

# Leonardtown BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**FIRST FRIDAY-EVERY MONTH**  
Celebration of "First Fridays"  
Historic downtown and uptown  
Leonardtown

**AUGUST 3**  
Beach Party on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 6**  
National Night Out  
Leonard's Freehold

**AUGUST 8 - 10**  
"L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass Festival  
Goddard Farm

**AUGUST 10**  
U.S. Navy Band Cruisers Concert  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 17**  
Sunrise Yoga  
Leonardtown Wharf Park

**AUGUST 24**  
Downtown Tunes  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
Fall Follies  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
Friends of the Poor Walk  
Father Andrew White School

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
Taste of St. Mary's  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 19-22**  
SMC Fair  
SMC Fairgrounds

**SEPTEMBER 22**  
LHS Rhythm Run 5K/1Mile  
Leonardtown Wharf Park

**SEPTEMBER 27**  
Cruisin' to Leonardtown  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
Health Share Oyster Roast  
Leonardtown Wharf Park

**OCTOBER 5**  
Blaine Whorl Memorial 5K Run/Walk  
Ryken High School

**OCTOBER 12**  
Praise & Prayer on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**OCTOBER 13**  
Antique Tractor & Truck Parade  
Leonardtown Square

**OCTOBER 19**  
Monster Glow Dash  
Leonardtown Wharf Park

**OCTOBER 19 & 20**  
SMC Oyster Festival  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 26**  
Trick-or-Treat on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## The Shops at the Maryland Antique Center

The two buildings that house The Shops at The Maryland Antiques Center have undergone quite a transformation over their long past. There are even rumors that the main building is home to a tall handsome ghost who sports a pork-pie hat and a long jacket almost to his knees. This building also has an historic background that ties back to Lexington Park and the Patuxent River Naval Air Station since the early 1950's.

Sixty years ago, Route 5 (now Point Lookout Road) was a two lane country road that was then, and is still today, a major road in and out of St. Mary's County. Back in the 1950's before the Town's limits were extended



to include the Leonardtown Centre, the two-acre parcel where The Shops at the Maryland Antiques Center are currently located was actually the first property within the corporate limits of Leonardtown. McIntosh Run was the dividing line, and on the other side of McIntosh Run were two buildings owned by Maryland State Highway, which are now home to The Port of Leonardtown Winery.

Prior to housing the Shops, Mr. Ed Long, a successful businessman, life-long Leonardtown resident and past Mayor of Leonardtown, thought this two-acre parcel would be a perfect site for the first commercial building as you entered Town. With a signed contract to do laundry for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, he purchased the property (which was then part of Tudor Hall Farm) from J. Maguire Mattingly, erected a large building, and created the Leonardtown Laundry. Mr. Long operated the Leonardtown Laundry successfully for a number of years until he sold the property to William Graff in 1977. Mr. Graff subsequently built a second building on the property before selling it to Walter and Marion Blair in 1984. Ultimately, the buildings were leased to Dot Sparling for her office and architectural millwork shop.

In 1989 when the lease terminated, Dot, whose family had a "5 & dime" store background, purchased the two buildings and moved the millwork shop to White Plains. She then commenced major renovations to both buildings with the vision of transforming the main building into a retail outlet for antiques and gifts. Thus, The Maryland Antiques Center was born.



Today, The Shops at the Maryland Antiques Center is a dream come true! The original building, also known as the main building, houses over 20 dealers specializing in antiques, gifts, art, furniture and merchandise of all varieties both old and new. Dealers operating out of this building are individual business owners who display their passion in the items they sell, whether it's antiques, collectibles, books, furniture, vintage toys, jewelry, gourmet food, china, lighting, glassware, clothing, cooking items, linens, or home décor of every variety. The Center also proudly exhibits the art and talents of some fine local artists and artisans within its three on-site art galleries: Creekside Art Gallery, Leonardtown Galleria, and Turning Leaf Gallery. The Maryland Antiques Center is also looking forward to encompassing a Tourist Information Center, complete with Visitor



Guides, Brochures, Event Calendars, and Directional Signage for Leonardtown businesses. As the Center's marketing brochure states, there is certainly "something for everyone." And there is, indeed!

Indeed, it was two of the antiques dealers who, years ago, approached Dot about the idea of opening up a Tea Room within the Antiques Center. With creative minds at work, temporary lattice walls were built by loving husbands, the office was relocated to install a new kitchen to comply with Health Department regulations, and Southern Maryland's first Tea Room was soon opened within the main portion of the building. Over the years, the restaurant has expanded from its original six tables to three separate dining rooms accommodating nearly 50 people and has relocated to the front of the building, where it now has its own entrance facing Route 5. The Tea Room has seen several owners, many of whom have opened Tea Rooms of their own.

The second building, set behind the main Center, expands the many offerings of art, homemade crafts, unique gifts and other talents. Here, you will find Shelby's Specialties with the very talented artist and custom framer Shelby Opperman, to creatively frame or beautifully restore your old paintings and photos. Then there's the Craft Guild Shop of St. Mary's. The Guild has been in existence for 37 years and promotes the appreciation of handmade crafts

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## Mayor's Message

Each spring it is the Mayor's responsibility to draft a budget to present to the Town Council and then to the public at a Public Hearing prior to its adoption. This budget includes several different funds. The General Fund, which includes normal administrative functions of government, the Enterprise Fund which is intended to be self-sustaining so that we provide water, sewer and trash service with rates set to cover the actual costs of the services, and the Capital Project Fund, which includes funds for major capital projects.

The Town Council adopted the budget and set the Fiscal Year 2014 tax rate at the constant yield rate of .1266 at their June 10<sup>th</sup> public meeting. This budget kept the same number of personnel with the exception of the Event Coordinator position being made a full time position instead of a part time position. The number of community events hosted in the Town along with the important recent designation of the Town as an Arts and Entertainment District dictated that this position become a full time position. The Council continued to dedicate a significant investment in Public Works such as roads, storm drains and sidewalk improvements. The Capital Fund included matching funding for a grant to complete the Port of Leonardtown Park improvements. The Town continues to seek out grant funding to help offset significant investment in our facilities. Partnerships remain an important source to leverage our investments in the future of the Town. We continue to be strong economically and maintain a bright outlook for the future of Leonardtown and its citizens.

*Dan Burris*  
Daniel W. Burris, Mayor



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Visit the Town of Leonardtown on the web at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) for current news and happenings in and around Town, and to read current and earlier publications of the Leonardtown Beacon newsletter online

## Leonardtown Celebrates First Fridays



Leonardtown is a happening place on First Fridays! Each month from 5 PM-8 PM, many Leonardtown businesses in the downtown and uptown shopping centers, including the Port of Leonardtown Winery, come together to offer you shopping and dining specials, gallery receptions, live music, wine tastings, cooking classes, and more! Keep an eye on the County Times and check [leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://leonardtownfirstfridays.com) regularly for a list of participating businesses, specials, and entertainment. Leonardtown First Fridays are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association.

### Special August First Friday Event Kicks off Beach Party

Leonardtown's exciting First Friday event on August 2<sup>nd</sup> features live music in the Town Square by the popular band Miles from Clever! Enjoy the specials offered by participating businesses and get your tickets for the LBA's Summertime Raffle drawing! You could win the grand prize, a 46" HD Flat Screen TV, currently on display at Olde Towne Insurance, or a variety of gifts and gift cards donated by LBA businesses. Tickets can be purchased at participating Leonardtown businesses for only \$1 each or 12 for \$10 until August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visit [leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://leonardtownfirstfridays.com) for details.

### Beach Party on the Square

Leonardtown's annual "Beach Party on the Square" on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> gets underway at 4 PM and promises fun, fun, fun! Dance in the streets and sing along to soulful sounds of The 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band! Watch the popular "Running of the Balls" event at 7 PM when the gates open to discharge 5,000 golf balls down Fenwick Street Hill. The first 30 balls crossing the finish line win a prize! Adopt your golf ball in advance at [runningoftheballs.org](http://runningoftheballs.org) or before 7 PM at the Beach Party.

Kids will enjoy making castles in the sand, playing sand volleyball, hula hoop, jump rope and limbo contests, moon bounce fun, being sprayed with a fire truck hose down, arts and crafts, face painting and many other fun activities. Take a walk or hop on the free shuttle and head down the hill to Leonardtown Wharf Park for more activities and fun, including a water slide and moon bounce for kids and kayaking on Breton Bay. The Longship Company Viking Ship re-enactors will join the Beach Party this year to display a 21' Viking vessel (replica) in the Square and answer questions and share stories as they circulate among the crowd. Beach Party admission and activities are free. Food will be available for purchase, so plan to arrive hungry! Contact the Town Office or go to [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) for a performance schedule.



## National Night Out

The Leonard's Freehold community invites you to their annual block party to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM-9 PM. The fun includes a cookout, outdoor games, and cooling off with hose downs provided by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. NNO is an annual nationwide event designed to heighten crime and drug awareness while strengthening police-community partnerships. For details call 301-475-9005.

## "L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival

Enjoy the spectacular "L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival, Thursday-Saturday, August 8-10. This year's festival celebrates 25 years of music at the Goddard Farm off Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown. The inspiration for this event began as a tribute to Joseph and Margaret Goddard's daughter who loved listening to music but tragically died in an auto accident 26 years ago. Band performance schedules, ticket information and other details can be found at [lilmargaretsbluegrass.com](http://lilmargaretsbluegrass.com) or call 301-475-8191.



## U. S. Navy Cruisers Band Concert

Often called on to perform at official military receptions, holiday concerts and national tours, the U. S. Navy Cruisers Band is delighted to join the Leonardtown summer concert series, performing in the Town Square on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This eight-member group of elite musicians provides high-energy performances of jazz, R & B, classic rock, adult contemporary and pop, as well as original material. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring the kids and a blanket and come enjoy an evening of music sure to please.

## Sunrise Yoga

Join in the final summer waterside Yoga class at Leonardtown Wharf Park on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM. Bring a friend, a mat, water bottle, and a hand towel. In lieu of a fee, a non-perishable food item is requested for donation to local food banks. Contact Evolve Yoga at 301-862-1236 for details. (Raindate: September 14<sup>th</sup>.)

## Downtown Tunes

The Downtown Tunes final season show on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> cranks up at 6 PM with rock-n-roll music by GeeZer. Enjoy the sounds and socializing with your friends and neighbors. Many of our downtown eateries will be open for dinner, ice cream, snacks and smoothies. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. For more information, contact Robin Guyther at 301-904-4452. Sponsored by the LBA. Many thanks to our 2013 Downtown Tunes series performers: The Hamm It Ups and The Eds; Country Memories; The Piranhas; and GeeZer.



# On Out!

## "Fall Follies"

Over 40 artists are expected to showcase their handmade crafts and one-of-a-kind gifts at the annual Fall Follies crafts fair in the Town Square on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-3 PM. Find great selections of quality baskets, pottery, ceramics, paintings, woodwork, jewelry, stained glass, quilts, needlework and a variety of handcrafted items. Come on out and see the special crafts these artisans have to offer while enjoying music and the friendly, relaxed atmosphere. For more information check [craftguildshop.com](http://craftguildshop.com) or call the Crafts Guild Shop at 301-997-1644.



## Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Grab a friend and head out to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The walk begins at Father Andrew White School at 9 AM and proceeds into downtown Historic Leonardtown. This annual walk helps support the St. Vincent DePaul Society. To register or make a pledge, visit [svdpusa.net/fof](http://svdpusa.net/fof) or contact Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990. Registration on walk day begins at 7:30 AM.

## A Taste of St. Mary's

The Taste of St. Mary's is the place to be for savoring some of St. Mary's finest and award-winning delicacies! A medley of local restaurants and caterers will be set up around the Town Square on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from Noon-4:30 PM offering you a taste of their specialty entrees and desserts. Try as many tempting samples as you would like at a nominal cost of \$1-\$3 each. Enjoy the live music and family entertainment too. For more details visit [smcchamber.com](http://smcchamber.com) or contact the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce at 301-737-3001.



## St. Mary's County Fair

The St. Mary's County Fair Association invites you to stop by the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's County Fair, Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the County Fairgrounds. Enjoy browsing the many exhibits and entries of home arts, livestock, farm, garden, arts, crafts, 4-H, school, photography, and others. Check out all the attractions such as horse shows, jousting, pig races, carnival rides, live music, food and more. The Fair Parade starts at 10:30 AM on Saturday. Entry information and entertainment schedules can be found online at [smcfair.somd.com](http://smcfair.somd.com) or in the 2013 Fair Catalog.

## Rhythm Run 5K/1mile

Come on out to the Rhythm Run 5K and family fun walk to support the Leonardtown High School Band. The Rhythm Run 5K/1mile event on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> will start at Leonardtown Wharf Park at 9 AM then wind through the streets of historic Leonardtown. The 5K run will be a timed event with overall and age group awards, and the 1-mile event will feature an exciting Instrument Hunt for younger participants. For more information, to register or to be a sponsor, contact Liz Knoblauch at [RhythmRunLHSSk@aol.com](mailto:RhythmRunLHSSk@aol.com) or call 301-373-8249.

## Cruisin' to Leonardtown

Walk in, drive in or coast on your motorcycle for Cruisin' to Leonardtown Square on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM to benefit both Vacations for Vets and the Greenwell Foundation. Players in this modified poker run will walk around town trying their hand at tables set out by participating Leonardtown businesses. There will be prizes, live music, vendors, and raffles. Anyone interested in more details about this event should call 301-475-9791.

## Health Share Oyster Roast

Health Share of St. Mary's will hold an all-you-can-eat Oyster Roast on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM-8 PM on the waterfront at Leonardtown Wharf Park. Proceeds from this event will help lower-income St. Mary's County residents get lifesaving medical care. Advance only tickets. For ticket information and details, follow Health Share on Facebook or call 301-904-4070.

## SMR Blaine Whorl Memorial 5K Run/Walk

A 5K Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Blaine Whorl Scholarship Fund. The race will start at 9 AM from the SMR Stadium then proceed along several streets in downtown Leonardtown. Blaine was a 2002 graduate of SMR and son of one of the school's dedicated faculty members. The Walk/Run is open to all. For registration information, email [Suzanne.Taylor@smrhs.org](mailto:Suzanne.Taylor@smrhs.org) or register on walk day beginning at 7:30 AM.



## Praise & Prayer on the Square

A day of praise and prayer will be held in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-3 PM. Live Christian music will be heard throughout the day and at noon, the Knights of Columbus will lead a recitation of the living rosary. For more information visit [breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) or call Heavenly Presents at 301-475-9770.

## Antique Tractor & Truck Parade

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Tractor Parade returns to the Leonardtown Square on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM with the sights and sounds of Southern Maryland's yesteryear. This year, antique trucks join in the parade. Tractors and trucks will park around the Square after the parade for a hands-on look and feel of these hard-working, restored machines. The Southern Maryland Antique Power Association sponsors this annual parade to benefit the St. Mary's County Christmas in April Foundation. If you have a tractor or truck to enter in the parade, call Walter Neal at 301-904-3491.



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### Mayor

Daniel W. Burris

### Town Council

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Cindy Williams, *Town Secretary*  
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John "Jack" Candela  
Heather Earhart  
Christy Sterling  
Laura Schultz

### Board of Appeals

Dr. Herbert Winnik, *Chair*  
Jerome DuVal  
Dr. William Icenhower  
Darren Meyer  
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### Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. August 12, September 9, October 14, November 12\*, December 9.

\*Tuesday meeting due to Monday holiday.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

### Contact the Town:

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**The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance upcoming 2013 holidays:**

September 2 Labor Day  
November 11 Veteran's Day  
November 28 Thanksgiving Day  
November 29 Day after Thanksgiving  
December 25 Christmas Day

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## Run and Fun Walk for Hospice



The 2013 Run and Fun Walk for Hospice attracted over 2,700 runners and walkers, and raised \$66,237.05 to support St. Mary's Hospice in continuing its mission of

providing in-home care, comfort and support to terminally ill patients and their families in St. Mary's County. The band of runners for Hospice seen in this photograph were approaching the downtown Square. Visit [runforhospice.org](http://runforhospice.org) for more photos and race results.

## Earth Day Celebrated in Leonardtown



The Town Square and Leonardtown Wharf Park were alive with earth-friendly activities during Leonardtown's celebration

of Earth Day on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Over 2,000 people came out to enjoy a sunny, spring day of music, dancing, puppetry, kayaking, live animals, wildlife demonstrations, and hands-on activities for kids that focused on the environment. There was also a wealth of information about recycling, conservation and natural resources, bringing to light how we can help make the world a cleaner, healthier place to live. Thanks to all the volunteers, entertainers, and participants who made this a fun and informative event!

## XXVIII Spring Fling Car Show



The Town Square boasted with color on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> during the XXVIII Annual Spring Fling Car Show!

Over 360 antique cars, trucks, and hotrods in shades of red, blue, green, yellow, orange, pink, black and white were displayed around the Square and checked out by an estimated 2,500 visitors. Kids really enjoyed the tractor pull too! St. Mary's Hospice, as well as other local charities benefit from this annual event sponsored by the St. Mary's Rod & Classic Club.

## Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis



Despite the threat of storms, there was sunshine all over the Wharf in the smiles of participants in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

Cystic Fibrosis Walk on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Following the hike

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around town, walkers returned to Leonardtown Wharf Park where they were treated to food donated by local restaurants and music provided by The Piranhas. Over \$37,000 was raised by 230 walkers in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Visit [cff.org/Chapters/metrodc](http://cff.org/Chapters/metrodc) for information and upcoming walks.

## Leonardtown Criterium Bicycle Races

This year's Mid Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association Championship Criterium saw over 300 cyclists who showed maneuvering skills and athleticism as they sped around Town on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Saturday night June 1<sup>st</sup>, Pax Velo offered new-found excitement when co-sponsoring the movie *Breaking Away* in the Square, sponsored in part by the Friends of the



Leonardtown Theater. An audience of about 85 people came out to see the classic bike racing movie on a 22' inflated screen. Proceeds from this annual racing event help support St. Mary's Special Olympics, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Visit [paxvelo.com](http://paxvelo.com) to join the team.

## Pausing for the Pledge on Flag Day

Our Nation's flag was raised high above the patriotic crowd drawn together to honor our symbol of freedom and those who have defended it during the June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day ceremony the Governmental Center. "Leonardtown may be a small town, in a small county, in a small state," stated Leonardtown Commissioner Hayden Hammett, "but today we have a big place in history (as home of the family of Francis Scott Key)."



## So. Md. Fire & Rescue Parade

Hundreds of people, many of them families with small children, lined the downtown streets to view the pageantry of polished fire trucks, EMS vehicles, rescue units and decorated marching groups representing first responders from all over the tri-county area and the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The parade commemorated the induction of Shirley Copado of Leonardtown as the new Southern Maryland Volunteer Fire Association President, and was followed by an afternoon of games and food at the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department carnival lot.



## Steppin' Out in Leonardtown Successful Marketing Campaign

Leonardtown celebrated a successful spring marketing promotion with plenty of deals, discounts, festivals, and fun for all! Five "Steppin' Out" weekends were highlighted Participating businesses reported a fresh outlook of customer awareness and sales, and enjoyed meeting many new friends. "Steppin' Out" in Leonardtown was sponsored by the Leonardtown



Business Association, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Tourism, and the Port of Leonardtown Winery. The SMC Department of Tourism was especially helpful for creating a website where the public could view all the details, deals, events and activities, download coupons, and link to the website of participating businesses.



Congratulations to Thomas Lynch of Leonardtown, winner of Leonardtown's \$1,000 "Steppin' Out" spending spree! Mayor Dan Burris along with Dan Norris, President of the Leonardtown Business Association and members of the LBA Marketing Committee presented Mr. Lynch and his sons Harrison and Jackson with his winnings on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy shopping!

## Leonardtown Business Association News

The Leonardtown Business Association (LBA) welcomes its newest members: DragonFly Designs, BTB Coffee Bar, Opal Fine Art, Friends of the Leonardtown Theatre, 3 Chicks Promotion, Paul Kwak Productions and Parran's Flooring Center. Members of the LBA enjoy networking with other business men and women, finding new advertising opportunities, participating in First Friday activities, and keeping current on Leonardtown news and projects. Goals of the LBA include promoting businesses, projects, and community events in Leonardtown. Visit [thelba.org](http://thelba.org) or contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at [dan.norris0707@gmail.com](mailto:dan.norris0707@gmail.com) for membership details.

# Highlights

## Leonardtown Elementary Students Conduct Mock Council Meeting

In recognition of Municipal Government Week, a mock Town Council meeting was conducted on May 31<sup>st</sup> by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of Leonardtown Elementary School. Leonardtown Mayor Dan Burris and Councilman



Jay Mattingly were on hand to monitor the session. This was an educational project for the enthusiastic students who were very creative in voicing their ideas, concerns and solutions to make a Leonardtown an even better place to live, work and play.

## Congratulations to the Award-Winning Port of Leonardtown Winery

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is proud to announce that it secured a second gold medal at the 2013 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition. The Winery previously won a gold medal from this competition in 2011 for Autumn Frost.

Additionally, the Port of Leonardtown Winery was awarded silver medals for McIntosh Run, 2011 Chaptico Rose, 2011 Chambourcin, 2011 Chambourcin Reserve and a bronze medal for the 2010 Captain's Table at the 2013 International Eastern Wine Competition. Since the Winery's opening in 2010, their wines have received a total of 61 awards, including 13 gold and 8 best-in-class awards.

The Port of Leonardtown Winery, located just off Route 5 at 23190 Newtowne Neck Road, is open Wednesday-Sunday, Noon-6 PM to bring you the best wine from the best Southern Maryland Wine Growers. Winery tours are available on request and the tasting room is available for rent for special events. The Winery also participates in Leonardtown's monthly First Fridays and is open Noon-9 PM on those days. Check their website at [portofleonardtownwinery.com](http://portofleonardtownwinery.com) for news and specials, or call 301-690-2192.



## Greenbrier Water Tower Gets a Fresh Coat of Paint



One of two elevated water storage tanks utilized within the Leonardtown water system received a much needed face lift this spring. K&K Painting out of Baltimore was awarded the contract to sandblast and repaint the tower. The 300,000 gallon, multi leg tank was originally constructed in 1969.

## "Thank you" Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack 561, Den 7 Wolves recently volunteered for another challenging project for the Town, this time scrubbing and washing the concession stand at Leonardtown Wharf Park. The Town is very appreciative of their hard



work resulting in a clean building that all Town residents and visitors can enjoy. Thanks to Cub Scouts Jackson Jones, Zach Connolly, David LaPaglia, Drew Vandergrift, Andrew Pontzer, Austin Barnes and Jourdan Carter, as well as troop leaders Tom Jones, Andy Pontzer and Andy Connolly.



Additionally, the Town would like to thank Andrew Guyther, who, with some help from his friends, recently cleaned 1,600 tons of debris from McIntosh Run as his Eagle Scout project. Great job Andrew!

## Raiders and Invaders Weekend

Leonardtown will commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Invasion of Leonardtown that took place in June 1814 when 1,500 British marines and soldiers invaded the town. Leonardtown will be the focus for activities the weekend of June 6-8, 2014 with a satellite site at Sotterley Plantation, which has a unique African-American War of 1812 story. St. Mary's County sites that have War of 1812 stories as well as local businesses and nonprofit organizations will also participate. Leonardtown and its event partners, Leonardtown Business Association, St. Mary's County Division of Tourism, The College of Southern Maryland, Historic Sotterley and the St. Mary's County Historical Society, received a Star Spangled 200 Grant from the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to bring the event to life. Watch for more information to come on this fun filled, historic weekend!

The WAR of  
**1812**  
In St. Mary's County



## Leonardtown Designated as Arts and Entertainment District

On May 29, 2013 Secretary Dominick Murray of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development announced the designation of Leonardtown as Southern Maryland's first Arts and Entertainment District. Leonardtown joins 21 other locations in Maryland as an A&E District. Governor Martin O'Malley stated, "A&E Districts leverage Maryland's creative assets and commitment to strategic, modern investments that spur economic growth and enliven our communities. Vibrant places invite businesses, families and tourism investments that support jobs and strengthen our economy." This designation offers various tax benefits to encourage artists, art organizations and businesses to locate in a jurisdiction. In addition, one of the major benefits of the designation tourism related promotion of the designees by the State of Maryland. Leonardtown's A&E District aims to develop the town as a regional tourist destination and support smart growth development that protects the small town charm, heritage and natural waterfront areas of Leonardtown. Visit the Maryland State Arts Council's website at [msac.org/artsandentertainment](http://msac.org/artsandentertainment) to learn more about this wonderful opportunity for our Town.

## Port of Leonardtown Park Grant

The Commissioners of Leonardtown are pleased to announce the receipt of a second Community Parks and Playground Grant in the amount of \$163,000 to complete the second phase of the public park at the Port of Leonardtown. The first phase included scenic overlooks on McIntosh Run, a new canoe and kayak launch, landscaping, walking paths and parking lot improvements. We look forward to completing this beautiful park on the banks of McIntosh Run for the enjoyment of Leonardtown and St. Mary's County residents.

## Leonardtown Wharf Project

The Commissioners of Leonardtown have issued a Request for Proposals for development of a restaurant at the Leonardtown Wharf site. This economic development portion of the project has long been planned to attract visitors to this wonderful asset. Stay tuned for more information.

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### Monster Glow Dash 5K

On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> the Community Mediation Center of St. Mary's County is sponsoring Southern Maryland's first Monster Glow Dash 5K starting at 6 PM at Leonardtown Wharf Park. Come to this event to run, walk, (or dance) along the colorful and high-energy glow-in-the-dark course meandering through downtown Leonardtown. For more information, visit [monsterglowdash.com](http://monsterglowdash.com) or contact the Mediation Center at 301-475-9118.

### St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

The St. Mary's County Oyster Festival, home of the exciting U. S. National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook Off, will be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM-6 PM. Oysters will be served on the half shell, scalded, fried, stewed, in salads and many other ingenious ways! Get your Oyster Festival tee-shirt and enjoy music, entertainment and crafts too. \$5 admission; children under 12 free. This event is sponsored by the Lexington Park Rotary Club. For more information, visit [usoysterfest.com](http://usoysterfest.com) or call 301-863-5015.

### Trick-or-Treat Fun on the Square

Hey kids! Halloween fun awaits you from 1 PM-3 PM at the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. So dress up in your favorite costume, grab your parents, and join in the festivities!

**Trick-or-Treat!** Many downtown merchants around the Square will be open to hand out candy and goodies to children. Remember to bring a goodie bag! *Please note: Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while trick-or-treating around the Square.*

### Make-Your-Own Life-Size Scarecrow!

Members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild will guide you in creating your unique scarecrow. This fun activity brings lots of smiles and is a wonderful fall decoration. \$8 fee per scarecrow - all supplies are provided. For all ages!

**Pet Costume Contest!** Outfit your favorite cat or dog, and enter him/her in the pet costume contest sponsored by SMAWL! Your pet's photo will be taken then placed on Facebook for votes. Could your pet be the winner?

### Register Now for the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown

It's time to register your float, marching band, scout troop, dance group, vintage car, etc. to participate in the 2013 St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade held in Leonardtown on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>! To request an entry form, e-mail the Parade Coordinator, Connie Pennington at [cdpennington@icloud.com](mailto:cdpennington@icloud.com) or call 301-904-0707.

Parade entry forms are due on or before October 18<sup>th</sup>. You can also visit [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) to download an entry form.

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### Congratulations to Award-Winning MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals™ by Truven Health Analytics. This study evaluates performance in 10 areas including patient safety, patient satisfaction, and clinical excellence. (February 2013)

For the fifth consecutive year, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital received the 2013 Workplace Excellence, the Health & Wellness Trailblazer and the EcoLeadership awards through the Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE). New this year, the hospital also received the inaugural 2013 Diversity Champion Award. AWE is a non-profit organization that focuses on making companies in the greater Washington, D.C. area excellent places to work. (May 2013)

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital also achieved Healthgrades 2013 Patient Safety Excellence Award™. This distinction places MedStar St. Mary's within the top 10% of all hospitals for its excellent performance in safeguarding patients from serious, potentially preventable complications during their hospital stays. (May 2013)

For the sixth consecutive year and seventh overall, the hospital also has received the Delmarva Foundation Medicare Excellence Award. (June 2013)

To read more about these awards, services of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, or to find a doctor, visit [medstarstmarys.org](http://medstarstmarys.org) online.

### Library Director Receives National Award

Congratulations to St. Mary's County Library Director Kathleen Reif, who accepted the 2013 Sullivan Award for Public Administrators Supporting Services to Children Award at the American Library Association's Conference in Chicago on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This award is presented to an administrator showing exceptional understanding and support of public library services to children. Kathleen is the tenth person to receive this national award which acknowledges her "for her sustained and effective efforts providing children's services with particular attention to early literacy and learning and the Every Child Ready to Read initiative."



Take time out to stop by your Leonardtown Library! Babies through teens can participate in summer reading programs and earn prizes for completing fun activities. A list of all the many programs being offered such as storytime, book discussions, computer classes, services and upcoming events can be found at [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) or by visiting your local library.

### LVRSA Christmas Festival

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary is accepting donations of decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and hand crafted gifts to be placed for silent auction at their Christmas Festival event on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ricky Chesser at [rchesser@milcorp.com](mailto:rchesser@milcorp.com) or 240-298-5310 for details or to make a donation.

### New Pick-up Day for Town of Leonardtown Recycling Customers

**Residential Recycling:** In an effort to keep the cost of garbage and recycling collection affordable and easy for customers, the collection day for single stream recycling items has been changed. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Goode Companies, Southern MD will now pickup recyclable items as follows:

Customers that live in Leonard's Grant, Academy Hills and on (or adjacent to) Hollywood Road, will have their recycling collected every Tuesday.

Customers that live in Singletree, on Point Lookout Road, south or southwest of Point Lookout Road (i.e. Abell St., Lawrence Ave., Courthouse Drive, Breton Bay Drive, Fenwick Street, etc.) will have their recycling collected every Friday.

Please feel free to call the Town office if you are unsure of your collection day. To guarantee pickup, your recycling toter should be set out the night before or by 6 AM the day of pick-up.

**Residential Trash:** A potential increase in trash collection rates for FY 2014 will be finalized in August. Trash collection days by Goode Companies, Southern MD will remain the same with twice a week pickup on Tuesday and Friday. Remember to set out your toter the night before or by 6 AM on the day of pickup.

The next quarterly bulk trash pickup date is Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Bulk trash items will be collected with your regular trash on this day.

**Holiday Pickup:** Trash and recycling pickup for the week of Labor Day 2013 will operate as scheduled.

**Water and Sewer Rates:** The rate for water usage will not change for FY 2014, but sewer rates will increase by 2%.

### Water Conservation Tips For All Ages

Do you have a few thirsty indoor and outdoor potted plants? Try these easy water saving tips for watering your plants that the whole family can enjoy!



- While rinsing off fresh fruits and veggies or waiting for your tap water to warm up, place a large bowl or pan in the sink to collect the flowing water then use it to water your plants.

- If you don't drink your entire bottle or glass of water, or if your pet's water needs freshening up, simply pour the unwanted water on your plants, not down the drain.

You will be surprised at the amount of water you use for these daily habits and how easy it is to collect and reuse it!

### On-Site Paper Shredding Event

Thanks to Goode Companies, Southern MD for operating an on-site "Shred and Recycle Day" for Leonardtown residents on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Governmental Center. Several residents came



out with bags and boxes of confidential papers which were shredded by the APMI group. Paper shredding helps to protect against identity theft, reduces fire hazard, saves on storage space, and promotes recycling to help save the earth.

*The Shops at the Maryland Antique Center (Continued from Cover)*



and original art by dedicated, local artisans. It is comprised of 22 individual artisans who offer handmade crafts of all kinds, original art, a year-round Christmas shop and various classes. It is the only shop in Leonardtown that makes local hand crafted Maryland souvenirs. Guild members also enjoy participating in local festivals and special events throughout the year. In keeping with today's modern day needs, this building also houses Chesapeake P.C. Source, owned by Brian Brown, who can repair and refurbish your computer - he even makes house calls! The most recent tenant is Laurie Stone whose interest is genealogy and historic research writing.

Today, The Shops at The Maryland Antiques Center is considered to be Leonardtown's largest shopping/dining complex. Whether you're in the market for antiques, are interested in finding that "unique" gift or original artwork, The Shops would be the one place that you wouldn't want to miss. It's a whole lot larger inside than it looks from the outside and it's an impressive place to look for some great finds, some great prices and some helpful, friendly people! You just might discover that The Shops at the Maryland Antiques Center will be the one shopping experience that keeps you coming back time and time again!



**To Contact the Shops at the Maryland Antiques Center:**

The Shops at the Maryland Antiques Center are located in "Uptown" Leonardtown at 26005 Point Lookout Road (Route 5) in Leonardtown, MD. The main Maryland Antiques Center building is open seven days a week from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily. The Tea Room and the shops in the second building all have slightly different hours.

**The Maryland Antiques Center**  
[marylandantiquescenter.com](http://marylandantiquescenter.com)  
 301-475-1960

**The Tea Room**  
[marylandantiquescenter.com](http://marylandantiquescenter.com)  
 301-475-1980

**Shelby's Custom Framing**  
[shelbyscustomframing.com](http://shelbyscustomframing.com)  
 301-904-2532

**Craft Guild Shop of St. Mary's**  
[craftguildshop.com](http://craftguildshop.com)  
 301-997-1644

**Chesapeake PC Source**  
[chesapeakepcsource.com](http://chesapeakepcsource.com)  
 301-475-2979

**Laurie Stone**  
 410-231-9534



**Deputy's Corner**

The Town of Leonardtown appreciates the expertise and time taken by members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for conducting a Child Safety Seat checkpoint in front of the Sheriff's Office on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the request of the Town. Numerous vehicles stopped by and Sheriff's Deputy's were on site to check already installed child safety seats, ensure they were properly installed and provide hands on training and feedback for community members. When installed and used correctly, child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by up to 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers. Check the Town's website at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) to read more about the child safety seat and survival connection.



Thanks to Sheriff Deputy's Cpl. P. Smolarsky, Cpl. C. Hartzell (pictured), Dfc. K. Nelson, Cpl. A. Holton, and Cpl. A. Delozier for certifying installed Child Safety Seats.

**New Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) Issued this Year**

In March of this year FEMA released new preliminary FIRM maps for St. Mary's County. The new and old maps are on file in the Town Office for those residents wishing to review them for potential flood insurance implications. New FIRM maps will become effective in late 2015.

**Sign Up for Severe Weather Alerts and Emergency Notifications**

It helps to be in the know! To receive severe weather alerts and emergency notifications, it is recommended that you sign up with the St. Mary's County Government CodeRED Emergency Notification System. This system delivers a pre-recorded message to your telephone describing emergency situations to a live person or an answering machine in the affected area, possibly including instructions requiring action on the part of the recipient. Log on to [www.co.saint-marys.md.us/emergencycodered.asp](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/emergencycodered.asp) to sign up for CodeRed alerts. To receive informational announcements from the Town of Leonardtown that are specific to your neighborhood, such as a water main break, street closure, etc., visit the Leonardtown web site at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) then click Resident Emergency Notifications on the home page.



# Town Tidbits

## Sakura Bar & Grill

The new Sakura Bar & Grill is now open! Enjoy "made to order" sushi at the sushi bar, chef specials, traditional Asian cuisine, soups and more. The restaurant is open daily and features music and dancing after 9 PM. Sakura Bar & Grill is located in the Shops at Breton Bay in the building formerly occupied most recently by Rustic River. Call 240-309-4011 for more details, reservations or carryout orders



## Leonardtwn Fitness & Nutrition

Mom and daughter team, Leslie and Lexi Boone invite you to get your shake on at Leonardtown Fitness and Nutrition with Herbalife shakes, protein bars and supplements. The shop is located at 49955 Merchants Lane in the Leonardtown Center. 240-309-4005.



## Farm Fresh Fruits & Veggies

Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, jams, and pastries are brought into the Town Square on Fridays by the Farmer's Market. Look for the market set out between Jeannies Flowers and Fuzzy Farmers Market. The market is open every Friday from 11 AM-5 PM through the fall, weather permitting.



## Kayaking and Canoeing in Leonardtown

Summer is a perfect time for sightseeing and exploring the waters of Breton Bay at both the Leonardtown Wharf Park and McIntosh Run at the Port of Leonardtown. Launch your own kayak or canoe or contact the Patuxent Adventure Center for a rental online at [paxadventure.com](http://paxadventure.com)



## BTB Coffee Bar

Open daily, the new BTB Coffee Bar is located in the former Brewing Grounds location at 41658 Fenwick Street. The Coffee shop is sure to tempt you with their selection of coffee, frappes, smoothies, breakfast options and lunch specials and can be reached at 301-475-2400. At 5 PM, a modern-day speakeasy bar opens at BTB. The speakeasy welcomes walk-ins, but due to limited seating, you can make your reservation by calling 301-475-8800. Visit [btbcoffeebar.com](http://btbcoffeebar.com) for details.



## Cedar Point Federal Credit Union Opens New Leonardtown Branch



A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate Cedar Point Federal Credit Union's new Leonardtown Branch location in the Leonardtown Centre was held on July 10th. The CPFUCU Board of Directors and Management are very proud of their new building, excellent and dedicated staff, and the personal and quality service provided to its members. Their first Leonardtown branch opened in 1989. Stop by and visit their new Leonardtown branch. Membership is open to the community.



## McDonald's Renovation

Jay Mattingly of the Leonardtown Council joined McDonalds for a ribbon cutting to celebrate their newly renovated Leonardtown restaurant on June 1, 2013. Coincidentally, Jay's grandfather, J. Maguire Mattingly, Jr., while serving as Leonardtown's Mayor, was present for the ground breaking ribbon cutting of this location in 1990.

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