

Getting To Know some of our Contract Partners

WINTER 2023



Leonardtwn Beacon

How well do you know the Town's contractors? Building great relationships with our contractors is critical to maintaining a smooth-running Town. By taking the time to nurture our partnerships, we create strong relationships that maximize value for the long term. Our contractors donate extra services, take pride in their work, and are proactive if there is an issue that needs a resolution. The contractors share our passion and ambition for the Town as well as bring new ideas for the Town. There is an element of trust enabling us to effectively work through any situation together. Our contractors unquestionably serve our delightful community with pride, honor and dedication. We are spotlighting a few contractors the Town relies on to keep Leonardtown beautiful and an exceptional place to be!



Woodlawn Lawn Services

Established in 1989, Woodlawn Lawn Care Services, LLC has built a solid reputation for being a leading provider of quality residential and commercial landscaping and lawn care services in southern Maryland. Owner Bill Wood has created long-term relationships with homeowners, builders and business owners who have trusted him with their landscaping and lawn care needs. Since 1997, Woodlawn Lawn Services have been working for the Town, it's residents and many businesses including MedStar St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Ryken to name a few. "Bill goes above and beyond and treats the Town Square like his own front lawn", says Town Administrator Laschelle McKay.

WB Waste Solutions LLC

WB Waste Solutions LLC is a minority-owned and operated private solid waste management and recycling business. For more than 17 years, WB Waste has been operating in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, providing their customers with exceptional, reliable service at an affordable price and they have been the Town's trash company since 2014. In 2022, Willie K. Goode, founder and CEO of Goode Companies and WB Waste Solutions, LLC; was inducted into the National Waste & Recycling Association (Nwra) announced its Hall of Fame. Jackie Post, Town Fiscal Accounting Specialist, who works with staff of WB Waste daily resolving commercial and resident issues says, "WB Waste has provided exceptional service to Leonardtown for many



years and has the best employees that are devoted to our needs at any time. They go above and beyond!"



Ryce Electric

Ryce Electric LLC is a 3rd generation electrical company founded back in 1959 by L.O. Ryce. Their services include but are not limited to recess/accent lighting, pier lights, trenching, landscaping and yard lights, pole and parking lights, new home construction, additions, basements, garages, generators and generator panels, tenant build-outs, large, small, new and existing commercial buildings. The Town has worked with Ryce Electric since 2009 for all of electrical needs. Ricky regularly comes through Town early in the morning to check if all of the street lights are on. It is no surprise he chose Leonardtown for his new family bakery, Flour located at 22675 Washington Street.

T&T Street Sweeping and Port-O-Let

A locally owned contract sweeping and port-o-let service located in Southern Maryland. They are conveniently located just 5 miles from Leonardtown, Maryland on Budds Creek Road in Clements, MD. They specialize in street, parking lot, construction site and commercial cleaning, sweeping, maintenance and portable toilet rentals. They service St. Mary's, Charles County, and Calvert County areas. Since 2002, T&T has been providing the Town with their port-o-let's and street sweeping services. Today son, Ricky Thompson, has taken over the family business for his father Buddy, but Buddy ensures that the personalized service can still be expected.



Printing Press, Inc.
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Printing Press, Inc. was established in 1978 with the purchase of the Commercial Printing Division of the Enterprise newspaper by George and Mary L. Klear. On April 1, 1979, they moved to their current location on Courthouse Drive in Leonardtown. With an average of 10 employees over the many years, they have strived to provide personalized service to businesses, organizations and individuals for over 40+

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FIRST FRIDAY

**ALL WEEKEND, EVERY MONTH
JANUARY through NOVEMBER**

Celebration of "First Fridays"

Historic Downtown & Uptown Leonardtown

COASTAL ARTS MARKET

APRIL 15TH, MAY 20TH,
JUNE 17TH, SEPTEMBER 16TH,
OCTOBER 14TH, NOVEMBER 4TH

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

MOLL DYER DAY WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 24TH - 26TH

Various Locations and Times

PLEIN AIR AT THE WHARF

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

ON THE WATER'S EDGE

LATIN NIGHT CONCERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

ON THE WATER'S EDGE

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL CONCERT

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

LEONARDTOWN SUMMER

MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Port of Leonardtown Winery

ON THE WATER'S EDGE

R&B NIGHT CONCERT

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf



Mayor's Message

Downtown Leonardtown is bustling with activity! That means you might not be able to park right in front of your favorite business; but that is the same with any other thriving town you visit, and the alternative of plenty of empty spaces is not a good thing. After the 2019 Downtown Strategic Plan, the Council was excited to move forward with one of the plan recommendations, LTown Alley.

The Alley network is nearing its completion with plans to add more art and more things to do coming soon!

The LTown Alley network will become a place that people want to stroll through or hang out in to get from the public parking lots to the businesses on Washington and Fenwick Streets. We can also hold small events in the LTown Alley freeing up the Town Square. A number of grants were received for the alley work as well as an investment by the Town. The Alley showcases beautiful murals that feature a number of our talented artists. Next time you are in Town make sure you take a tour of the newest transformed space in Downtown Leonardtown.

Visit the Town of Leonardtown on the Web at leonardtwn.somd.com for current news happenings in and around Town, and to read current and earlier publications of the Leonardtown Beacon newsletter online.

2022-2023 EVENT SEASON

To view featured event dates and to find latest news and updates visit: VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/Events

Water Quality Report

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

NEW BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT!



Empowered Lash Bar – 25482 Point Lookout Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. Offers modern lash styles that are affordable, using industry approved techniques, and products to give you your desired look. They put an emphasis on the health of your natural lashes.

Marie & Nash – 22675 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A one stop shop, for all things beautiful, small batch, artist made and sustainable.

Gibson Steel & Powder Coating – 22675 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A unique steel fabricator dedicated to providing the highest quality of powder and ceramic coating to their customers.

Happy & Zen Crystals – 441620 Courthouse Drive, Suite #1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Crystal Gift Boutique and Metaphysical Supply Store. They are a mother and daughter owned Crystal store. They have a shop full of beautiful crystals, jewelry, sage and Crystal books. Their goal is to help friends and customers find Crystals that make them feel happy and positive.

Fen Holistic Therapies – 222525 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. At Fen, their highest priority is your overall well-being. Enjoy relaxing body treatments, ayurvedic based services, and much more.

Happenings in Leonardtown

CEDAR LANE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY SELECTED FOR 2022 THOME AGING WELL GRANT



LEONARDTOWN, MD (October 11, 2022) – Cedar Lane Senior Living Community was recently awarded a 2022 Thome Aging Well grant. The funding will be used for a comprehensive “Life in Balance” program in early 2023, which brings professional dietitian services, cognitive and emotional support services, physical therapy and occupational therapy to Cedar Lane at no cost to residents.

The Thome Aging Well program is a four-year, \$19 million initiative from Enterprise Community Partners (Enterprise) designed to help older adults living in affordable communities age safely and securely at home.

“Age-related decline can make independent living a challenge,” said Eric Golden, president and CEO of Cedar Lane. “With the right support, many seniors can successfully age in place, retaining their quality of life and the freedoms they have earned the right to enjoy.”

Funded by the Edward N. and Della L. Thome Memorial Foundation, Bank of America trustee, the program awarded \$4 million in grants this year to scale aging-in-place initiatives with a track record of success by 16 housing operators and public housing authorities in Maryland and Michigan.

In total, the 2022 Thome Aging Well grants will provide essential support to over 4,000 older adults to help enhance wellbeing, reduce isolation and allow them to age with dignity in their homes. Best practices learned from the grantees will be shared across the field of affordable and public housing providers serving older adults.

“Far too many adults, especially those with lower incomes, do not have the resources and support they need to continue living comfortably in their homes as they grow older,” said Stephany De Scisciolo, vice president, Impact, Evaluation & Population Health, Enterprise. “The programs supported through the Thome Aging Well grants have proved successful at improving the health and wellbeing of older adults and will make an enormous impact on the lives of thousands in Maryland and Michigan. We are honored to partner with such remarkable organizations.”

For more information, visit www.cedar-lane.org, call 1-301-475-8966 or visit in person at 22680 Cedar Lane Court.

ST. MARY’S COUNTY HAZARD GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY EVENTS

Stop by Town Hall and pick up your copy of the **Citizens Are Ready for an Emergency** guide book created by St. Mary’s County Department of Emergency Services & Technology. Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and Get Involved! The guide will help you prepare yourself and your loved ones in the event of an emergency. You will find useful information and resources to help you prepare for and respond to many emergency situations.

Mayor

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Doug Islieb
Sean Lawson
Andrew Ponti
Laura Schultz

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Tawny LaQuay
Robert “Bob” Wentworth
Bennett Wilson

Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 10 (Tuesday), November 13, December 11

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. February 21 (Tuesday), March 20, April 17, May 15, June 20 (Tuesday), July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18

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

January 2	New Year’s Day
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
February 20	President’s Day
April 7	Good Friday
May 29	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth National Independence Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
October 9	Columbus Day
November 10	Veteran’s Day (observed)
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
November 24	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day





LEONARDTOWN arts & entertainment DISTRICT



Ltown Alley is almost complete and we couldn't be happier! Take a walk through the newest addition in Leonardtown; Ltown Alley.

Ltown Alley is a Town project aimed at creating a vibrant community gathering space that compliments a large portion of available public parking in the downtown. The alley network has direct access to Town Square, Fenwick Street shops, The Inn at Leonardtown, Fenwick Inn and Good Earth Natural Food Store.

The beautiful Bay Life and Legends and Lore murals pictured below join the previously unveiled murals; Where Art and Agriculture Meet by Jamie Naluai and Alice in Leonardtown by Tom Rogers and Dan Ropp.

Funding for Ltown Alley is compliments of The Commissioners of Leonardtown, MD Dept. of Natural Resources Community Parks and Playground Grant and Maryland Heritage Areas Grant.

The public art was funded by Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District, a MD State Arts Council Grant, Quality Built Homes donation, Rebecca MacDonald donation and Tri County Abstract donation.





Photo by Drew Hyde

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT NEWS St. Mary's County Arts Council News



Welcome Susie Glauner! Susie has been selected as the new Executive Director of St. Mary's County Arts Council as of January 1, 2023. Susie spent many years working in various scopes of business development, management and communication. The Arts Council is pleased to announce Susie's addition to their team!

Stop on by and visit us to learn about the Arts in St. Mary's County, our friendly staff members will be here to share information about local opportunities and events within our community. Shop at our Gallery & Gift Shop where the handcrafted works of over 35 local artists are displayed and available for purchase.

The St. Mary's County Arts Council office address is 22660 Washington St. (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center), open hours are 11-4 Wed thru Sat with extended hours for special events. We are next to the Town Hall office and we are a pet-friendly location.

Consider joining as a member at only \$25 a year tax deductible donation to support the Arts! Other levels of membership are also available at family, business, and corporate levels.

Visit our website at: www.stmarysartscouncil.com, call 240-309-4061 or info@smcart.org for details about our upcoming events listed above (and more!). Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @smcartscouncil / #smcartscouncil, Let's connect!!

Strategic Planning Deadlines in 2023

In 2023 the Town's State mandated Comprehensive Plan is slated to be updated. The last update was completed in 2010. This document serves as a road map for shaping the next decade for Leonardtown. Additionally, in 2023 the Town is required to reapply for its Arts and Entertainment Designation with the State. The Town was first designated an A&E District in 2013. We have certainly made a name for ourselves on the Arts front in Maryland! We hope to continue that trend.

The Town is also required to renew its Sustainable Communities designation next year. Having this designation opens the door to being able to apply for numerous State grants and is a resource that creates holistic strategies for community development, revitalization and sustainability.

The Mayor and Council are also planning to apply for the full Main Street designation in 2023. Currently Leonardtown is a Main Street Affiliate which is a stepping stone to achieving the full benefits of a Main Street designation.

With all of these goals in mind, we plan to form a committee to work on all of the plans cooperatively and will break out specific segments with smaller committees. If you are interested in serving on a planning committee, please email Teri Dimsey at Teri.dimsey@leonardtownmd.gov. There will be a significant public process for completing all of these important tasks.

Meadows at Town Run II – Quality Built Homes received site plan approval to move forward with construction of Meadows at Town Run II, the second parcel of land annexed in 2015 along with the Wathen Farm. This parcel is accessed from Hollywood Road at Dry Docking Lane. The parcel connects to Meadows I in the rear of the property with a scenic walking path. This section will consist of 12 single-family homes, 147 townhome units, four 36-unit apartment buildings, a club house, pool and other amenities. Construction on the entrance has begun and once the main road is constructed it will allow the Town to begin construction of a new well and water tower on property donated by Quality Built Homes. This development will bring a new mix of housing options available to buyers looking to move to Leonardtown.

Leonardtown Wharf Improvements – SE Davis Construction has completed installation of Phase 2 of the Wharf pier/slips to add 120 feet of additional floating dock toward the west of the existing dockage. This project was funded with Waterway Improvement Funds from the Department of Natural Resources and will also add water, electricity and a sewer pump out station.

Additionally, SE Davis installed new decking to the elevated catwalk on the west side of the park and around the concession building.

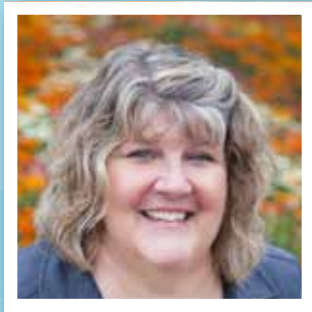
Downtown and Waterfront Plans Continue – In 2019 the Mayor and Council began working with consultants Mahan Rykiel and Arnett Muldrow to update the Downtown Strategic Plan. This was followed last year by the West Fenwick and Waterfront Plan. Many of the recommendations have already been implemented or are currently

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LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER & EMPLOYEES

Council Member Heather Earhart – Heather Earhart has been a resident of Southern Maryland her whole life. Originally from Huntingtown in Calvert County and a graduate of Northern High School (Go Patriots!). Heather moved to Leonardtown in 2005 and has called it home ever since. She lives in Academy Hills where she continues to raise her four beautiful children, Campbell, Liam, Noah, and Talley. Heather is a graduate of Trinity College with a bachelor's in arts and a certificate in Corporate Citizenship from Boston College. Presently, she is working to obtain her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. She works for PSI Pax as a Program Manager. Heather has served on the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning for more than 10 years. Additionally, she was elected in 2018 and has served as Vice Chair on the St. Mary's Democratic Central Committee. In 2021, she completed the Leadership Southern Maryland program (2021 Best Class Ever!). Heather enjoys volunteering for numerous organizations like Farming4Hunger and at her church, St. Francis Xavier. She received Volunteer of the Year in 2018 from the D.C. Parks and Recreation for her work and support of the Frederick Douglass Community Center and was recognized by Feeding America several times for her support of helping those struggling with food insecurity by helping to raise \$500,000. In her spare time, Heather enjoys spending time with her friends in downtown Leonardtown, running her children to numerous activities, paddleboarding, and reading.



Town Treasurer Angie Graves – Being raised in a very close family, Angie had an adventurous life following her father's 30-year career as a Navy doctor to many different duty stations all over the world bringing her to St. Mary's County. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy a few years ago (wink, wink) and went on to begin her accounting studies at Virginia Tech and completed with a Bachelor of Science - Finance degree from Towson University. She worked in several full time and part time accounting positions including Merrill Lynch, Management One Property Services, Idaho Health Care Association over the years while raising her two daughters. After raising her own family, she moved back to St. Mary's County from Boise, Idaho to be closer to family and is getting reacquainted with beautiful Southern Maryland. Most recently, she had

the honor of working for St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services as Fiscal Supervisor. She worked with the St. Mary's County Commissioners and many state and federal grantors to serve the seniors and families of St. Mary's County. Angie is a 2022 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland and very thankful for the opportunity to work with other fantastic tri-county leaders to help fortify our community, corporate and governmental partnerships to address common issues and help create new opportunities to impact the needs of all Southern Maryland communities. She will continue to volunteer to help communities and enhance the essence and spirit of Southern Maryland.

Angie is excited about her newest venture as Treasurer for The Commissioners of Leonardtown and is happy to be a part of all the new and exciting things happening in Leonardtown.

In her "free" time, Angie enjoys anything outdoors, such as camping, working in the yard (when it isn't too hot), crafts and taking unusual photos. Her whole family is the light of her life but she is most proud of her two amazingly strong daughters, two wonderful son-in-law's and three adorable "grand buddies" and one beautiful granddaughter.

Planning & Zoning Assistant Mike Bailey – Mike is a long-time resident of St. Mary's County. He's a proud father of many kids both biological and adopted. Mike feels some of the kids have adopted him! One of his passions has always been for the youth of St. Mary's County, as a result, he became a foster parent for a little over eight years and was awarded St. Mary's County 2013 Foster Parent of the Year. Congratulations Mike!

Mike has worked for a very distinguished Land Surveying and Engineering firm for over 40 years. Some of his responsibilities included residential and commercial site design. Mike is very excited to bring his knowledge and experience of site design and management skills to the Town. Mike is also looking forward to the opportunity to be a part of the Leonardtown staff and the new experiences and personal growth that this position will bring.



TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

Great News! Glass can now be collected from your Recycling Toter which is collected every Wednesday.

- Not all glass can be recycled. All colors of clean glass bottles are jars are accepted at the community bin.
- Drinking glasses, bakeware, eye glasses, light bulbs, lamps, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, window, and sheet glass cannot be recycled.
- Lids can remain but all containers must be empty and rinsed clean with no remaining liquids or solids.

We now offer On-Line Bill Pay through our website at www.leonardtown.somd.com. Find the link on the front page that is labeled "Pay Utility Bill On-Line", and follow the steps.

Also, available in the Town Hall Office is a Credit/Debit Card ONLY Kiosk for your convenience.

All recycling will be collected on Wednesday. The trash collection schedule is as follows:

Monday and Thursday

Academy Hills – all streets	Eldon Court Greenbrier Road	Laverne Lane Mattingly Street
Leonard's Grant – all streets	Henderson Drive Hollywood Road	Mile Post Lane Spalding Court
Singletree – all streets		

Tuesday and Friday

Clark's Rest – all streets All other streets in Leonardtown

If you find you need additional trash container(s), please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791. There is no extra monthly pick-up charge, but you will have to pay for the trash container.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

All properties shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 12". Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided: however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Please assist us in making the Town of Leonardtown one of the most desired places to reside and visit.

NEED A SHED, GAZEBO, FENCE, OR DECK?

If you plan to build or place a shed, gazebo, fence, or deck on your property, you may need a permit! Please contact Mike Bailey at 301-475-9791 or mike.bailey@leonardtownmd.gov to check the regulations.

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years. They offer a full line of offset printing along with bindery services, as well as digital production and expanding their pre and post print capabilities. They proudly offer personalized service, reasonable pricing, fast turn around and a printed proof at your request and at times as our requirement, before your job is produced. The Printing Press has held the Beacon printing contract since 2016. The Town staff can always count on Kerry and his great staff to respond quickly and professionally providing their services. Beth Sandberg, Office/Procurement Manager says, "Working with The Printing Press is a true collaboration on our needs and they provide us with the best options for the Town".

Bulk Trash Pickup – Bulk trash pickup always falls on the first Thursday or Friday (depending on your regular pickup day). So, the next quarterly bulk trash pickup dates for 2023 will be:

Thursday, March 2nd

Friday, March 3rd

Thursday, June 1st

Friday, June 2nd

Friday, September 8th

Saturday, September 9th

Thursday, December 7th

Friday, December 8th

PLANNING and ZONING NEWS

Attention New and Existing

Businesses – New businesses are required to obtain a Commercial Use and Occupancy (U&O) Permit through the Town prior to obtaining a business or traders license from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

If you are an existing business that has had a change of ownership/partnership or a change in location you are required to obtain a new Use and Occupancy Permit through the Town.

EXPIRED VEHICLE TAGS?

The Town regulates abandoned vehicles. This ordinance pertains to any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, or water craft that

- Is inoperative and left unattended, or
- Has remained illegally on public or private property, or
- Has remained on public or private property and does not display valid registration plates registered to that vehicle.

The Town is trying to reduce the unregistered and/or illegally parked vehicles. Please be sure to maintain and keep your vehicles properly registered.





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underway. One great example is LTown Alley. This important project is nearing completion and will connect the Square, much of the public parking and the retail areas on Fenwick Street. LTown Alley will also add great space for leisurely hanging out for a while or holding small events.



The alley is home to 4 of our most recent public art pieces as well. Artist Jamie Nalvai created Where Art and Agriculture Meet on the New View FiberWorks building. Tom Rogers and Dan Ropp teamed up to create the amazing Alice in Leonardtown mural on the Park Avenue storage building across from Good Earth Natural Foods store. We held a ribbon cutting on November 3rd for the two new murals in Duke Alley by North End Gallery artists Denise Breitbart, Parran Collery, Jeanne Hammett, Diana Manchak, Sarah Houde and Toni Wolf. These artists were supported by over 40 volunteers to create these incredible works of art!

This winter we are once again teaming up with our dynamic consultant team to take the Waterfront Plan and Retail Recruitment portion of the plan to the next level. Stay tuned for more exciting things to come in Leonardtown!

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Contract Awarded - In September 2022 the Town Council awarded the contract to expand the Leonardtown wastewater treatment plant to 1 million gallons/day from the current .68 mgd. The contractor, Michael Ronca & Sons, Inc. will begin construction this winter on the \$18,066,289 project. The project construction is expected to take 18-24 months. The project will also add flood protection to several of the existing facilities recommended after a 2021 flood study of Town Run was conducted by engineers GHD, Inc.

In preparation for funding this expansion, the Town Council approved an increase to the sewer impact fee currently collected for new sewer connections. The current \$13,000 fee increased to \$18,000 per EDU allocated at the end of October. The impact fee ensures that new growth pays for infrastructure that is constructed to accommodate the new growth, not the existing rate payers. The current impact fee was in effect since 2007 when the ENR Upgrade was completed at the plant. The Town's water and sewer utility rates have not been increased to rate payers in the last three budget cycles.

EXCITING 2023 EVENT SEASON!

The Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association are hard at work planning some exciting events and activities for the upcoming event season. The season officially kicks off in April with the return of the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival and its popular spinoff - the On the Water's Edge Concert Series at the Leonardtown Wharf (sponsored by Jimmy Hayden of RE-MAX 100 and Homes for Heroes), but February brings us the 2nd Annual Moll Dyer Weekend - a three-day event honoring Leonardtown's most famous local legend where attendees can learn more about Moll Dyer and other Leonardtown spirits and take part in paranormal investigations, ghost walks, winter games, and more. Also in development, is the expansion of the popular Latin Nights in Leonardtown series (In addition to fun dance events and parties, plans are in the works to include art shows, concerts and more); the return of Plein Air at the Wharf (offered in partnership with Carrie Patterson of The Yellow Line Studio), and the Spring launch of popular ongoing events like Leonardtown First Fridays, Coastal Arts Market, Zumba Fitness (with Line Dancing) Around Town and Sunrise Yoga at the Wharf. We're also excited to announce plans to launch an exciting new series: The Leonardtown Movie Festival where attendees will be able to enjoy outdoor movies at the Wharf, in LTown Alley and other great venues around Town. This is just a small sample of the exciting activities that are being planned for this season. To get advance notice of upcoming events and happenings in Leonardtown, join the Leonardtown A&E News Email List at: VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/LeonardtwnAE.

