

Leonardtown BEACON

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



Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH

Celebration of "First Fridays"
Historic downtown and uptown Leonardtown

3rd SATURDAY, EVERY MONTH

Coastal Arts Market
Port of Leonardtown Park

4th SATURDAY, JUNE-AUGUST

Sunrise Yoga
Leonardtown Wharf Park

4th SATURDAY, MAY-AUGUST

Downtown Tunes
Leonardtown Square

APRIL 9

Hospice 5K & 10K Run/Fun Walk
Governmental Center

APRIL 16

St. Mary's Ryken Blaine Whorl 5K
Ryken HS and Town Roads

APRIL 17

Earth Day Celebration
Leonardtown Square & Wharf

APRIL 24

Spring Fling Classic Car Show
Leonardtown Square

MAY 13

LHS Jazz Band Spring Concert
Leonardtown Wharf Park

MAY 21

CFF Great Strides 5K Walk
Leonardtown Wharf Park

MAY 21

US Navy Jazz Band, The Commodores
Leonardtown Square

JUNE 10

So. MD Youth Orchestra & Choir Concert
Leonardtown Wharf Park

JUNE 11

St. Mary's Crab Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

JUNE 14

Flag Day Celebration
Governmental Center

JULY/AUGUST

Twilight Performance Series
College of Southern Maryland

JULY 15-16

Southern MD Film Festival
Leonardtown Square and Businesses

JULY 30-31

SMBC Summer Regatta
Leonardtown Wharf Park

AUGUST 6

Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtown Square & Wharf

Luxury Rental Apartments Coming to Leonardtown!



Young professionals, families, as well as people who prefer freedom from maintaining a large home and yard will have a new housing option here in Leonardtown in 2017 with the opening of The Hamptons at Leonardtown apartment community. "We are trying to appeal to every age group," Debbie Mummaugh of The Saba Group, the developer of the project, said during an interview, "and to create an environment that members of different generations would all enjoy. We will have a variety of amenities to appeal to a broad range of people." This is exactly what the Town Commissioners are looking for – a variety of housing types to satisfy the different needs of our residents, as well as having more housing close enough for residents to walk to the downtown for evening and weekend activities.



Site work has begun on the luxury apartment community, located between Fenwick Street and Route 5, with an entrance to the development off of Route 5 directly across from Academy Hills. With development and construction by the Saba Group, Inc. in conjunction with Paragon Properties of Leonardtown, these are not your typical rental accommodations. There will be two and three bedroom apartments, ranging in size from

1200 square feet to 1600 square feet with balconies, open concept living areas, two bathrooms and spacious closets. Each apartment will feature upgraded appliances and fixtures, washers and dryers, cable TV and high speed internet wiring, granite bar tops in the kitchens and quality flooring.

Noteworthy is the fact that the apartment buildings will include elevators, a much sought-after convenience and a rare find in St. Mary's County, and a first for Leonardtown. As befitting a luxury residence, the common areas of each building will be professionally decorated with designer furnishings and a beautiful interior lobby, making it an inviting community gathering space. Each individual upper floor will also have pleasant waiting areas near the elevators with comfortable furnishings.

Security at The Hamptons will have a high priority. Automatic door openers will be access controlled, with residents using a key fob or key code to gain entrance, and 24 hour surveillance cameras placed strategically to monitor the premises. Guests will need to be escorted or buzzed in by the person they are visiting. Most importantly, an on-site management office during the day and a resident manager at night will provide an extra level of comfort in one's surroundings. For residents wanting to travel, these measures will help contribute to peace of mind while away from home.



The on-site amenities will be extensive. To encourage a healthy and active lifestyle, the clubhouse will have a fitness center and sauna. The large multi-purpose room will be available for parties, business meetings, exercise classes and other activities and wifi will be available. A warming kitchen is also provided for use during parties. For entertainment there will be a pool table and several

For more information on these events check out our website leonardtown.somd.com You can also follow Leonardtown events on Facebook.com/ [TownofLeonardtown](https://www.facebook.com/TownofLeonardtown)



Mayor's Message

Each spring the Council and I begin the process of creating and adopting a budget for the next fiscal year for the town. Part of that process is to look at our priorities for the next several years and make financial decisions that will support those priorities. We believe the town is in a strong economic position and we will continue to work to strengthen the business community and protect the quality of life for the residents of Town.

Over the last several years we have been able to continue to meet required services and state mandated requirements without raising property taxes. Streets and roads, safety improvements to Rt. 5 and parks and recreational amenities are some of our top priorities. We are ready to break ground on a new playground area and gazebo at the Wharf after receiving several requests from residents to provide these amenities at the Wharf Park. The Arts and Entertainment District designation has been an important part of promoting and expanding the Arts and diversifying the local economy.

We are always interested in hearing from you. I continue to stay after our regular Town Council meetings on the second Monday of the month to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. I am also available anytime at either the Town Office or at my Olde Towne Insurance office on the square.

Dan Burris

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Water Quality Report
Annual Drinking Water
Quality Report
www.leonardtown.somd.com/government/CCRReport-current.pdf



Leonardtown Celebrates "First Fridays"



In May join the celebration of First Responders First Friday with exclusive specials designed

for Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Rescue Squad Volunteers and other Emergency personnel – anyone wearing their uniform or other identifying insignia.

June's event revives the Scavenger Hunt, but with a new twist – Where's Crabby? First Friday!

July will have you singing the Red, White and Blues, and August will be a Rockin' First Friday to get everyone ready for Beach Party on the Square!

For details on these events and other First Friday happenings, go to leonardtownfirstfridays.com or the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page!

Coastal Arts Market



The Coastal Arts Market is open to the public on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 am-3 pm

at the Port of Leonardtown Park. The Market features handmade, affordable art from local and regional artists and artisans, including painting, photography, ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, handmade quilts, clothing, soap, furniture and other delights. Local artists interested in exhibiting their handmade, original work, should visit coastalartsmarket.com to obtain guidelines and an application. The Port of Leonardtown Park is located at 23190 Newtowne Neck Road in Leonardtown - home of the Port of Leonardtown Winery.

21st Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

Southern Maryland's largest running event to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's kicks off at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 9th at the Governmental Center in Leonardtown. The 5K runners will run through the Singletree neighborhood, and the 5K walkers will enjoy a scenic stroll downtown. Visit runforhospice.org to pre-register, find details on course routes, race packets, parking, etc. You can also register on race day beginning at 7:30am. This is a rain or shine event. 240-925-5423.



SMR Blaine Whorl 5K

The St. Mary's Ryken 5th annual Blaine Whorl Memorial 5K Walk/Run is Saturday, April 16. The walk/run benefits the Blaine Whorl Scholarship fund at St. Mary's Ryken High School. This family-friendly race will take participants through the streets of downtown Leonardtown and the beautiful St. Mary's Ryken campus for a challenging yet inspiring race. Registration fees are \$25 until 4/1/16 and \$30 thereafter. Awards will be given for top qualifiers and a Blaine Whorl Junior Cup will be awarded to the top secondary school team. Visit www.smrhs.org/BlaineWhorl5K to register and learn about sponsorship opportunities.

Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate the great outdoors and local green living at the Leonardtown Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 17th from 12:30 - 4:30 pm. Start your visit at the Leonardtown Wharf Park with a moon bounce for kids, live music, free kayaking and canoeing demos, and \$5 waterman boat tours. In the Square visit vendors and exhibitors who are passionate about recycling, energy and water conservation, animal rescue, beekeeping, organic produce, herbs, plants, and other green initiatives. Entertainment includes live folk music, face painting, dance performances, reflexology demonstrations, and hands-on nature crafts. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association, Inc. and the Commissioners of Leonardtown. 301-475-9791

Spring Fling XXXI Classic Car Show

On Sunday, April 24 from 8 am – 4 pm bring the whole family to the 31st Annual Spring Fling Classic Car Show. The Town Square is filled with the chrome and color of over 350 classic and antique cars, trucks and hot rods, courtesy of the St. Mary's Rod & Classic Car Club. Bring the kids for a fun tractor pull, games and prizes.



Live music and a silent auction will round out the day. No admission, but a \$2 donation is gratefully accepted to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's and other local charities. Visit stmarysrodandclassic.com or call 301-994-9666 for more information or to enter a vehicle. (Rain date: Sunday, May 1st).

MEET...LEARN...SHARE at the Business Meet-up

The St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Maryland are hosting a Business Meet-up on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 8:00 - 9:30 am at the CSM Leonardtown Campus Building C, Room 203. This co-sponsored business-oriented event will be the first of a quarterly meet-up where business leaders throughout the county will have the opportunity to meet with other leaders, obtain valuable information to support your business growth, and learn how CSM as a community resource is providing business and industry support. This is a FREE event and all are invited to come and join in the conversation. Please RSVP at www.smcchamber.com or www.marylandsbdc.org.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
1st SATURDAY IN MAY!
May 7, 2016
www.freecomicbookday.com

Free Comic Book Day at Big Larry's

On May 7th, from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, bring your family and friends to Big Larry's for Free Comic Book Day! There will be FREE books for all-ages, including Grumpy Cat (And Pokey), Archie, The Simpsons in Bongo Comics, and FREE editions of the stories that inspired the upcoming Captain America movie—while supplies last! There will also be an in-store sale along with ice cream specials! Eat, Drink, and be Super! Big Larry's, 22745 Washington Street, 301-475-1860.

On Out!

Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis



The National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation needs your help to raise awareness and help find a cure for CF! This year's Great Strides 5K Walk starts at 11 am on

Saturday, May 21st at Leonardtown Wharf Park. Children, pets and strollers welcome! The walk also ends at the Wharf, where event organizers will host post-walk festivities with food, games and live music. For more details and to pre-register, call 301-657-8444, ext. 215 or visit cf.org/Chapters/metrodc. You can also register on walk day beginning at 10 am.

Life's Good in LG Memorial Day 5K and Fun Run

Need something fun to do for the Memorial Day Weekend? Why not include a 5K run! On Saturday May 28th the 5th annual "Life's Good in LG" 5K and Fun Run will be held in Leonard's Grant to benefit the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. Last Year's race included 250 5Kers and 100 fun runners and donated \$1,500 to the LVFD! Both the Fun Run and the 5K will start and end at the LG Gazebo. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in several categories. For more info see our website at www.leonardsgrant5krun.com



St. Mary's County Crab Festival

Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Southern Maryland summers at the 32nd Annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival on Saturday, June 11th at the SMC Fairgrounds, from 11 am - 8 pm. Enjoy steamed crabs, soft crabs, crab cakes, and other seafood and non-seafood dishes. Entertainment includes live music, classic cars, children's activities and more. Admission is \$5 per person for ages 12 and up. Food is purchased separately. This event is sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club and benefits local charities. To volunteer, or for more details, visit stmaryscrabfestival.com or call 301-475-8384.



Flag Day Celebration

Join your local neighbors, hometown leadership, and young musicians as they come together at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown for the Annual Flag Day Celebration on Tuesday, June 14th. The event starts at 6 pm and honors Old Glory with patriotic music, free handheld flags, and a formal ceremony that includes the presentation of colors, Pause for the Pledge, special guests and the raising of the American flag. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1340.

Sunrise Yoga at Leonardtown Wharf

Join professional yoga instructors from Evolve Yoga & Wellness for a free monthly community yoga practice at the beautifully serene Leonardtown Wharf Park. Practices are from 7:30 - 8:30 am on Saturday mornings: June 25th, July 23rd, and August 27th. All you need is your mat, and a bottle of water - and maybe a friend or two! In lieu of admission, please bring a canned good for local food banks or dry pet food for a local shelter. Contact Evolve Yoga at 301-862-1236 for more details.



SMBC Summer Regatta

The best part of summer in Southern Maryland is being on the water! Join the Southern Maryland

Boat Club at the Leonardtown Wharf Park on July 30th and 31st as they bring memories to life and show what vintage racing boats can do when they open up on the waters of Breton Bay. Visit southernmarylandboatclub.com for details and schedule.

Beach Party on the Square

We're planning for Beach Party on the Square 2016 - are you? Mark Saturday, August 6th from 4-9 pm on your calendars for our annual, family-friendly, end-of-summer blow-out, including sand volleyball, fire truck hose downs, strolling entertainers, live music, games, food and stand up paddle boarding at the Wharf. Event sponsored by the Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association. Visit www.leonardtown.somd.com for schedules and details.

The Blues are Back In Town!

Newly added to the Leonardtown 2016 Event Calendar is the special privilege of hosting a meet and greet with the performers for this year's Naval Air Station Pax River Air Show - including the Blue Angels! The meet and greet is a special event with face-to-face interactions, autograph sessions, live music, special presentations and children's activities. While it is normally held on base, this is the first local show in 5 years, so the air show organizers want to have it in Leonardtown to make it accessible to the local community. The event is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Saturday, October 29th. A Committee is currently being formed.



Craft Guild News



The 3rd Saturday of every month is an extra special day at the Craft Guild, located at 26005 Point Lookout Road. On that day they will have a variety of fresh baked goods available, as well as artists on site performing demos, answering questions about their crafts, and accepting custom orders. The Craft Guild offers many hand-made goods designed and created by local crafters; they carry an array of unique items ranging from homemade jams and jellies, crocheted blankets, framed and matted photography (yes, they have Mary Lou Troutman art!), lovely jewelry, artisan soaps and spa products, ceramic and home décor pieces, stained glass art, and so much more! Shop hours are Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 12-5 pm. Check our Facebook page under "Craft Guild Shop of St. Mary's" for more information including sewing classes, children's activities, and upcoming special events. 301-997-1644.

Caught My Eye

On the second Saturday of the month, Caught My Eye will have a vendor event outside the shop from March until October. The event will run from 9 am-2 pm. Each Saturday they will alternate between Green Expo vendors and Vintage/Antiques vendors. Also, check out their classes on their website—Stained Glass, Embroidery, Hand Stitching, and Meditation. www.caughtmyeyesite.wordpress.com.

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Meetings

Town Council -
2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, and August 8.

Planning & Zoning Commission -
3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, and August 15.

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

May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Day after Thanksgiving
December 26	Day after Christmas

Community Highlights

Antique Tractor & Truck Parade



Sponsored by the Southern Maryland Antique Power Association, along with members of the Antique Truck Association, the Annual Tractor & Truck Parade on

October 11, 2015, was the perfect mid-Fall treat for young and old. This annual event benefits the Christmas in April Foundation of Southern Maryland.

Trick-or-Treat on the Square

Face painting, frocked pets, and a fire truck were part of the fun during Trick-or-Treat festivities October 25th. Hundreds of colorful characters took home thousands of pieces of candy provided by over 30 local businesses on the Leonardtown Square. Mark the time change for the coming 2016 event, Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 3-5 p.m.



40th Annual Veterans Day Parade



Colorful flags, rousing music, and special guests formed a fitting tribute to our servicemen and women during this year's Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11. Leonardtown was pleased to host Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and Comptroller Peter Franchot, as well as Leonardtown Elementary school students Bridget Cory, Cal Mattei, and Ben



Dodge who inspired the crowd with their winning essays on "What Veterans Day Means to Me". With the increasing size of the parade and the crowd, event organizers are hoping to secure several more shuttle buses. If you are able to provide or sponsor a bus for this event, please contact Maria at the Town Office, 301-475-9791.

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Record numbers of residents, friends and neighbors poured into Leonardtown for the November 27th Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting! Event organizers would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and attention to safety, as parking was at a premium! In addition to the magical visit from Santa and the lighting of the tree, the crowd also enjoyed music during their carriage, train and hay rides around Tudor Hall; live performances, including dancers and a brass quintet; pony rides; a living Nativity; and children's activities in Mrs. Claus' tent.



LVRSA Christmas Festival

Visitors stopping by the 2015 Christmas Festival in the Winegardner Showroom on November 27th enjoyed bidding on handmade crafts, decorations and other auction items, as well as watching model trains puff their way around the life-like diorama. Many thanks go to everyone who gave so generously to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, who sponsors this event every year.

"Best Dressed Business Award"



Pastor Paul MacPherson and his daughter Naomi, proudly accepted the Best Dressed Business award on behalf of the entire congregation of the Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene during the December 2015 Town Council meeting. The outside of the church was decorated simply with red ribbons, wreaths and greenery; but the new crèche was both a beautiful decoration as well as a detailed backdrop for their annual live Nativity for Christmas on the Square. Located at 22730 Washington Street, Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene has a growing congregation that is very active in the community. To check out their services, visit them on Facebook.

Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Square

Entering the Square via fire truck, Santa and Mrs. Claus made a grand entrance on Saturday, December 12. Hundreds of families left with great photos and memories as sweet as the candy canes in Mrs. Claus' basket! Please note the new time for next year: Saturday, December 10, from 2-4 pm!



Thank you for your suggestions!

Thank you for your emails, phone calls, Facebook posts and conversations with Town Staff letting us know how we can make our events better for you and your family. While we can't accommodate all requests, here are some "upgrades" based on your suggestions:

Concerts: The Navy Band has sent us both the Cruisers and the Commodores for Summer Concerts, and this year, the Leonardtown Business Association is increasing the Downtown Tunes Concert Series from 4 to 6 concerts!

Time Changes: Many thanks to the parents of small children who informed us that 2 of our events were occurring during nap time! Please note that this year Trick-or-Treat on the Square will be on Saturday, October 22 from 3 - 5 p.m. and Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Square will be Saturday, December 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. We hope you will enjoy coming to the Square AFTER nap time, and perhaps stay for dinner at one of our restaurants!

Sound system: Recently the Town Commissioners approved upgrades to the sound system. This included updating the equipment, boosting the signal for the wireless microphones and extending the speakers down Fenwick Street hill for the Veterans Day Parade, Music on the Square and emergency announcements.

Restrooms: In the last two years we have added more restrooms and more handicap accessible

restrooms in at least 3 different locations for each major event. While we know portable restrooms are not ideal, please make use of them and save the restrooms inside the businesses for paying customers.

Veterans Day Parade: First, our sincerest apologies for the mistakes made with the shuttle service this year. Thank you all for your patience and kindness while waiting for your shuttles.

We are steadily increasing the amount of signage and number of shuttle buses to make sure everyone gets into place - and back! - in a timely fashion. Businesses who wish to help sponsor more shuttles and signage should contact Maria in the Town Office.

We Say Good Bye to Café des Artistes



After 17 years of playing a huge part in the revitalization of downtown Leonardtown, Loic and Karleen Jaffres said a bittersweet good bye on March 6th. The good news is that in a few short months the doors will be reopened under a new name, Le Gabian, by the new owner, Brian Wilson! Brian is the executive chef of Montmartre, a French restaurant on Capitol Hill. Brian plans to keep the French style but will add some new choices to the menu. We look forward to welcoming Brian into the Leonardtown community and we wish Loic and Karleen the best in all of their future plans. They will be missed by many!

Hollywood Road Sidewalk Project

The State Highway Administration is moving forward with the sidewalk improvement project along Hollywood Road. The first phase of the project extends the sidewalk from the College of Southern Maryland to the Governmental Center on the east side of the road and will improve the existing sidewalk along the west side. This project will go out to bid later this spring. Phase 2 of the project is anticipated to follow next year and will extend sidewalks to Leonard's Grant Parkway on the west side of the road.

Town Project Updates

Many projects continue to move forward in town since the last newsletter. The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad addition was completed in late February. An expansion proposal to St. Aloysius Church received concept approval at the February Planning Commission meeting. The plan includes an adoration chapel, fellowship hall, conference room, youth activity space and a warming kitchen. At the same meeting the Leonardtown Firefighters Museum received concept approval. Located on the former carnival grounds, the 10,000+ square foot building proposed by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept. will house the museum and an additional garage bay for their equipment.



Leonardtown Firefighters Museum



St. Aloysius Expansion





PNC Bank Building Sold!

The former PNC Bank building and the adjacent Candela Building were sold in January to Rainbow Construction, Inc. This iconic facility has been vacant for over two years and holds a key location in downtown Leonardtown. Mr. Mark Guadagnoli of Rainbow Construction stated, "We are very excited to be a part of Leonardtown and the revitalization of downtown. Our immediate plans include converting the upper floors of the First National Bank building into luxury loft apartments and renovating the first floor to include retail spaces for lease. Maintaining the exterior façade of the building is an important part of the character of the project." For more information contact Rainbow Construction at 301-843-1018.

Parking in Leonardtown

While all of the recent redevelopment projects downtown are a very positive economic development direction, the question always comes up, "Where will people park?" The fact is, there is ample parking that already exists and plans are in place for how we will increase parking in the future. In 2002 the Town commissioned an extensive parking study to inventory all existing parking (over 1,000 spaces) and to look at where a future parking garage could be located. As a result of that study the Town purchased a parcel of land directly across from The Good Earth and adjacent to an existing surface parking lot. A grant was received from the State of Maryland to develop an additional pervious paver parking lot and to modernize the existing lot and add stormwater management. The consultants also prepared a concept plan of a three level parking garage that could be built on that site in the future. In addition we have upgraded the existing parking lot next to The Hair Company in the last several years. We continue to look at ways to direct visitors to the existing parking and to encourage employees of downtown businesses to utilize parking in the surface lots instead of taking up spaces right on the square. The importance to the viability of the downtown of ensuring that the storefronts remain active far outweighs having to walk a few extra steps from parking. The Town is also working toward designating one of the public lots as an overnight parking area for the residents living in the buildings above the downtown shops.



Leonardtown's 2016 Calendar of Events Brochures are now available at various Leonardtown businesses and the Town Office. You can also download a copy from our website leonardtown.somd.com

HANDS-ON Learning & Summer Activities for All Ages

What's the best way to say goodbye to winter? Get out, get busy and learn something new! Whether it's summer camps for kids or classes at local businesses for adults, there is something for everyone in Leonardtown!



Beyond Summer Camp College of Southern Maryland

Kids and Teen College at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is celebrating 30 years of offering comprehensive, summer enrichment programs for children ages 5 to 14 years old. Classes are offered at the college campuses in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. These half-day or full-day programs allow kids and teens to design their own summer experience specific to their interests - from art in the morning to academics in the afternoon or a full day of sports and swimming. Summer days are well spent at CSM. Let your child/teen come to the campus and discover a new skill, meet new friends, and explore the world. The potential is unlimited. Call 240-725-KIDS (5437) or visit www.csmd.edu/KidsCollege for more information.

St. Mary's Ryken Summer Knights

Discover the Difference! Academic, Enrichment and Athletic Camps for Students in Grades 5-12. The Summer Knights program is designed to enrich, educate and activate your elementary, middle and high schooler! From rigorous and dynamic academic programs, such as Jump Start Geometry to camps that engage your child's imagination, Summer Knights programs offer a variety of summer camp options to take your child to the next level. Spend the summer sharpening your child's current skills or learn a brand new one. Summer Knights has something for everyone! Located on the beautiful waterfront St. Mary's Ryken Campus in the heart of Leonardtown, Maryland, Summer Knights is led by professional coaches and teachers. Spend your summer with us and experience the Summer Knights difference! Visit www.smrhs.org/SummerKnights to view the full schedule.

Yellow Door Classes & Summer Camps

Offering drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking and mixed media classes all year, Yellow Door Arts Studio hosts summer camps for kids in June and August. Choose from Art for Tots, Ceramics and Sculpture, Watercolor and illustration, Photo Alternative Process and Mixed Media, and Painting and printmaking. For complete details and to register visit <http://www.yellowdoorartstudios.com/summer-camps/> or call 240-925-1888.

Summer at the Library

Are you ready for Summer Reading at the St. Mary's County Library? This year's theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Babies, kids, teens and adults all have a program this year! The adult program will start on June 1, and all other programs start the week of June 20. All programs end August 13. Everyone can participate and earn prizes by completing fun reading activities.

A Summer Professional Performance series will kick off June 27th. The performances will be held every Monday from June 27 through August 1, with the exception of July 4. Charlotte Hall Library will hold their performances at 10 am at Margaret Brent Middle School, Leonardtown Library at 12:30 pm at Leonardtown Elementary School, and Lexington Park Library at 3 pm in the Lexington Park Library. Performers include Joe Romano, Mr. Jon, CSM Theater Performers, Jack & Kitty and the Science Tellers.

Other summer programs include weekly "craftermoons" at each branch, STEM for Preschool and School-age kids, and Minecraft Mania! A complete list of summer programs will be available at any branch or online at www.stmalib.org.

Art Buzz Kids Summer Camp

Three exciting weeks of creative art for kids ages 5-12 will be offered at the Wine & Design studio in Leonardtown, 9 am-1pm. Imaginative themes highlight: "Under the Big Top" Camp: July 4-8; "Wizard Academy" Camp: July 18-22; and a new addition just for teen/tweens (ages 12-16) "Fine Art Lessons" Camp: August 1-5

Visit wineanddesign.com/smc for details, cost and online sign-up, email somd@wineanddesign.com or call 240-925-7464.

Bella Music School Summer Camps

Encourage your kids to keep practicing and improve their skills with summer music camp skill sessions this summer. Camps include piano and string camp for students grades 3-12. Camps are held at Bella Music School on Fenwick Street. Call 301-247-2602 or email sue@bellamusicschool.com for details and registration.



Downtown Tunes

The popular Downtown Tunes concert series starts at 6 pm on the fourth Saturday of May through August: May 28th - Come party with The Latrice Carr Band, June 25th -Country Night with Robbie Booth, July 23rd - Vocal duo Megan Nosek and Josh Airhart, August 27th - TBD. Also, thanks to a generous donation from The Rex Restaurant, two more dates (to be determined) are being added to this year's lineup! Visit leonardtwn.somd.com for the latest updates and final performance schedule. (Downtown Tunes rain date: the next day, Sunday)



LHS Jazz Band Spring Concert

Bring chairs and blankets to the Leonardtown Wharf Park at 6 pm on Friday evening, May 13th to support some young talent playing old favorites. Jump, swing, and boogie woogie as this group shows their true musical chops. For more information contact Mr. Martin at 301-475-0200 ext. 27137.



U.S. Navy Jazz Band The Commodores

Saturday, May 21st is Armed Services Day and the perfect time to join us in the Square for the U.S. Navy Jazz Band The Commodores! Bring your chairs and blankets at 6 pm and enjoy an evening of big band favorites, jazz classics and swing hits!

SMYOC Concert

The Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra and Choir present their talented young players and singers during an evening of music you won't soon forget. Bring chairs and blankets to the Leonardtown Wharf on Friday evening, June 10th for this 6:30 pm concert. For more information visit www.smyoc.org.

Twilight Performance Series

Relax and mingle on the lawn of the College of Southern Maryland - Leonardtown Campus while enjoying quality live entertainment during the Twilight Performance Series on Tuesday evenings: July 12th, July 19th, July 26th and August 2nd (not Aug. 4 as was mistakenly listed in the Leonardtown Calendar of Events Brochure). Shows begin at 6:45 pm and admission is free! Check csmd.edu/arts for the latest entertainer listing and details.



Southern Maryland Film Festival

The Oscars may be over, but the local filmmaking is in full swing! Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Southern Maryland Film Festival to be hosted in multiple venues in and around the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District. The format will be a little different this year, with a separate ticketed meet-n-greet opening reception on Friday evening, July 15th and film screenings, panel discussions and awards on Saturday, July 16th.



Businesses in the tri-county area interested in being a sponsor for the film festival should email Theresa at foftr@outlook.com. Volunteers should sign up at smdfilmfest@gmail.com.

Film submissions are being accepted until May 13, 2016, and there are no submission fees. Find submission details online at smdff.org.

Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition Held at CSM

The St. Mary's County Arts Council and Leonardtown's Arts & Entertainment District hosted the Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition at the College of Southern Maryland in Leonardtown on Saturday, February 20th. The Annual Competition encourages High School Students to memorize and perform poetry with an emphasis on the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, the spoken word and theater.

This exciting program helps students master public speaking skills and builds self-confidence while learning about their literary heritage. The program is sponsored by the Maryland State Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

Calling all Artists, Teachers!

Be a part of Leonardtown's Arts & Entertainment District! Are you looking for studio space or a place to hold classes or workshops? The Leonardtown Arts Center has space available at an affordable price. Call Nell Elder at 240-687-5418 or email info@smcart.org for information.



"Mind Your Business" Free Artists Seminar Offered!

The Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District and the St. Mary's County Arts Council are pleased to partner with MD Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and PNC Bank to bring an informational seminar to local artists. The event will be hosted at the College of Southern Maryland Auditorium on Thursday, April 28th from 1-4:30 pm. The seminar will offer great information about creating small businesses, insurance needs and options, incorporating, copyright and finances. Email Nell Elder for additional information at info@smcart.org.

North End Gallery News

North End Gallery is proud to announce its new member, Helene Vonnegut. Vonnegut is a studio potter whose work is inspired by decorative and utilitarian themes from around the world and locally. She has shown her work in numerous exhibitions, including the Mid-Atlantic Clay Conference in Front Royal, Virginia where she was awarded First Place for her Japanese farm house-inspired garden lantern.

Love Art? The North End Gallery, located at 41652 Fenwick Street, will feature the following themed shows:

April - Show will celebrate all things related to cars with the theme, "Car Culture." We are a car nation, and artists find inspiration on the road, or in their own garages. "Car Culture" runs March 30 through May 1. The reception takes place April 1st from 5 to 8 pm.



Radishes by Christina Allen



Lemon Tree by Pauline Lange

May - May is a month of outdoor beauty, so this month's show is titled "Something in the Garden". Artists will interpret that theme in their new works for this show. In addition, North End will feature floral arrangements prepared by local garden clubs, using ceramics produced by North End's pottery artists. "Something in the Garden" will run from May 3 through May 29, with the reception on May 6th from 5 to 8 pm.

June - North End Gallery artists Lani Clark, Pauline Lange and Mary Ida Rolape are featured in June with a show theme of "Inspiration! Color!" Clark is well known for her colorful and imaginative work with fused and stained glass. Lange produces bright oil paintings, including landscapes and still life. Rolape works with tile, glass and ceramics to produce unique sculptures, wall hangings, and plates. The three artists present an exciting body of work with "Inspiration! Color!" which runs from May 31 through June 26. The reception takes place June 3rd, from 5 to 8 pm. starting April 1st; North End Gallery will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 to 5 and Sundays from noon to 4. For more information or to meet the artists, call 301-475-3130 or go to www.northendgallery.com.

Tourism and Hospitality Master Plan

The SMC Division of Tourism and the SMC Chamber of Commerce, along with master plan consultants Strategic Advisory Group, continue to work on the first-ever St. Mary's County Tourism & Hospitality Master Plan. The plan will provide a road map for future industry growth and investment. Over the past several months, a survey, focus groups, and many one-on-one calls and visits involving hundreds of stakeholders, plus industry research, are setting the stage for development of the master plan. Phase II will set the strategy for the creation and implementation of specific projects and investments to drive tourism moving forward. This phase will also include a South County Action Plan, to "kick-start" tourism growth in the southern portion of St. Mary's. For more information on the Master Planning process, or to see how you can become involved and receive updates, please visit <http://www.stmarysmd.com/ded/THMP.asp>

big screen TVs, as well as card tables for poker, bridge or other games. A large swimming pool is planned along with a back patio and pool deck for use by the residents, including a gas fire pit for those chilly evenings! Parents and grandparents can take their little ones to the centrally located tot lot to burn off some energy.

Great care and thought were put into the site plan and the ecological preservation of the land. By placing the parking lots at the backs of the buildings, Hampton's Boulevard, the main street through the development, will emulate the town center feeling with each apartment building facing the boulevard. Approximately 3.5 acres of forest conservation easement and 100% of the sensitive areas were preserved on site. There will be ample vegetation buffers along the edges of the development. Trees removed during development will be mitigated on site and first class landscaping and top-notch maintenance will ensure that the grounds are maintained professionally and will compliment the high end interior finishes.



According to Mummaugh, connectivity to Leonardtown is a priority and a major goal. "We are working on plans to connect our community to Fenwick Street and the downtown. We would like The Hampton's to become an asset to Leonardtown, a place where the people living there bring economic benefit and added vitality to the downtown shops and restaurants." The community's close location to the downtown and the approval of the Fenwick Street connection would allow residents to walk to town for evening Concerts on the Square, First Friday events or any of the other numerous events taking place almost every weekend in the summer months. Another advantage to The Hampton's location is its short distance to the Leonardtown Wharf Park. Plans are underway to provide a secure storage area on site to store kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and bicycles.

The Saba Group, Inc. has been in business for 29 years, with projects in Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, Nebraska, and Tennessee and is intimately involved in every aspect of the construction of their projects, from planning and approvals, financing, to the ultimate completion of construction. They stay involved with their projects afterwards with the on-site management and day to day operations of the apartment community. Everything is handled in-house with meetings held weekly to discuss operations and any concerns with each development. As Mr. Saba states, "Everything runs smoother and a higher standard is maintained when done in-house by the same team".

Watch for the grand opening in 2017! Stop by and take a look at this exciting new addition to our town!

Of Special Interest to Leonardtown Residents!!!

Vote - Vote - Vote



2016 Leonardtown Elections

Leonardtown's Election Day is Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Residents will vote for the Mayor and two Council seats. A Mayor and five-member Town Council govern Leonardtown, with each official serving a four-year term of office.

Cast Your Ballot

Polls will be open for voting on Tuesday, May 3rd between 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM at the Town Office, located in the Proffitt Building at 41660 Courthouse Drive.

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Office. The deadline to submit your completed application for an absentee ballot to the Town Office is Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Information for Voters and Candidates in the 2016 Leonardtown Election

To vote or file as a candidate for elected office in Leonardtown elections, you 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 voter.

The voter registration deadline for residents to vote in the Leonardtown election is Friday, April 15, 2016.

The deadline for residents to file as a candidate for elected office in the Leonardtown election is Monday, April 18, 2016.

Having a Leonardtown mailing address or owning property within the incorporated limits does not qualify you as an actual resident. If you wish to confirm that you actually reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, wish to file as a candidate for office, or have other questions about Leonardtown's 2016 election; please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

If you are not a registered voter and would like to register to vote or update your address, contact the St. Mary's County Board of Elections at 301-475-7844 ext. 1610.

Deputy's Corner



Con-artists are calling local citizens demanding immediate payment for missing federal jury duty and if the payment/personal information is not given over the phone the caller threatens to have the victim arrested. These con-artists frequently prey upon elderly citizens. Please share this alert and talk with your senior family members and friends. If you have any questions, or want to make a report, call 301-475-8008.

Below is a message from the FBI regarding jury duty scams.

The phone rings, you pick it up, and the caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. You say you never received a notice. To clear it up, the caller says he'll need some information for "verification purposes"—your birth date, social security

number and maybe even a credit card number. THIS IS WHEN YOU SHOULD HANG UP THE PHONE. IT'S A SCAM!

The jury scams have been around for years, but have seen a resurgence in recent months. As a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they generally correspond with prospective jurors via postal mail. The scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard and may be quick to part with some information to defuse the situation.

"They get you scared first," says a special agent in the Minneapolis field office, who has heard the complaints. "They get people saying, 'Oh my gosh! I'm not a criminal. What's going on?'" That's when the scammer dangles a solution—a fine, payable by credit card that will clear up the problem.

With enough information, scammers can assume your identity and empty your bank accounts.



Town News

Staff Notes

With regret, the Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Town Staff say goodbye to our dear friend and fellow co-worker Cindy Williams. She is starting a new chapter in her life as she relocates to Southern Pines, North Carolina. Cindy was our well known front desk receptionist for 4 years, and last year she took on the role of Human Resources and Planning and Zoning Assistant. Cindy's smile and especially her amazing organizing capabilities will be truly missed by the residents and all of us here at the Town. We wish her the best of luck in her new hometown!



Jada Stuckert

On that note we would like to welcome to the Town Staff, Jada Stuckert, who will be replacing Cindy as our new Human Resources and Planning and Zoning Assistant. Jada hails from Altus, Oklahoma originally and moved to Lusby 10 years ago, after spending 4 years in Richmond, Maine. She has experience as a Planning Assistant and Planning Board Chairman and she worked at St. Mary's County Land Use and Growth Management for 8 years. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and she is working on her master's degree in business. Jada is married with 6 children. She is looking forward to moving to Leonardtown when their house sale is complete, hopefully sometime this April.

State of the Town Breakfast

This year's State of the Town Breakfast was hosted by MedStar St. Mary's Hospital on Friday, February 12, and presented by the Town and the Leonardtown Business Association. Dr. Stephen Michaels, the hospital's new Chief Operating Officer, opened the information session, citing new additions to MedStar's local offerings, including medical specialists, an in-house pharmacy, and quad housing for visiting doctors and residents. He also discussed the Hospital's desire to continue to improve patient

satisfaction. The program continued with LBA Officers encouraging members to participate in First Fridays and post to the new public interface Facebook page to advertise new menus and inventory, daily and weekly specials, hours of operation and awards. They praised the Small Business Saturday Committee for a successful marketing campaign. Attendees were then given information on how to become members of the LBA, how to support local events, and how to become event sponsors.

Mayor Burris and Laschelle McKay reviewed all the new construction projects and economic development opportunities happening in Town, including the new residential facilities and businesses, the annexation of additional property, improvements to the Town parks, the Rt. 245 sidewalk and speed control projects, the Rt. 5 widening project, the proposed Leonardtown Fireman's Museum, and renovations to existing properties.

Leonardtown is also becoming an all-in-one destination for weddings, and the Arts and Entertainment District is drawing people in with special events, classes and workshops. Special presentations were made to Karleen and Loic Jaffres of Café des Artistes and Kit Carson from The County Times, to thank them for their service to the Town and wish them well in their new endeavors.



L to R: Mayor Dan Burris, Karleen & Loic Jaffres, and LBA President Dan Norris



Kit Carson & Ellen Lewis, LBA First Friday Chair

Trash and Recycling Information

Residential Trash and Residential Recycling containers should be set out the night before or by 6 AM the morning of pick-up. Items are accepted in 30-gallon cans with lids, cans on wheels, or totes issued by Affordable Refuse and Recycling, Inc. Whenever possible, please break down cardboard boxes before placing in your recycling tote.



Trash is collected on a cycle of Monday and Thursday, or Tuesday and Friday, depending on your street. Recycling is picked up on Wednesdays on all streets. Leonardtown residents needing to check their pickup day for trash pickup should visit the Leonardtown website at leonardtown.somd.com. If you have any questions about your trash service, billing, to schedule an extra pickup or to report a missed pickup, please call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 and ask for Jackie Post. Please do not call the trash company directly.

Bulk Trash Pickup

Bulk trash pickup always falls on the first Thursday or Friday (depending on your regular pickup day) of March, June, September and December. So the next quarterly bulk trash pickup dates will be March 3rd or 4th, June 2nd or 3rd, September 1st or 2nd and December 1st or 2nd.

Holiday Pickup

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th and July 4th is on a Monday too, so for those weeks slide your pickup day one day forward. For example, trash pickup scheduled for Monday will slide forward to Tuesday and so on for that week. Recyclables will be collected on Wednesday as scheduled.

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