

Leonardtown BEACON

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Calendar of Events

MARCH 28

Disability Awareness Day
Governmental Center

APRIL 11

Easter Festival
Governmental Center

APRIL 18

Run & Fun Walk for Hospice
Governmental Center

APRIL 19

March of Dimes Walk
Leonardtown Square

APRIL 19

Earth Day Celebration
Leonardtown Square

APRIL 26

Spring Fling Classic Car Show
Leonardtown Square

APRIL 30-MAY 3

So. Md. Spring Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

4TH SATURDAY, MAY-AUG.

Downtown Tunes
Leonardtown Square

JUNE 14

SMC Crab Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

JUNE 14

Flag Day Celebration
Governmental Center

JULY 4

Freedom Fest
SMC Fairgrounds

JULY 11 & 18

Concerts on the Town Square
Leonardtown Square

AUGUST 6-8

Li'l Margaret's Bluegrass
Festival
Goddard Farm

AUGUST 8

Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtown Square

Leonardtown's Web Site:

www.leonardtown.somd.com

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

2008 – A Celebration of Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary!

In 1634, Leonard Calvert and over 200 settlers aboard the ARK and DOVE ships, arrived at St. Clement's Island in Colton's Point, Maryland. The colonists then sailed to St. Mary's City to establish freedom and a new kind of life in America. In 1708, Philip Lynes, Mayor of St. Mary's City, donated 50

acres of land to the colony to be laid as the county seat. The land was called Shepherd's Old Fields and was located at the head of Breton Bay. Seven commissioners were charged to lay out the town and set aside a new lot for a new County Courthouse, to be built at a cost not to exceed 12,000 lbs. of tobacco. On December 17, 1708, the area was chartered as a Town and named Seymour Town in honor of Governor John Seymour, the then Governor of Maryland. In 1728, the town was renamed Leonard Town after Governor Benedict Leonard Calvert, the then Governor of Maryland. Leonardtown became an incorporated town in 1858, and is the only municipality in St. Mary's County.

The Town of Leonardtown served as a waterfront port that brought in steamships until the 1920's. The current Courthouse is in the same location as the Courthouse in 1708, and visitors can still see the original cannon from the ARK which is mounted in front of the Old Jail Museum next to the Courthouse. While many changes have been made to the Town over the years, several landmarks and yesteryears' small town charm still exist today.

Year 2008 marked a celebration of 300 years of Leonardtown's history. Since December 17th, 1708, Leonardtown has experienced change, growth and revitalization. The Town thanks the 300th Anniversary Committee members and all who made the many facets of this Celebration possible. The Celebration was a huge success and many people experienced Leonardtown's history through the hard work and dedication of those serving on this committee. As the 300th Celebration concludes, we would like to highlight the activities and events throughout 2008 that commemorated this milestone event.

A 4-part collector's series featuring "Leonardtown Memories" as told by many residents and friends was

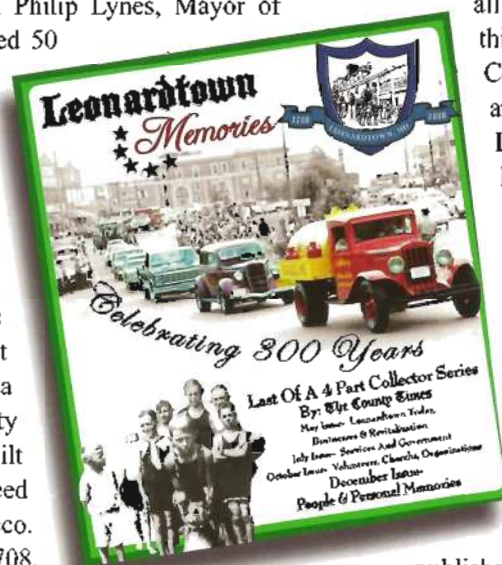
published in four issues of the *County Times* newspaper. Featured issues were:

- *May 2008: Leonardtown Today, Businesses & Revitalization*
- *July 2008: Leonardtown Services & Government*
- *October 2008: Leonardtown Volunteers, Churches, & Organizations*
- *December 2008: People & Personal Memories*

The Town is grateful to the *County Times* for their coordination of the stories, design, and advertisers who made the Leonardtown Memories series a collection of history for its readers. Contact the *County Times* if you would like a copy of any of these issues.

The Town also extends a hearty "Thank You" to Bryan Miller of Miller Media Design for donating many hours to create a remarkable logo for Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary.

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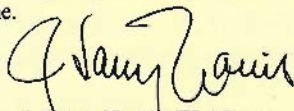
Mayor's Message

2008 was a monumental year for the Town of Leonardtown as we celebrated our 300th anniversary. Many exciting events marked this special milestone, from the grand reopening of Leonardtown Wharf on May 16th to the open house held December 17th. Many people played a role in making this a special year and I am grateful for their efforts. Several years ago Becky Proffitt, my mother-in-law and former Council member, was adamant that a fitting celebration take place in 2008 for the Town's anniversary. She was not alive to see the festivities; however I know that she would be proud of the efforts of so many wonderful volunteers toward a successful celebration.

Overseeing the various events was a dedicated 300th committee made up of the following members: Carol Davis, Teri Dimsey, Helen Dorsey, Nkeshi Free-King, Wendy Heidrich, Kelly Keller, Julie Lemmon, Roger Mattingly, Laschelle Miller, Dan Norris, Linda Reno, Leslie Roberts, Phil Rollins, Mary Lee Russell, Ellen Duke Wilson, Suzanne Wisniewski and Susan Wolfe. This group met for months carefully planning, organizing and working the various events throughout the year. I extend my deepest appreciation for their efforts.

Another generous partner, The College of Southern Maryland, hosted a lecture series featuring Linda Reno, Pete Himmelheber, Al Gough, Kennedy Abell, Frankie Tippet and myself. I would like to thank the College and the great speakers for their time and effort. Many people came out to hear the talks and enjoyed the various topics.

The logo that was designed to represent this accomplishment was generously donated by the talented, young graphic designer Bryan Miller. St. Mary's County school children participated in an art contest. Long time residents shared personal memories from their childhood in a four-part special series in the County Times. The staff of the County Times worked closely with the committee to publish a fantastic collector's series covering the last 300 years of Leonardtown history. The local businesses and residences supported our activities at every turn. The fact that so many wonderful people were brought in to participate was truly inspiring. The Town Council and I wish to express our sincere gratitude. We look forward to continuing these great partnerships for many years to come.


J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor

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Disability Awareness Day

Come participate in activities designed to increase disability awareness at the Leonard Hall Recreation Center on Saturday, March 28th between 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Free kites given to the first 300 registrants. Sponsored by the Commission for People with Disabilities. 301-475-4200, ext. 1800.

Annual Easter Festival

Enjoy the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, egg decorating contests, carnival attractions, face painting, prizes, and more on Saturday, April 11th at Miedzinski Park beginning at 10 a.m. \$1 hunt fee. All ages. 301-475-4200, ext. 1800. *Rain or shine.*

14th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

Southern Maryland's largest running event will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th, starting and finishing at the Governmental Center. Children, strollers, and pets are welcome. Pre-register on-line at <http://www.runforhospice.org/> or register on race day beginning at 7:30 a.m. Your participation will help Hospice to continue its mission of providing in-home care, comfort and support to terminally ill patients and their families in St. Mary's County. 301-475-3610.

March of Dimes Walk

The March of Dimes will hold their annual Southern Maryland "March for Babies" walk on Sunday, April 19th in historic downtown Leonardtown. The 3-mile walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Square. Register online at www.marchforbabies.org or on Walk-Day beginning at 7:30 a.m. Call 301-934-2235

Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate Earth Day in the Town Square on Sunday, April 19th, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Enjoy live music, entertainment, puppet show, seated massage, face painting, children's crafts, animal rescue organizations, and more! Learn about organic gardening, pesticide-free produce, recycling, conservation and other environmental tips to help save our planet. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.

Spring Fling XXIV Classic Car Show

See a fantastic display of classic and antique cars, trucks, and street rods around the Town Square on Sunday, April 26th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Trophies awarded for best of class, best of show, people's choice, foreign car, pedal car class, and model car contest. Kids can also enjoy a tractor pull, games and prizes! Donations will benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Rod and Classic Car Club. For details and registration, contact Bill Higgs at 301-994-9666, or go on-line <http://stmarysrodandclassic.com>. (Rain date: Sunday, May 3)



Come

Annual So. Md. Spring Festival

Entertainment, music, crafts, carnival rides, a parade, car show, and more during the So. Md. Spring Festival, Thursday, April 30th - Sunday, May 3rd. This annual festival is held at the SMC Fairgrounds and is sponsored by Holy Face Church. Admission. Call 301-994-0525.

Annual SMC Crab Festival

Gather your family and friends and come on out to the St. Mary's County Crab Festival on Sunday, June 14th. Enjoy hot & tasty steamed crabs, other seafood and non-seafood items, live music,



entertainment, classic cars, crafts, and more! The Crab Festival will be held at the SMC Fairgrounds from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 p/person over 12 years of age. (The cost of food at the Crab Festival is separate from admission.) Volunteers are needed. The annual SMC Crab Festival is sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club. Visit <http://www.stmaryscrabfestival.com/> for more information.

Flag Day Celebration

Celebrate our Nation's Flag by joining this patriotic event that will include music, a parade, flag-raising, and the Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14th on the Governmental Center lawn. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1341.



Freedom Fest

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



Beach Party on the Square

Ahhhh.....summer! Time for sun, sand, and Leonardtown's annual "Beach Party on the Square"! Family fun highlights an afternoon of live music, dancing, sand volleyball play, magic shows, fire truck hose-downs, jump rope and hula-hoop contests, children's crafts, games, and much more! Mark your calendar to join us in the Town Square on Saturday, August 8th between 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Enjoy all the beachy sounds, entertainment, socializing with your friends, food, and shopping in and around the Town, concluding with a fireworks display! If you would like to be a performer or vendor at this event, contact Julie Lemmon at 301-475-9791. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association.

Downtown Tunes

Mark your calendar for the 4th Saturdays of May through August to hear "Downtown Tunes". The May 23rd kick-off will feature jazz, June 27th will feature acoustic music; July 25th will offer country/bluegrass; and August 22nd will feature rock-n-roll sounds. The Downtown Tunes series will be held in the Town Square, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs. For more information, contact Robin Guyther at 301-904-4452.

River Concert Series on Location in Leonardtown Square

The River Concert Series comes to Leonardtown Square on two consecutive Saturday evenings in July. July 11th features a brass band ensemble playing old and new favorites, and a jazz quartet will perform fun, funky sounds on July 18th. Have dinner at one of Leonardtown's fine restaurants or order it to go and eat out on the Square as you listen to outstanding musical talent while the sun goes down. Both concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 for more information.

College of Southern Maryland's Twilight Performance Series

The Twilight Performance Series at CSM Leonardtown Campus is back for another sensational season of music and entertainment every Tuesday in July at 6:30 p.m. July 7th begins with musical entertainment provided by David and Ginger Hildebrand followed by the evening's historical performance, CSM Chautauqua which bridges art and history under the stars. The Unity Reggae Band will perform the following Tuesday, July 14th; the Josh Walker Trio Jazz Band on the 21st; and the Darcy Nair Trio wraps up the series on July 28th. Bring a picnic with a lawn chair or blanket (no alcoholic beverages are permitted). Visit www.csmd.edu/finearts/ for more information.

Kayaking and Canoeing at Leonardtown Wharf and the Port of Leonardtown



Bring your kayak or canoe and enjoy the breathtaking scenery from the waters of Breton Bay at Leonardtown Wharf Park and McIntosh Run at the Port of Leonardtown Launch Ramp. Don't have your own kayak or canoe? The Town has contracted with McIntosh Outfitters for kayak and canoe rentals, complete with paddles and personal flotation devices. Check availability and prices on site, or call in advance to arrange your trip at 240-577-3971.

Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screenings

For free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, look for the Health Connections Van in the Town Square every second Wednesday of the month, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are Apr. 8th, May 13th, June 10th, and July 8th. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 for details and other services.

Volunteer at Town Events!

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help at the many events in Leonardtown! It's also a great opportunity for school students to earn community service credits and have fun too. Contact Julie Lemmon at 301-475-9791 if you would like to be a Town event volunteer.

Mayor

J. Harry Norris, III

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.

Contact the Town:

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"First Friday's" are Special in Leonardtown!

Leonardtown has always been known for its unique shopping, gifts and cuisine, but did you know that "First Fridays" are special in Leonardtown? Each month on the "First Friday", Leonardtown's downtown shops, art galleries, and restaurants celebrate the day by staying open later and offering special customer discounts, live music, and other events, such as gallery receptions and wine-tastings.

"First Fridays" are also celebrated uptown at the MD Antiques Center complex and the Old Towne Crafters located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, as well as several businesses housed in Breton Market Place.

You'll rediscover the many treasures of old/new Leonardtown, and enjoy socializing and meeting friends too! "First Fridays" are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association. A list of "First Friday" participants and other details can be found at www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com.



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"Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration"

A hot summer-like day hosted special activities at the "Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration" on Saturday, September 13th. The day started with the first sailboat race between Ryken and Leonardtown high school students. We thank Taylor Gregg, Bob Ballard, and Casey Copsey, who were instrumental in organizing this exciting regatta that continued throughout the day. Spectators also enjoyed boat tours, maritime exhibits, kids' activities, an ice cream social, musical performances by the Potomac Voices, the play "Crabs Alive" by the Newtowne Players, kayaking and canoeing on Breton Bay, stories by the Leonardtown Library, and an exhibition of the James Adams Floating Theatre at Tudor Hall. Leonardtown's 300th Celebration Committee sponsored this event, and plans to make this an annual event. The 2nd annual Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration will be held on September 12, 2009 from noon - 5:00 p.m.

Taste of St. Mary's



Patrons enjoyed sampling fine cuisine served by St. Mary's County restaurants and caterers during the 2008 "Taste of St. Mary's" held on Leonardtown Square on Sunday, September 28th. Many also enjoyed shopping in Historic Leonardtown and visiting the new Leonardtown Wharf Public Park.

Annual Veterans Day Parade Brings Thousands to Leonardtown

The annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Leonardtown attracted over 5,000 spectators to honor our country's Veterans. The parade boasted more than 2,000 participants including scout groups, marching bands, cheerleaders, bagpipers, dancers, motorcycles, antique cars, horses, and floats. The memorial ceremony took place in the Town Square immediately following the parade, and was marked with speeches by Lt. Governor Anthony



Brown, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Capt. Andy Macyko, commanding officer of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, and other local officials. Four Leonardtown Elementary School fifth graders, Andrew Breslauer, Allison Campbell, Megan Conway, Emily Simonson, also read their prize-winning essays titled "What Veterans Day Means to Me." The Veterans Day ceremony concluded

with a fly-over of a World War II bi-plane flown by Nick Mirales of Flying Fun Air tours.

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Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting



Leonardtown's Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting was the most festive yet, as thousands of people came to Town to watch Santa light the Christmas tree in Town Square. Sounds of the season were heard throughout Town as our on-stage performers, including St. Aloysius Spirit Singers, piano and saxophone solos by Jonah and Simon Yeh, the Body Shakers, Gracie's Guys and Gals, and others performed for the crowd. Kids especially enjoyed the comedy/magic routine of Super Magic Man, Reggie Rice. There were horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, hay rides, fire truck rides, costumed characters, a live nativity, and many more activities enjoyed by the young and young at heart!



"Best Dressed Window Award"

Congratulations to *Jeanie's Flowers* for winning the "Best Dressed Window Award" at Christmas on the Square! Jeanie, her staff, and husband Beanie, work extremely hard every year to decorate not only their flower shop window, but also bring the "little park" alive with multi-colored lights and Christmas characters. The Town appreciates Jeanie and all the business owners who decorate their windows for the holiday season to give the Town an aura of Christmas today and yesterday.



Christmas Festival

In 2008, the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary changed the format of their annual "Festival of Trees" to allow the Hospice of St. Mary's to sponsor that event, and hosted its first "Christmas Festival" the weekend of November 24th-30th in the Bell Motor Company showroom. This year's Christmas Festival theme honored our military service men and women. The trees were decorated with Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard memorabilia and looked both beautiful and patriotic. On Sunday, the military was honored with a wreath laying ceremony in the Town Square. Cmdr. John Lemmon, the commanding officer at VX-20 at Pax River, was present and thanked the Rescue Squad for acknowledging military members, and for their service to the community.



Santa Visits the Town Square

The cold weather didn't keep kids of all ages from visiting Santa on the Square on Saturday, December 13th for photos and last minute gift requests. Kids and parents were lined up from 11 a.m. when the event started, until the end at 1 p.m. Mayor Chip Norris played the part of Santa's elf (without the elf costume), and passed out candy canes to all the children. Thank you to Santa for making the



long trip from the North Pole to Leonardtown Square, much to the delight of over 100 children, to Mayor Norris for helping out, and to the Leonardtown Middle School cheerleaders for providing face-painting!

Newtowne Village Door Decorating Contest Winner

Congratulations to resident Anna B. Copsey, winner of the Newtowne Village Christmas "Door Decorating" contest, as pronounced by the judges, County Commissioner President Jack Russell, and his wife, Viki Volk.



Highlights

Leonardtown Hosts Maryland's "Capital for A Day"

As part of Maryland's "Capital for a Day" program, Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown arrived by boat at the newly opened Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Park on July 16, 2008, and then proceeded to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department for a Cabinet meeting where local officials had the opportunity to showcase its successes and bring to light its challenges. Town, County, and State officials were also on hand to discuss fiscal issues and several area projects. The Governor's day also included a tour of the Bowles Farm and the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.



State and local officials gathered on the Town Square to hear Governor Martin O'Malley ecstatically proclaim Leonardtown as "Capital for a Day."

Leonardtown Receives Heritage Area Grants

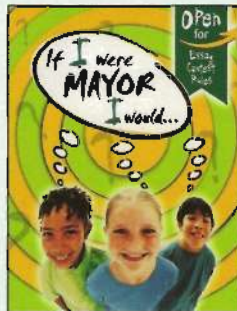
Leonardtown recently received two \$1,000 grants from the Southern Maryland Area Consortium. One grant was awarded to assist with the Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration, and the second grant will provide funds to create a brochure designed to promote business in Leonardtown.

4th Graders "What Would You Do If You Were Mayor of Leonardtown?"

The Maryland Municipal League's Communication Committee is sponsoring its annual essay contest "If I Were Mayor, I would...." 4th grade students enrolled in the 2008-2009 school year. This year's essay theme is to encourage everyone in our cities and towns to think "GREEN" - - how would you encourage your citizens to "go green" and help protect our environment? What programs would you put in place to encourage your citizens to preserve our natural resources? Be creative!

One winning essay will be selected from each of the MML's 11 regional districts throughout the State. Winners will receive a \$250 savings bond, an award plaque, and be recognized at the Municipal Government Week celebration activity held at the Maryland State House in May.

Essays must be submitted to MML by April 1, 2009. Students can download an official entry form, complete contest rules, and contest study guide by visiting the MML website at www.mdmunicipal.org and clicking on 2009 Mayor's Essay Contest Brochure. For further assistance, call MML at 1-800-492-7121 or the Town Office at 301-475-9791.



Leslie Roberts Re-Elected as MML District 4 Vice-President



Leonardtown Councilwoman Leslie Roberts was re-elected in the executive role of District 4 Vice-President of the Maryland Municipal League. District 4 represents cities and towns in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties. Headquartered in Annapolis, MML is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing 157 municipal governments and two special taxing districts in Maryland.



Port of Leonardtown Winery

The Town, County and So. Md. Wine Growers Cooperative are diligently working to complete the remodel design and equipment requirement to begin construction of the Port of Leonardtown Winery to be located on the old State Highway property on Rt. 5 and Compton Road. The goal is to have the winery operational by the fall harvest in September 2009.

Pick Up Your Copy of Leonardtown's new Winery, Wharf, and Water Trail Brochure

Read all about Leonardtown's Winery at the Port of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Wharf Park and Water Trail in this just released brochure! Get your copy while attending any of our Town events, or stop by the Town Office.



Becks Receive "2008 Our Town Award"

Leonardtown's "2008 Our Town Award" was presented to Dean and JoAnn Beck for their inspiration and dedication to the restoration of the Sterling home. It is believed the house was built circa 1850,



and was home to the Sterling family from 1911 to 2005, when it was purchased by the Becks. While preserving its history and the grand architecture of the mid 1800's, the Beck's completely gutted and restored the house. The house today provides elegant ambience for the fine dining offered by Corbels Restaurant, which opened in the Fall of 2008.

The Our Town Award program is sponsored locally by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home to acknowledge an individual or individuals who foster improvements that result in making our Town a nicer place to live and work.

Safety Enhancement Project

After meeting with some design issues in the first section of the State Highway Safety Enhancement and Streetscape project along Washington and Fenwick Streets the project is moving along into phase 2 presently. Each month the SHA project manager distributes a newsletter to keep residents updated. The newsletter can be found on the Leonardtown website under Town Projects.

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In the Spring of 2008, an art and essay contest titled "History of Leonardtown... Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" was held for students throughout the county's public and private schools. The Town thanks all the students who submitted their interesting artwork and writings. Entries were displayed at the Leonardtown Library through December of 2008.

Many Leonardtown residents, friends, and dignitaries attended the celebration and grand opening of the Leonardtown Wharf Park on May 16th, 2008. The festivities included delicious food prepared by Leonardtown restaurants, music by the O'Neill Project band, and unveiling of the tricentennial logo and the promenade's compass rose.



Roger Mattingly enjoying the waterfront celebration and sharing his photo collection.

A collage of photos illustrating Leonardtown's history was displayed at various events throughout the year. Thank you to Roger Mattingly, member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, for gathering the photos and assembling this fascinating display.

The College of Southern Maryland hosted four informative Lectures in a series featuring local guests and historians to highlight key points in Leonardtown's History. Thank you to our lectors, Kennedy Abell, Al Gough, J. Harry Norris, Pete Himmelheber, Linda Reno, and Frank Tippet.

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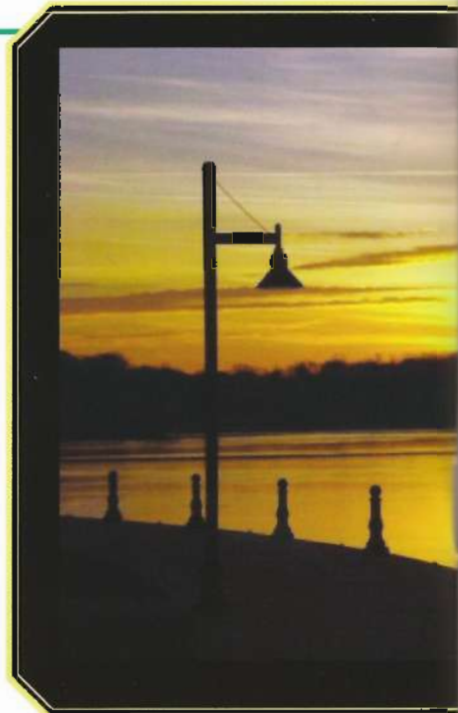
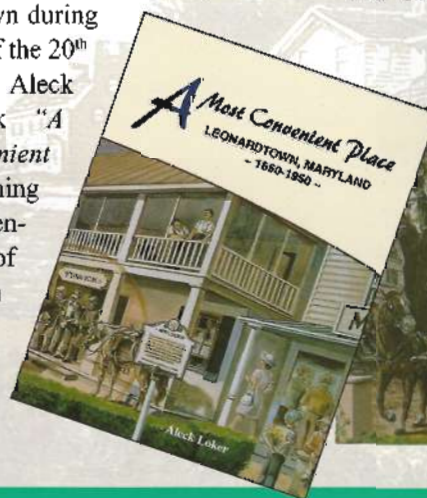
Learning how to tie nautical knots was one of the activities offered at the Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration.

A "Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration" was held on September 13th, with sailboat races, maritime exhibits, music, kayaking and canoeing on Breton Bay, and an exhibition of the James Adams Floating Theatre at historic Tudor Hall Mansion. This activity was so well received that it will become an annual event!

Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook features tried and true recipes from many Leonardtown natives and friends. The Town appreciates all those fabulous cooks who submitted recipes for this unique collection that is now part of Leonardtown's history. Thank you to Patty Brewster, Julie Lemmon, Linda Shepherd, and Judy Spalding for serving on the Cookbook committee and collecting the recipes.



Leonardtown keepsakes and memorabilia, including copies of the *Commemorative Cookbook* and *300th Anniversary Ornaments*, the "Leonardtown Mural", depicting the progression of life in the Town during the first half of the 20th Century, and Aleck Loker's book "A Most Convenient Place" containing a comprehensive history of Leonardtown between 1650-1950,



Happy 300th

We will always remember
of our charming Town &
dedicated to keeping

are available for purchase in the Town Office. The Cookbook is also available at the Leonardtown Library.

December 17, 1708 was the day Leonardtown was established as a Town by our forefathers. 300 years later, on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, the Leonardtown Post Office provided a postmark of Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary Logo on outgoing mail. Patrons liked the hometown look the postmark gave their envelopes and Christmas cards, and some retained a



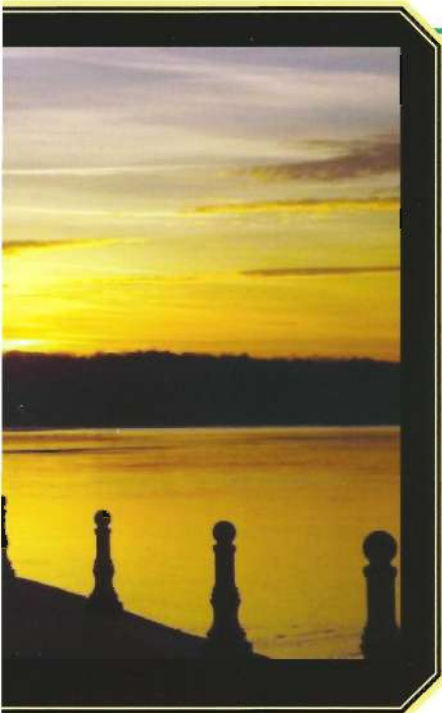


Photo by Wayne Davis

Leonardtown!

this landmark celebration
and the wonderful people
g our history alive!

personal postmarked envelope or two for
their history collection.

Later in the day, Leonardtown's 300th
Celebration was brought to a close with
an Open House at the Town Hall. Many
residents and friends of the Town came
out to enjoy the refreshments, holiday
melodies, and exchange memories and
personal recollections of Leonardtown in
their heyday.

What a wonderful ending to this year-
long celebration!



Helen M. Dorsey

Happily Rooted in Leonardtown

The Waterfront Celebration was a community event co-sponsored by the Town and members of 300th Anniversary committee. We were privileged to receive such a spontaneous and enthusiastic turnout for the event from the townspeople and blessed with incredible weather. We raised \$1,800 in donations from Moore's Driving Academy and five law firms - Shawn Moore, Phil Dorsey, Shane Mattingly, John Mattingly, Kevin McDevitt and the Slade Brothers each gave \$300.00 (one dollar for each year of Leonardtown's history).

The event inaugurated the Leonardtown High School/St. Mary's Ryken challenge cup race on Breton Bay and the Saturday afternoon sailing series. Boat races are nothing new to Breton Bay but sailboat races are. The celebration incorporated educational, environmental, social, and artistic efforts under one banner. The James Adams Floating Theater came back to Leonardtown last summer. The exhibit drew record crowds to Tudor Hall (the STMC Historical Society headquarters) and live theater returned to Leonardtown Wharf for the afternoon. (We will be looking forward to seeing you at the next annual Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration on September 12, 2009!)

The idea for the WATERFRONT celebration AT LEONARDTOWN WHARF came to be at Skip Russell's funeral in July 2007 (another story). The celebration of Mr. Russell's life (he grew up in Frog town) included a who's who of my upbringing in Leonardtown. I was reminded of all of the women that had a positive impact on my life and helped form the woman I am today.

Back in 1993 when I lived in upstate New York, I visited Leonardtown and ran into Becky Proffitt and Fayrene Mattingly. We had a lengthy conversation about Leonardtown and my desire to return here fulltime. Becky and Fayrene said "why not come back and open a shop at Leonardtown Wharf". From that moment on, my life's dream changed and I did everything I could to get back home. Fifteen years later the Wharf Park opened and we celebrated the 300th Anniversary of Leonardtown.

I am constantly reminded of my childhood memories while growing up in Leonardtown. The Courthouse played a huge role in my life; my dad's office (Walter Dorsey) was right across the street, and my grandfather was circuit court judge. I would spend hours in the Courthouse quietly observing the proceedings of the court and my endless encounters with the likes of Dorothy Kucher, Mary Bell, Evelyn Arnold, Pearl Garner and Mary Agnes Buckler gave me a new appreciation for women.

Outside of the Courthouse there were countless others working and/or running their own businesses. Miss Bessie Mattingly, Janice, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Richardson, Regina Connelly, Virginia Duke, Grace Mattingly, Franny, Aggie, Fayrene and more. Then there were my teachers Sister Frances Miriam, Mrs. Aud, Mrs. Oliver, Sister Samuella, Mrs. Abell, Sister Ann Mildred, Sister Eunice Ann, and Sister Mary Eugene to name a few.

Today there is a completely new crop of women who listen, teach, own and operate businesses, mentor and most importantly foster a strong sense of caring and community pride. You are the new legion of Leonardtown's Legendary Ladies.

In future issues of the Beacon, we hope to highlight Leonardtown's past and present legendary ladies. We invite you to share your memories, submit your stories for consideration, and thank you for your continued support the jewel of St. Mary's our dear "Leonardtown."

My Early Memories of Growing Up In Leonardtown

After church on Sundays, the whole family would go to V&H Bakery and get fresh baked bread and glazed donuts . . . what a treat!! They also had the best ice cream . . . a treat dad would buy us, when we were good, which was always . . . LOL! V&H was located where Olde Towne Insurance is now.

Going to St. Mary's Academy . . . watching the nuns throw items at the Ryken boys when they drove down the lane, or they would look out the second floor window and write down the license plate numbers, then they would call the brothers at Ryken and report the license number to them . . . that was a kick. When we would leave school, while walking down the lane, we would roll up our uniform skirts to above our knees. The rule was the skirt was to be below our knee caps. By the time we would roll up our skirts we would have quite a waistline.

When you attended grade school, we would go to the pharmacy for a snack. They had a big soda restaurant in the back. They had the best cherry coke or ice cream floats. It wasn't until you went to high school were you allowed to go to Bailey's Restaurant. The high school kids would taunt you if you went in without a parent present. As a high school student we would go to Bailey's several times a week and get French fries with gravy . . . yummy. It was quite a social atmosphere . . . they had slot machines too!! Bailey's was located where Corner Critters pet store is now.

Going to the movie theatre on a Sunday afternoon was a must. They had the best pop corn and these packages of very large M&M's that were irresistible. I wish I could remember the name of those M&M candies, they came in a package that was long and had about 15 in a package, the candy was about the size of a quarter.

After getting your driver's license, we would ride around the town square . . . around and around and around. Then stop, park, socialize and back in the car and ride around and around that square. "Learch" was always leaning against the window in front of Dukes.

Leonardtown was a small town where everyone knew everyone . . . couldn't get away with much because someone would eventually tell your parents. We could walk to town within a few minutes and always find a ride home, if needed.

Good times, good friends and wonderful memories.



Karen Guy

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GOING GREEN IN LEONARDTOWN!



HERITAGE PRINTING & GRAPHICS

Going Green, and Greener, with GreenWorks

Heritage Printing & Graphics, Inc. of Leonardtown has steadily built its reputation as an environmentally-sensitive printing business. In June 2008, Heritage Printing received the GreenWorks Environmental Recognition Award from Agfa Graphics, one of the world's leading imaging and technology companies. The award recognizes a special green initiative developed by Agfa, and was bestowed upon Heritage Printing as a leader in environmental responsibility in this region. Implementation and policy changes relating to installation of chemistry-free printing plates, use of VOC and soy-based inks, recycling of all waste paper, and recycling of all used metal plates were among the initiatives that led to the company's status as an environmental leader.

*Joe Gass, Jr.,
President of
Heritage Printing,
was honored
to receive the
GreenWorks*



*Environmental Recognition Award
from Agfa, and vows to continue
searching for new ways to reduce our
impact on the environment.*



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Leonardtown to Install New Residential Water Meters

In recent years, development and drought have put strains on water supplies for many jurisdictions – not just in Maryland, but around the country. In November 2005, the State of Maryland required Leonardtown to submit its first Water Conservation Plan. This plan was a requirement by the Maryland Department of the Environment before Leonardtown was allowed to build a new well – a well that was required to ensure compliance with new federal limits on arsenic. The single most important component of this water conservation plan requires universal residential metering. Additionally, the State mandated update to the Leonardtown Comprehensive Plan will be required to include a Water Resources Element. There are many components of this element, one being to identify water conservation measures. It is incumbent upon local governments to ensure adequate supplies of drinking water, not just now, but to plan for future demand.

Currently, single family homes are charged a flat rate for water service regardless of the volume of water used. This is not conducive to creating a climate of conservation, as customers have no way of knowing how much water they use on a daily basis. As we implement water meter installations at all single family homes in Leonardtown, we believe efforts to conserve water will be enhanced, as customers will be aware of the amount of water they are using.

Installation of the meters commenced in January 2009 and will be done in phases throughout the year. It will be a costly and time-consuming project. Delahay Construction, the Town's utility contractor, will be working under the supervision of Tony Wheatley, the Town's Capital Project Coordinator. Mr. Wheatley will be responsible for providing adequate advance notice to customers as to how the project will affect residents, and he will make every effort to meet with residents personally to discuss interruption of water service before it happens. Any questions or concerns regarding the water meter installation project should be addressed to Tony at 301-475-9791.

Leonardtown Residents 2008 Tax Returns

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

Permits Required for Home Repairs

During the spring and summer months, many residents begin making plans for their home improvement projects. Remember that building permits are required for sheds, decks, swimming pools, piers, room additions and additional living space. Town residents should apply for and obtain a building permit at least two weeks before beginning their new and exciting additions! In some instances, approval may also be required from your homeowner's association before a building permit can be issued. Contact the Town Office for details.

It's the Law – Pick Up After Your Pet!

We all need fresh air! Enjoy the scenery! Socialize! Walk around the Town Square and Leonardtown Wharf Park! Does Fido like to join you? No problem! But, please! Be responsible and clean up and properly dispose of any waste left by your dog.

Pet waste is not only a nuisance, but it's also a health concern that contributes to the spread of parasites and possible disease. The Town will be enforcing the law and cracking down on this escalating problem by charging a \$50 fine to those who don't clean up their pet's waste. Do your part to promote neighborhood courtesy and keeping our Town grounds as sanitary and unsoiled as possible for all to enjoy!



By making simple changes
in our daily routines to
reduce water usage,
we can all contribute to
protecting this precious
resource for future
generations!

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

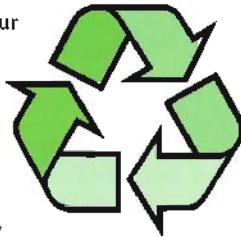
Residential trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash is accepted in 30-gallon cans with lids, cans on wheels, or totes issued by Goode Trash Removal. To guarantee collection, trash should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

The next quarterly bulk trash pickup dates will be Friday, March 6th and Friday, June 5th. Bulk trash will be collected at the same time as your regular trash, so please ensure all your items are placed at the curb together.

Effective January 7, 2009, the residential recycling pick-up was changed to Wednesdays. To guarantee collection, your recycling tote should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. the day of pick-up. With streamlined recycling, it's easier than ever to recycle your newspapers, phone books, cardboard, glass, plastic, cans, and other approved items. A complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable recyclable items can be found at <http://leonardtown.somd.com/services/> then clicking on Goode Trash Removal Information.

Town residents wishing to receive further information on Leonardtown trash service, or to obtain a trash or recycling tote, should contact the Town Office.

Look for the Recycling emblem on all your disposables! With the incorporation of single stream recycling and a larger recycling tote, Goode Trash Company reports a heavy increase in Leonardtown's recycling efforts. "Thank You" residents and customers, for making recycling an important part of your daily routine to help save our planet!



Goode Trash Removal will operate on the regular pick-up schedule of Tuesday and Friday for trash, and Wednesday for recyclables, during the weeks containing the President's Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day holiday. For a complete holiday list, please refer to the Town website.

Commercial Customer Recycling

The Town of Leonardtown and Goode Trash Removal now offer comingled recycling service to commercial customers in Leonardtown. Beginning in January 2009, collection service is available every Wednesday. Commercial customers will be provided 96 gallon recycling totes. This is not a free service, and customers will be charged \$4.75 each time your tote is collected. The expected outcome is that your garbage service can be reduced, which would partially offset the recycling fee. Some customers may need service every week; others may need less. You can request more than one tote if you anticipate a large volume of recycling material. If you are interested in this service, call Jackie Post at 301-475-9791 to order your tote and schedule the servicing of your account.

If you would prefer to read the Leonardtown Beacon Newsletter on-line, just send an e-mail to [Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net](mailto:commissioners@verizon.net) or call the Town Office at 301-475-9791. This will not only help us to reduce postage costs, but will also help save a tree!

Leonardtown on the Web

For current news, happenings and special events in and around Town, be sure to check the official Leonardtown web site at Leonardtown.somd.com. Click on **About The Town** for a bit of Leonardtown History, **Town Government** to read the Municipal Code and Town Ordinances, **Town Services** to review water, sewer and trash regulations, sign regulations, and employment opportunities, **Town Projects** for updates on construction, such as the current Safety Enhancement project, **Beacon Newsletters** to read current and past editions beginning with the summer of 2004, **Calendar of Events** for upcoming Leonardtown events, **News Around Town** for the latest on news and other happenings, **Community Information** where you will find links for community service, emergency services, medical, education, recreation and worship, and **Leonardtown Businesses** where you can find establishments to suit your needs.



The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of the following 2009 Holidays:

January 1	New Year's Day
January 19	Martin Luther King Day
February 16	President's Day
May 25	Memorial Day
July 3	Independence Day
September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

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News from the Leonardtown Business Association

Congratulations to the 2009 LBA Officers: Dan Norris, President; Hayden Hammett, Vice-President; Jeanette Heinbuch, Secretary; and Sonia Zidzik, Treasurer.

The Leonardtown Business Association welcomes the following new members: Cedar Cove Marina, Dorsey Law Firm, JNJ Custom Stitches, Kevin's Corner Kafe, Pathways, St. Mary's Ryken High School, Tom Baldwin, Nutritionist & Denistry, and Ye Olde Town Cafe.

Seize the opportunity to showcase your business while connecting with business men and women when you join the Leonardtown Business Association! LBA members also enjoy discounted advertising opportunities, participating in First Friday events, receiving updates on Leonardtown projects, Town Council news and Town Planning and Zoning issues, as well as reports from County Representatives and businesses. Monthly meetings are hosted by various LBA members every second Friday at 8:30 a.m. LBA membership is only \$100 annually. If you are interested in joining the LBA, e-mail Dan Norris, President, at dnorris@drnenvironmental solutions.com

Homework Center and Reading Room at Leonard's Freehold/Leonardtown Village



The First Saints Community Church (formerly St. Paul's United Methodist Church) is expanding their Reading Room Program at the Leonard's Freehold/Leonardtown Village Housing Complex to provide an Educational Outreach Homework Center for children in the Leonardtown community that will include tutoring, homework assistance, life skills training classes, leisure activities, and a computer lab for students and adults living in the complex. Volunteers of the First Saints Community Church have been very instrumental in the Reading Room program over eight years, and celebrated the new library with an open house this past fall. For more information and a complete schedule, please contact the Town Office or the Church at 301-475-7200.

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Maryland Celebrates 375 Years

2009 marks a milestone in Maryland's history - its 375th anniversary! And it all began right here in St. Mary's County on March 25, 1634, when a group of hardy adventurers crossed the Atlantic in two small ships, the Ark and Dove, ventured up the Chesapeake Bay into the Potomac River, and landed on the shores of St. Clement's Island.

It's a year of fun festivities and heritage celebrations in the birthplace of the State of Maryland, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown and many Leonardtown businesses are excited to join the St. Mary's County Office of Tourism and their Celebrate 375 partners to offer you great deals, special offers, and fun activities throughout the year. Mark your calendar now for the 2nd annual Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration on September 12, 2009 - an official 375th Maryland Anniversary Celebration event.

Visit www.Maryland375.com for information on Maryland's Celebrate 375 Campaign, including local Maryland Day events, Art Exhibits, Concerts, Giveaways, Getaway Packages, and links to all Celebrate 375 Partner sites!



Discover the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail!

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) is the first Municipal Association in the country to launch a statewide city/town Geocache Trail. The Geocache Trail is designed to promote awareness of and visits to Maryland's cities and towns, with the goal of helping to stimulate economic development in Maryland's municipalities. Discoverin Leonardtown and the St. Mary's County Welcome Center in Charlotte Hall is happy to be a participant in this exciting program, which also ties in wonderfully with Maryland's 375 celebration activities!

A collectible, highly coveted geo coin will be given to the first 500 geocachers who locate a minimum of 22 city/town caches throughout the State. To be eligible for the coin, geocachers must pick up a passport at any participating visitor center, use the stamp in each cache on their passports and write in the cache code word. After at least two municipal caches in each of the 11 districts are discovered, geocachers may return to any one of the participating county visitor centers and have their passports validated to receive a collectable coin. Passports may continue to be used even after all coins have been claimed as a way for geocachers to keep track of their Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail discoveries.

Want to join in the fun? Grab your GPS, go online to www.mdmmunicipal.org - click on MML Geocache Trail! - then click on geocaching.com. Now you're ready to begin your geocache adventure! Good luck!

Geocaching is a fun activity for all ages! Terri Doughty and her 3-year old granddaughter, Lilly, enjoyed participating in the MML Geocache Trail celebration kick-off on January 12, 2009. Thank you to Terri and Billy Doughty for a most informative tutorial on how to make your first geocache find!



Congratulations to Donna and Eric Wilcox, Leonardtown's "first to find" cache couple, who were presented a collectible MML Geocache Trail Coin by Mayor Norris.





Town Tidbits

Inner Therapies Yoga Now Open

Inner Therapies Yoga, located in the Blair Building at 40900 Merchants Lane in Leonardtown, offers traditional yoga classes, adaptive yoga classes, henna body art, traditional art, workshops and private lessons for all levels. For more information, visit www.innertherapiesyoga.com or call Lauri Bruce, RYT at 301-481-6158.

Josh Mesh – State Farm Insurance

State Farm Agent, Josh Mesh recently relocated to the Breton Market Shopping Center at 25450 Point Lookout Road. If you are interested in learning more about State Farm insurance services, you can contact Josh at 301-475-9111 or visit www.joshmesh.com online.

Cheseldine Management Consulting, LLC

Cheseldine Management Consulting, located in the Proffitt Building, at 41660 Courthouse Drive, provides business assistance in project management, development services, technical assistance, and grants administration. Visit the CMC website at <http://cheseldine.org/> or contact Margaret E. Cheseldine, President/CEO, at 301-475-2272.

Look Sharp Pet Essentials

Look Sharp Pet Essentials features holistic/natural pet foods and supplements, collars, leashes, clothing and accessories. With 20-plus years experience, owner Glory-Ann Pigarut believes your pet should look sharp inside and out, and is ready to help you with your pet's dietary needs using natural pet foods and treats. The shop is open Thursday - Saturday, and is located in the MD Antique Center Complex at 26005 Point Lookout Road. Check www.looksharpetessentials.com or call 1-877-457-9298.

Shelby's Creative Custom Framing & Art

For over 27 years, Shelby Oppermann has fancied a passion for custom framing. At *Shelby's Creative Custom Framing & Art*, you will also find unique gifts and jewelry, local artwork, photography and fine prints. Located in the MD Antique Center Complex at 26005 Point Lookout Road, this specialty shop is open Tuesday - Saturday. For more information visit www.shelbyscustomframing.com or call Shelby at 301-904-2532.

One-Stop Family Adventure Center Open!

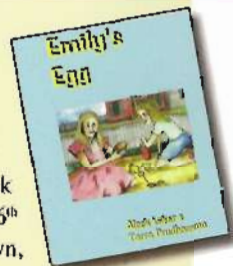
The kids will enjoy the *One-Stop Family Adventure Center*, offering arcade games, go-karts, moon bounce, large screen TV's, paintball options, birthday party room rentals, and more! The Center is located on Gregory Drive (off of Fenwick Street). Check www.onestopfac.com or call 301-997-0030 for hours of operation and other information.

Winegardner Motor Company, LLC

The tradition of "family-owned" remains in place, as the Winegardner Motor Company takes residence in the building on the corner of 22675 Washington Street and Park Avenue, previously occupied by Leonardtown's Bell family. With the Winegardner's purchase of the Chevrolet business, Leonardtown becomes the fourth dealership for this family-owned business of over 30 years, joining their Fort Washington, Brandywine, and Prince Frederick locations. Chuck Winegardner, President of the Company, looks forward to the arrival of Chevrolet's electric car, the "Chevy Volt" in 2010, and expanding the current body shop. For more information, visit www.winegardnerauto.com or call 301-475-2355. Better yet, just stop by the showroom! Kurt Winegardner, General Manager, and his friendly and knowledgeable staff look forward to serving you!

Leonardtown Native, Aleck Loker, Publishes New Novel!

Emily's Egg is Aleck Loker's latest and 16th book. Set in Leonardtown, the story is a charming tale of two little girls who find a strange egg in their sandbox that hatches an adventure to thrill and delight young readers and their parents. *Emily's Egg* can be ordered directly from <http://members.cox.net/aleck.loker> or at local bookstores.



Vintage Value Relocates

Vintage Value thrift store, operated by The Center for Life Enrichment as a vocational training program for individuals, has relocated from the Town Square to the Hayden building located at 25995 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown. The new location offers increased retail space as well as additional space for training, office needs and parking. Donations of clothing, household items and appliances in good condition are accepted Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



STAFF NOTES

Welcome aboard! The Town would like to introduce our new Capital Project Coordinator, Tony Wheatley, of Hollywood, MD. Tony fills the vacant position originally held by Mark Grant. During his 5-year tenure, Mark's accomplishments were many, and we wish him the best.

The Town would also like to recognize Donna Martino for her excellent performance this past Fall, while our Town Secretary, Jeannine Peele, took a temporary leave of absence.



Bonnie Gallant Remembered

The Town was deeply saddened over the loss of Bonnie Gallant, who died on November 12, 2008. Bonnie was an amazing person who volunteered with many of the Town's events. As a member of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild, she was also instrumental in coordinating the annual Fall Follies crafts festival held in the Town Square each September. You will find an array of the hand-crafted work that Bonnie was so proud to be a part of when you visit the Old Towne Crafters, located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown at the MD Antiques Center Complex.



George Duke Remembered

Our sympathies are extended to the family of George C. Duke, who passed away on December 22, 2008. George was well-known for his dedication to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, and in the Town Commissioners Office for his review of many projects that especially affected the safety of volunteer firefighters and for his promotion of the Knox-Box rapid entry system.

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Town Tidbits

Leonardtown has a New Hotel! Executive Inn & Suites On Park Avenue

Leonardtown's new three-story hotel is open and ready to make your reservations! The *Executive Inn & Suites* provides local tourists an upscale place to stay in historic Leonardtown, conveniently located within walking distance of the Town Square shops and restaurants, the new Waterfront Park, and historic Tudor Hall Mansion. With over 35 years of hotel experience, the owners Nick & Cindy Patel, are excited about their new hotel, which offers 41 guest rooms, including three suites, plus an executive suite containing a kitchenette and Jacuzzi tub. Guest amenities include wireless high speed internet, HBO, daily continental breakfast, a lounge, and a meeting/conference room. A fitness room/sauna, gift shop and bar are expected for completion this summer. Visit the hotel on the web at www.execinnparkave.com or call 301-475-3000 to make a reservation.



Celebrating the opening of the Executive Inn & Suites Park Avenue Hotel with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 3, 2008.

Come see what's new in historic Leonardtown!!!

Chillin' Time Smoothie Bar & Café

Enjoy a fresh fruit smoothie and take a chill with Angela Martin and Dannette Martin, owners of Leonardtown's new *Chillin' Time Smoothie Bar & Café*, located at 22745 Washington Street. Wi-Fi, Wii stations, big screen TV, donuts, muffins, sandwiches, and soft serve ice cream. Coffee, lattes, and other hot beverages are available too! *Chillin' Time* is open Monday - Saturday. Call 301-997-0091 for hours and more details.

"Corbels" Restaurant Now Open!

"Corbels" features fine American cuisine to please everyone's taste. Restaurant owner Leo Dilling invites you to come in and enjoy savory dishes prepared by experienced chefs with fresh, local garden herbs and produce. "Corbels" is located in historic Leonardtown on 22770 Washington Street in the Sterling House, and is open Tuesday - Sunday for lunch and dinner, and also offers a Sunday brunch. For reservations, or to arrange a private party or meeting, call 301-997-0008. You can also visit www.corbelsrestaurant.com to check the menu and get a glimpse of this new restaurant and historic building.



New Community Bank Building Open for Business!

Following months of construction, the new Community Bank of Tri-County officially opened for business in September 2008. The bank is situated on the corner lot of Point Lookout Road and Lawrence Avenue. Anyone wishing to tour the building or check their services can call 301-475-5046 or stop by during open hours.

Ye Olde Towne Café

Ye Olde Town Café, on the corner of 22685 Washington Street and Park Avenue, is open seven days a week, and offers "family style" waffles, omelets, soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts that everyone will enjoy. Check out the breakfast/lunch buffet on Saturday and Sunday. You can also reserve a conference room for meetings and private parties. Irene Parrish, Owner, Ray Harding, General Manager, and Chef Robert Penn welcome your patronage! For carryout orders call 301-475-5151.

Olde Town Pub

Jason Burroughs, Joe Drury and John MacDonald invite you to the *Olde Town Pub* for an upscale pub experience where you can relax with friends, enjoy a sandwich, or watch the big game. The *Olde Town Pub* is located at 22785 Washington Street and is open seven days a week. For hours and other details, visit www.oldetownpub.com or call 301-475-8184.

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What a splendor of nature! This handsome cardinal was spotted at the home of Arthur & Linda Shepherd on Jenifer Court in Leonardtown following the area's heavy snowfall on March 2, 2009.

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