crabs, to the point where not only do our locals attend the annual Crab Festival, but the event is attracting visitors throughout the entire country. What a tourist draw and great boon for our local economy, as well as supporting the mission of the Leonardtown Lions Club!

This year's 23rd Annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival will be held on Sunday, June 8th, rain or shine, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The move to the Fairgrounds venue was made by the Club, with cooperation by the St. Mary's County Fair Board, to satisfy a need for grounds expansion to accommodate the increasing popularity of the event and allow for overhead weather protection. In addition to hot, tasty steamed crabs, festival-goers can purchase other seafood and non-seafood items from the many caterers. You will also enjoy a wholesome, family atmosphere with live music, entertainment, crab races, classic cars, hand-made crafts, and more! Admission is \$5 p/person over 12 years of age. The cost of food at the Festival is separate from admission. Volunteers are always needed to help at the Crab Festival. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, check their website at www.stmaryscrabfestival.com.

In previous years, the Club has sponsored a Golf Tournament at the Breton Bay Golf and Country Club. Although the tournament is not planned for this year, the Club thanks those involved for their past support of this fund raiser.

A "New Membership Drive" is currently underway to search for additional Club

members. Since its formation in 1940, the Leonardtown Lions Club has seen over 100 members during its peak years. Today, 47 members comprise the Leonardtown Lions Club. Some of the members are older and unable to support all club activities to the fullest extent required. New members are needed for the Club to continue its current growth in fulfilling their commitment to the community. Service organizations, like any organization or operation, necessitate growth in order to meet the increasing needs of those whom they serve. Fresh ideas and modern approaches need to be developed to meet new challenges. The Club seeks energetic men and women with innovative ideas, talents and newfound excitement to expand their efforts, enhance their funding, and inherently benefit our community. Lions Club members benefit by:

- Utilizing their leadership skills and experience to improve their community.
- Receiving an opportunity to serve their community in a variety of ways.
- Becoming a member of one of the world's largest service organizations.
- Experiencing the opportunity to work with some of the past leaders of the community and carrying on their tradition.

The Leonardtown Lion Club meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Olde Breton Inn on Society Hill Road in Leonardtown at 7:00 p.m. Appetizers, dinner and dessert are part of the meeting at a cost of only \$20 per person. According to the members, it's a great meal with great company for a great cause!

Anyone with a heart for volunteer service to their community is encouraged to



Kyle Simons makes a donation to support "White Cane Day", while Leonardtown Lions Club members Wolf Boch and Kenny Wathen look on.



Helping others see! St. Mary's Hospital volunteers, Anita Russell (a former Leonardtown Lioness) and Mary Rita DeLozier donate used eyeglasses for pickup by the Leonardtown Lions Club.

consider membership in the Leonardtown Lions Club. To join the Leonardtown Lions Club or ask more about the Club and its mission, contact Carolyn Weiler, New Membership Committee Director, at 301-475-6649, or Kennedy Abell, Treasurer and New Membership Committee Member, at 301-475-9319 for details.

What Are Our Residents Asking?

"I know that Leonardtown is a municipality, but what does that really mean?"

Leonardtown is the County Seat of St. Mary's County, and is a municipal government with a population estimated at over 2,000 residents, with many town businesses. A municipal government is one that operates independently and abides by a charter. In the charter, the Town Commissioners are empowered to pass any ordinance necessary to insure the health, safety, protection and welfare of the citizens in Leonardtown. Leonardtown was incorporated in 1858. Incorporation is the act of changing a governmental entity or an unincorporated area into a municipality. Leonardtown is also part of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Southern Maryland Municipal Association (SMMA). Both MML and SMMA are made up of many of the Municipal Governments in the State of Maryland. MML is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments that works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training and the dissemination of information for its members.

Your questions are important to us!

Let us know if you have a question about the Town you would like answered in a future issue of the Leonardtown Beacon. Call the Town Office at 301-475-9791, or e-mail Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net

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Town Tidbits

Celebrating Leonardtown's Tricentennial!



2008 marks Leonardtown's Tricentennial. Leonardtown is rich in history, has survived many economic challenges over the years, and today is a prosperous, thriving town. Plans are currently underway to celebrate the Town's tricentennial milestone, with activities to include a special one-day postmark, music, book signings, a Leonardtown cookbook, and special activities throughout the year.

Keep an eye out for event flyers and news announcements, and periodically check the Leonardtown website at <http://leonardtwn.somd.com>, clicking on Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary for specific tricentennial activities and dates.

Volunteers are welcome to be a part of Leonardtown's history by participating in our tricentennial activities. Simply contact us by calling 301-475-9791 or e-mail commissioners@verizon.net.

Quality Street Kitchen & Catering Offers Cooking Classes

Sharpen your cooking skills and join with others who share the joy of cooking with classes offered by Quality Street Kitchen & Catering, located at 41675 Fenwick Street. For spring class information call 301-997-0700 or go to www.qualitystreet.com.

Ledo Pizza Opens in Leonardtown

Ledo Pizza is open and ready to tempt you with their specialty pizzas, subs, calzones, salads, and more! You will find Ledo's on 25460 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown's Breton Market Shopping Center. For carry-out orders, call 301-475-9280.

Heron's Way Gallery Relocates to the Town Square

The Heron's Way Gallery celebrated their relocation into the downtown Square on 22670 Washington Street with a grand opening and reception on March 1st. Stop by and check out the amazing art. To contact the gallery, call 301-475-0088 or visit www.hersonswaygallery.com.

Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screenings

For free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, look for the Health Connections Van in the Town Square every second Wednesday of the month, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are Apr. 9th, May 14th, June 11th, and July 9th.

Preakness Benefit for Nursing Center Residents

On May 17th, the St. Mary's Nursing Center Foundation will hold its annual Preakness Party and Silent Auction at the Leonardtown Fire House Social Hall. Proceeds from this event are used to purchase items that will benefit the quality of life of St. Mary's Nursing Center residents. For details or to purchase tickets, call 301-481-6898.

Town Deputy Assigned to Leonardtown

The Town welcomes Stephen Simonds who has been assigned as our new Town Deputy. Deputy Simonds replaces Deputy Gray Maloy, who was reassigned within the SMC Sheriff's Department.



Deputy Simonds and his K-9 partner Cairo, look forward to serving our Town and meeting the Town's businesspersons and residents.

"Leonard's Grant" Development

Phase I of the Leonard's Grant Development is currently in progress. This phase consists of construction to include 76 single family homes. To inquire about the availability and development of the project and proposed amenities, contact Teri Haffer at 301-807-1597 or stop by the Quality-Built Homes on-site sales trailer located on Leonardtown-Hollywood Road (next to SMECO), Thursday through Monday between 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Leonardtwn Streetscape Project

This exciting project will be getting underway this spring. The Town has begun preliminary utility work prior to the start of the streetscape project. The streetscape project highlights a beautiful entrance to our downtown with enhanced safety on our streets, making Leonardtown a much more pedestrian friendly place to enjoy. Your cooperation and patience during the construction phase is requested, as there will be a period of inconvenience, such as temporary water shutoff and traffic pattern changes, but the final project will be well worth it. Check our website at <http://leonardtwn.somd.com> for latest project developments.

Rt. 5 Widening Design Update

The first public informational meeting was held by Maryland State Highway Administration officials on December 11, 2007 at Leonardtown Middle School. Check the Town's website at <http://leonardtwn.somd.com> for ongoing details and updates on this project.

Leonardtwn Business Association

Join the Leonardtown Business Association and seize the opportunity to showcase your business while connecting with other business men and women! The LBA welcomes its latest members, Loiderman Soltesz Land Planning; Creative Touch, Salon, Spa & Fitness; Personal Touch Vacations; and Cedar Lane Apartments. Congratulations to the 2008 LBA Officers: Dan Burris, President; Dan Norris, Vice-President; Jeanette Heinbuch, Secretary; and Sonia Zidzik, Treasurer. To join LBA, contact Dan Burris, President, at 301-475-3151 or e-mail danburris@danburris.com.

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