

Leonardtoun BEACON

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Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH

Celebration of "First Fridays" Historic downtown and uptown Leonardtown

3RD SATURDAY, APRIL-SEPTEMBER
Coastal Arts Market
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

2ND SATURDAY, JUNE-AUGUST
Sunrise Yoga
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

4TH SATURDAY, MAY-AUGUST
Downtown Tunes
Leonardtoun Square

AUGUST 4
Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtoun Square & Leonardtoun Wharf Park

AUGUST 16
U.S. Navy Band Country Current Concert
Leonardtoun Square

AUGUST 25
Downtown Tunes with Robbie Boothe
Leonardtoun Square

SEPTEMBER 7
Arts & Entertainment First Friday
Leonardtoun Square

SEPTEMBER 8
Bushwoodstock II
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

SEPTEMBER 15
Taste of St. Mary's
Leonardtoun Square

SEPTEMBER 20-23
St. Mary's County Fair
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

SEPTEMBER 22
Be a Hero 5k
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

SEPTEMBER 29
St. Aloysius Friends of the Poor Walk
Leonardtoun Square

OCTOBER 6-7
SMBC Fall Boat Regatta
Leonardtoun Square & Leonardtoun Wharf Park

OCTOBER 7
Antique Tractor & Truck Parade
Leonardtoun Square

OCTOBER 20
Trick or Treat on the Square
Leonardtoun Square

OCTOBER 20
St. Mary's Ryken 5k Walk/Run
St. Mary's Ryken High School/
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

OCTOBER 20-21
U.S. Oyster Festival
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER 11
Veteran's Day
Leonardtoun Square

NOVEMBER 23
Christmas on the Square
Leonardtoun Square



OLDE TOWN PUB Celebrates its 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The much loved Olde Town Pub, a busy restaurant and bar on Washington Street here in Leonardtown, held its 10 year anniversary celebration on July 28, 2018. The anniversary party included concerts by Robbie Boothe and the Amish Outlaws, fireworks, an antique beer truck and food and drink specials.

The success of the pub has been a journey of hard work and dedication by its three owners, John MacDonald, Joe Drury and Jason Burroughs. It all started many years ago when Joe and John met in kindergarten at Father Andrew White School here in Leonardtown. They have been best friends ever since. They even attended the same college, Frostburg State University, where they discovered that pizzas could be delivered to their dorm room, which was a new concept at the time! They particularly liked a pizza chain called Four Star Pizza and in 1994 the two of them invested in a Four Star franchise and opened here in Leonardtown, moving to their present location in 2002. Some long time residents may remember that this building used to house a Hardees Restaurant and then a Roy Roger's Restaurant. After that closed the building sat empty for several years. The pizza business did well for many years, serving a pizza buffet that was very popular at the time. But with the opening of several competing pizza delivery places in town, business began to slow down and John and Joe began to consider other uses for their building.

Enter Jason Burroughs, a government contractor at the time, who met Joe through mutual friends in 2008. Jason and Joe played poker together – charity poker events were big at the time and Jason was looking to change jobs. They began to discuss ideas for altering the pizza restaurant and eventually they decided to divide

the building in two. One half would remain the Four Star franchise and the other half would be converted to a pub. Jason became a partner and had a vision for an upscale pub that would also host charity poker events. John, Joe and Jason worked nights and weekends to make the change, sometimes falling asleep at their other jobs from exhaustion.

None of the men had any experience running a bar, so they bought their "bible", a book called "Running a Bar for Dummies" that they followed religiously. They credit this book for part of their success, as it gave them a road map for all the pieces they would have to put together to get up and running, from getting a liquor license to what type of barware to buy. Besides Jason's vision and the book, they credit one other factor for their early success, Amy Barrett. John and Joe knew Amy from her 20 years in the bartending business; she had worked in most of the bars on Solomon's Island and was a valuable resource for practical advice when they persuaded her to come to work for them. She is still with them today.

They started off their new bar with 6 tables and 12 barstools at the bar, with the idea that most of their business would come from the charity poker events. But they never ended up holding even one poker event – as luck would have it the bar did much better than expected, right from the beginning, and they never did have the chance to

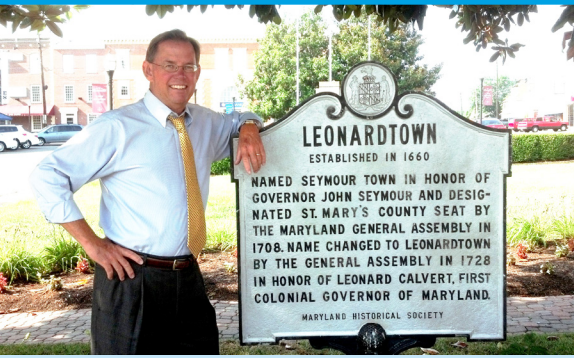


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Come on Out

16th Annual Beach Party on the Square

The Commissioners of Leonardtown are proud to present this year's Beach Party on the Square. This fun-filled, annual event takes place in Leonardtown Square on Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. All event-sponsored activities are FREE to the public. Hang out with real-life super heroes, be amazed by strolling juggler Michael Rosman and balloon twister, Alaina Kissinger of Kreative Kharacters. Get into the groove with the Funkzilla Band, dance with Daughters of Veda, get your Zumba on with Lisa Martoni and test your hula hooping hips! Skip through the giant fire truck waterfall, tackle The Wrecking Ball, support the local Rotary Club at 7:00 p.m. sharp for the now-famous Running of the Balls and much more! For more info contact: Brandy Blackstone at: brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov.



Mayor's Message

Recently it was announced that Bank of America was closing their downtown Leonardtown location, leaving an empty building at the prominent Fenwick and Washington Street corner. This information follows the recent approval by the St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning Board of Winegardner Chevrolet's plans to relocate to Rt. 235 in Hollywood. While we are always cautious with our optimism and work every day to ensure the continued success of our downtown, we believe this is an opportunity. In recent years we have seen a great deal of interest in our beautiful downtown, and have seen many buildings redeveloped with apartments on the upper floors and retail on the first floor. We believe these two locations are important pieces in the redevelopment of our downtown.

At our July 9th Town Council meeting we approved the hiring of consultants Mahan Rykiel to update our Downtown Plan. This plan will lay the groundwork for retail recruitment and retention of businesses in the downtown area. The plan will dovetail with the Waterfront Vision Plan, established in 2012, and will develop a vision for further development and expansion of the downtown. There will be public input in the plan and it will be our blueprint for what Leonardtown will look like in the years to come.

Our strategy continues to be proactive instead of reactive when it comes to our precious limited resource of downtown land. A recent Florida Institute of Technology class, led by Bob Schaller, did a case study of Leonardtown and its strengths and weaknesses in attracting retail businesses to the downtown. This study provides a good insight that will be helpful in the Downtown Plan update as well. Current infrastructure projects, such as the Wharf slips, and expansion of the wastewater treatment plant are other areas of importance in planning for future success. It is critical to be vigilant in protecting our downtown and continuing to strive to have successful businesses in the heart of our town.

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Water Quality Report

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

Summer Boat Regatta

On the weekend of July 27th – 29th, the Southern Maryland Boat Club presents their Summer Boat Regatta. The festivities kick off with the Regatta Concert on the Square featuring Lounge Hounds from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The boats will run at the Wharf in separate heats on Saturday, July 28th and Sunday, July 29th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information visit: www.southernmarylandboatclub.com.

Plan Ahead for Fall!

Fall is a busy time here in the town. Mark your calendars for the **Taste of St. Mary's**, presented by the St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, September 15th 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.; the **Antique Power Association's Tractor Parade** then takes place on Sunday, October 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; **Trick or Treat on the Square** returns on Saturday, October 20th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; and then celebrate Veteran's Day with the **Annual Veteran's Parade** in Leonardtown Square on Sunday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Come See Santa!

Don't miss your chance to see Santa in Town during the holiday season. Join us for **Christmas on the Square** the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 23rd from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Santa will come to Town on his Sleigh during this festive, annual tree lighting ceremony. Then bring the kids and your camera and meet **Santa and Mrs. Clause on the Square** on Saturday, December 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Craft Guild Shop's 42nd Anniversary

On Sat., September 1st from 10:00-5:00 pm the Craft Guild Shop will have an **Open House** to celebrate their 42nd Anniversary year in business. There will be demonstrations, refreshments and specials. Stop by and visit!

St. Mary's Ryken News

October 20–27, 2018: Blaine Whorl 5K Family Run/Walk - Saturday, October 20
SMR Golf Classic at Breton Bay Country Club: Thursday, October 25
SMR Happy Hour: Thursday, October 25, 5–7 p.m. at Olde Breton Inn
Homecoming Game: Friday, October 26—Knights vs Paul VI Catholic High School. Join us for alumni tailgating before the homecoming game featuring Larry Trader '85 and his band, *Unfinished Business!* Visit www.smrhs.org to learn more!



You are invited to St. Mary's Ryken for our Fall Open House!

St. Mary's Ryken invites prospective students and their parents to an open house on Sunday, October 14th at 1 p.m. Join us to tour our campus, meet faculty and administrators and learn about the SMR high school experience! From STEM programs, robotics and drone clubs, fine arts performances that receive standing ovations and a community that becomes your "home", we have it all for your children! Contact us today to learn more at admissions@smrhs.org.

"The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson, performed by the St. Mary's Ryken Drama students on November 8–11, 2018. Visit www.smrhs.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Town Tidbits

Escape Rooms Southern Maryland

A brand-new entertainment option has opened its doors on the Square in Leonardtown! Escape Rooms Southern Maryland is a real-life escape room game in which a group of participants find themselves in a “locked” room with clues hidden throughout and one mission—to escape. A cross between a scavenger hunt and a puzzle, players must work together to escape the room in the allotted amount of time. Excitement builds as hints lead to clues, a way out, or even a hidden room; all with the pulse-pounding thrill of trying to beat the clock as the minutes tick away.

Mother daughter team Stephanie and CJ Langley officially opened the doors in May and have two different rooms available — Rest Easy Motel and Cat Burglar. Each room has a different mood, design, and level of difficulty, but the time limit remains the same—60 minutes to get out. A third room will be added in the future and existing themes will be changed on a rotating basis to give players new challenges.

Apart from being a completely entertaining and unique idea for a group of friends and family to enjoy - local businesses, schools, and groups can use Escape Rooms Southern Maryland for a team-building activity or to book private parties and events. Located at 22715 Washington Street, Suite 204. Reservations are required and can be made online at escaperoomssomd.com.

New Attorney's Office Opens Above Proflex



Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC's grand opening and ribbon cutting by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce was held on June 7, 2018. The event was attended by local government officials, judges, attorneys, community partners, friends, and family.

This is a newly formed general practice law firm located at 22715 Washington Street, Suite 201, Leonardtown, MD. The law firm's areas of practice include criminal law, family law, wills & estates, employment law, civil litigation, and small business matters. The partners, Marsha Williams,

Kathleen McClernan, and Alycia Stack, and Of Counsel, Joshua Brewster, have over 40 years of combined experience, much of that in public service work.

They are excited to be part of the Leonardtown community and look forward to serving the local community through their business and public service. You can reach Williams, McClernan, & Stack at 240-309-4179 and via the firm's website at wmslawyers.com.

Re-Opening of CSM's Nature & Fitness Trail

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) celebrated the opening of a renovated Nature and Fitness Trail on the college's Leonardtown Campus on July 2nd. The trail is open to the community and is intended for both educational and recreational use.

The trail is approximately one third of a mile and was created before CSM purchased the campus property in 1997. The year-long renovation of the trail included widening and clearing the path, rebuilding two bridges over a creek, landscaping, signage for the trail and tree identification.

The trail is located on the college's Leonardtown Campus, behind the Wellness and Aquatics Center. New ivory and green signs point visitors to the trailhead. The wide, mulched trail winds through a forested area on the campus, crossing a creek created by runoff from the Town Run Stream, up and down some hilly areas and includes views of massive, old trees and plenty of native flora.

Multiple community partnerships assisted the renovation project, led by Dominion Energy, which provided a \$10,000 grant for the project.

The ceremony officially opened the CSM Nature and Fitness Trail with CSM Board of Trustee Chair Ted Harwood, Vice Chair Brad Bates, Leonardtown Mayor Dan Burriss and CSM staff and faculty joining the ribbon cutting and walking the trail.

The trail will be open for college and community use from dawn to dusk. No golf carts, all-terrain vehicles or bicycles are allowed on the trail and pets need to be on a leash.



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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17.

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The Office of the Commissioners

of Leonardtown will be closed in

observance of the upcoming holidays:

September 3	Labor Day
October 8	Columbus Day
November 12	Veteran's Day (observed)
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
November 23	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

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The Good Earth's Cash Mob Event



On May 25th, The Good Earth Natural Foods Company was visited by Community Bank's monthly Cash Mob. This amazing service from Community Bank is a way for the bank to give back by promoting the idea of shopping local and reinvesting in our community. The bank promoted the event through Facebook and gave their staff members cash to spend at the stores. They also handed out \$10 vouchers to the first 50 customers to spend during the one and a half hour event and also gave out free shopping totes. It was a very busy day and Good Earth's customers loved it. What a wonderful way to support and bring awareness to our local businesses! For more information on the location of the next Cash Mob, go to cbtc.com/community/cashmob.

Fenwick Street Used Books and Music

A world of books in Leonardtown - "This is the best bookstore I've ever visited!" "This shop reminds me of Shakespeare and Company in Paris!" "It's so nice to have a place where one can discover all kinds of books. Joe and his staff are so helpful!" That is what customers say about Fenwick Street Used Books and Music. Fenwick Street Used Books and Music has recently celebrated fifteen years in the county seat of St. Mary's County. The shop offers mostly used books, vinyl records, DVDs, and CDs, but also carries many new books as well.

It started as a dream for owner, Joe Orlando, who had a thirty-year career teaching jazz dance, both in the US and abroad. "I knew that at some point, after hanging up my dancing shoes, that I would open a shop of my own." That opportunity came, when his wife, Dr. Joanna Bartow, accepted a teaching position at St. Mary's College. Both are from New York and met while in teaching positions in Texas.

If customers can't find what they want, Joe can order most books from several distributors, or used/ out of print books from

Does Your Child Have Learning Difficulties?

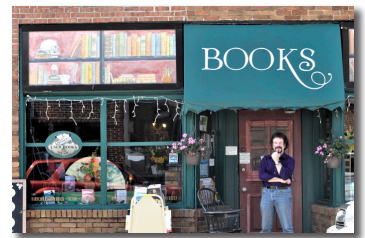
Boundless Expectations, Inc., (BEI) established in 2015, is a non-profit organization founded by educators and community parents, dedicated to providing valuable educational services to our community and our students. Their offices and classrooms are conveniently located in downtown Leonardtown. BEI offers specialized tutoring for children with educational disabilities in house and at Southern Maryland schools using proven, structured literacy, evidence-based programs with caring, professional tutors and a healthy learning environment.

BEI has a proven track record of supporting schools, teachers, parents, students and the community through thousands of hours of tutoring, in-house education and training seminars, hundreds of hours of advocacy and consultation. Visit us at www.boundlessexpectations.org, their Facebook site, or give them a call at 240-587-7177. BEI is making a difference!

his network of used bookstores. "We are so thankful for all our customers, both local, and those that visit from outside the county. I am very interested in how Leonardtown can be a destination for many folks. As president of the Leonardtown Business Association, I take moving Leonardtown forward, making it 'A most convenient place,' for everyone, very seriously."

Joe is also a wedding officiant and funeral celebrant. He has performed over five hundred weddings and many funerals. His services information can be found at www.creativeweddings-somd.com.

Fenwick Street Used Books and Music is located at 41655A Fenwick Street, Leonardtown MD. They can be found on Facebook and at www.fenwickbooks.com.



Local Company Plans to Save Leonardtown's Energy

One of the biggest expenses for homeowners or a business is the monthly electric bill, but Energy Select, a locally owned company located on Leonardtown Square, offers production and conservation solutions which will lower or even remove that seemingly unavoidable bill entirely. A new initiative called the Leonardtown Energy Initiative Program (LEIP) is an innovative new project being piloted in their hometown.

The Town of Leonardtown and Energy Select have initiated a variety of energy conservation and production solutions that may be implemented over the next several years. Plans are still being made, but the concept is to highlight Leonardtown's commitment to the environment and to be an ecological point of destination. Another real benefit will be the savings that come

with the initiatives for many years to come, not only in the energy savings but also savings in maintenance.

Founded in 2002, Energy Select has made it their goal for the last 16 years to save their customers money. Energy Select finds methods to reduce energy costs, from LED commercial lighting retrofits to sign conversions to HVAC replacements. Recently, they have been awarded by Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) to be the selected contractor for the Home Energy Improvement Program (HEIP). HEIP consists of a SMECO Energy Advisor coming to your home and conducting a free home walk-through to show you how you can upgrade your house to be as energy efficient (and cost friendly!) as possible. Through this SMECO program, you can get up to

\$7,500 in rebates to carry out the energy conservation recommendations that will make your house more comfortable, more energy efficient, and, most importantly, friendlier on your wallet. Energy Select oversees the entire retrofit process making it a user-friendly project – all you need to do is sign.

While Energy Select works hard to conserve energy by making your home energy efficient, the company also offers ways to produce energy for your home through their solar program. Energy Select offers a variety of options to suit your needs. For more information please contact Marci Kremer at 301-475-6727.

Energy Select
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Deputy's Corner

Gas Pump and ATM Skimmers: How to Spot and Avoid Them

- Use your eyes, fingers, an app and common sense to cut your fraud risk. During 2017, the number of compromised ATMs and point-of-sale devices rose 8 percent, according to data FICO released in March 2018. Meanwhile, the number of compromised cards climbed 10 percent.

Use Your Eyes: Look Before You Insert Your Card – before you slide your card in a fuel pump or ATM, take a good look at the keyboard and card reader. Make sure nothing looks out of place or suspicious.

Use Your Fingers: If Something Doesn't Feel Right, Move On – Wiggle the ATM card reader to see if it's loose. The crooks might place a fake card reader on top of the existing one.

Use Your Phone: Apps Now Can Alert You to Possible Skimmers and Use Your Common Sense – Use fuel pumps and ATMs in safe places. Avoid gas pumps that are out of sight of the clerk and ATMs in areas with little traffic.

Law Officers and Gas Pump and ATM Experts Suggest:

- Pay inside, with cash or a credit card, rather than at the pump
- Choose pumps closest to a physical building
- Use a credit card, not a debit card, when you pay
- Use your issuer's fraud alerts and check your card statements
- Consider paying or withdrawing cash with your digital wallet



Old Town Pub Celebrates 10 Years

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put their focus on the poker games. Soon they traded out the big poker area for more bar seating. Within two months of opening the bar it was doing so well that they decided to close the pizza franchise and expand the bar to both sides of the building. The newer side can be reserved for private parties or work events. They've even had prom night dinners and a wedding there!

At the beginning, their focus was on selling mixed drinks, wine and beer and their food menu had just 6 appetizers and 6 main courses. But now, 10 years later, their food sales surpass their alcohol sales and the pub has become a neighborhood hangout for not just bar patrons, but families coming to wing night on Mondays or college students wanting to meet up with their friends in a safe, comfortable atmosphere. It is a place that people find relaxing with its brick walls and warm decor. It doesn't scream "bar"; there are no neon Budweiser signs, loud music and sticky floors. They've created a classy and inviting environment with consistently good food and great service. They've been the site of many first dates in the county and even a few wedding proposals!

This year the Olde Town Pub won the St. Mary's County Chamber Award for Community Service for the work they do in giving back to this community. Besides giving gift cards for fund raisers and holding spirit nights for organizations, they host two large annual events, a charity golf event in October and an Autism Awareness Day. The charity golf event usually raises at least \$20,000 for Hunter's Heroes, a children's cancer charity. The Autism Awareness Day is organized by Personalized Therapy and includes bands, silent auctions, raffles, a moon bounce and food. It is usually held the 3rd Saturday in April. The Pub provides the venue and gives 10% of their food and drink sales that day to the event.

The Pub also has its own frequent customer app! Download the app and each time you come in and buy something you can get a digital stamp. After 10 visits you get a free appetizer. There is no limit on how many free appetizers you can get this way.

After working hard for years, and deciding they could now afford to take some time off, they hired their first manager, Lucas Hammett, in 2012 and their second, Jeremiah Hallisey, in 2016. Now John works just one night a week and comes in during the day to do paperwork and Joe and Jason can concentrate on their other businesses. Life is easier now than those first grueling years when they were getting the business up and running.

Congratulations on your first 10 years. We are proud of your success and happy you call Leonardtown home! The Olde Town Pub is located at 22785 Washington Street. www.oldtownpub.com

Town Tidbits (cont. from page 4)

Abell/Moakley Street Widening Project Begins

State Highway has issued the contract for the first phase of the Moakley/Abell Street widening. Phase 1 includes the advanced grading of the hillside on the southbound side of Rt.5 near Abell Street. The moving of utilities will follow. The final project includes two lanes in each direction plus a center turn lane to improve safety when making a left turn into Abell or Moakley Streets. Construction of the project is scheduled for completion by September of 2021.

Interpretive Signage Installed at Leonardtown Wharf and Port of Leonardtown Park

The Town partnered with the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium for a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority for interpretive signage at the Leonardtown Wharf, Port



Interpretive Signage

of Leonardtown Park, Newtowne Neck Manor House, St. Ignatius at Chapel Point and Thomas Stone National Historic Site. The project continues the development strategy for signage along the Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway and three components of the National Trails System - the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, Capt. John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and the Star Spangled Banner Trail. Leonardtown is the only municipality that is part of the Byway and is part of all three trails where they coincide with the Byway.



The Lucky Few Concert

Leonardtown Concert Series & Downtown Tunes

Weather has been unpredictable this summer. Unfortunately, the Downtown Tunes Concert Featuring **Drivin' Muzzy** was not able to be rescheduled, but you can catch the **U.S. Navy Band Country**

Current in the Square on Thursday, August 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Want more music? Don't miss the last Downtown Tunes Concert featuring **Robbie Boothe** on Saturday, August 25th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Art Walk Coming Soon!

Arts & Entertainment First Friday returns on September 7th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of art appreciation featuring artist demonstrations, live music and a few surprises!

Calling all artists! The deadline for entering this year's Art Walk will be **Saturday, August 18th at 4 pm**. Register soon, as only 30 pieces will be accepted. Artwork will be displayed in September at participating businesses throughout Leonardtown. Voting will be on Thursday & Friday, September 6-7th. There will be prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place as well as a drawing for participants! For details/registration: www.stmarysartscouncil.com.

They are also looking for art vendors, plein air artists, and artists to do art demos in the square. Contact Nell Elder at info@smcart.org or call 240-309-4061 for more information.

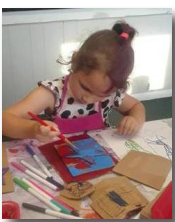


Discover the Arts!

The Arts Council is happy to announce that starting June 30th the Arts Council Gallery will be open on Saturdays! We invite the community to stop by anytime Tues-Sat from 11-4 to meet their staff, shop for art-related treasures made by our local artists, and learn more about arts-related events in St. Mary's County. They will be announcing special events that they have planned for the weekends, so stay tuned!

Also check out the St. Mary's County Arts Council Website www.stmarysartscouncil.com for artistic happenings in the area, or better yet, sign up on their website to receive a monthly newsletter. Don't miss all the fun!

Leonardtown Arts Center - Kids Art Programs



Drop and Dine Nights at the Leonardtown Art Center. A super artsy two hours of fun for kids and free time for parents! Enjoy a night out on the town at one of our local restaurants while kids learn about art. Offered twice a month - Select Fridays from 5:30pm -7:30pm, \$10.00 per child. Ages 5 and up.

The Leonardtown Arts Center welcomes **Yellow Door's Art for Tots!** The coordination of the program will resume under the management of Joi Lowe with the assistance of Caitlin Wakefield. Both ladies have experience working with Art for Tots and are excited about the new location. Mondays 9:15 - 10:45 am, Fridays 9:15 - 10:45 am, Saturdays 8:45 - 10:15 am. Punch passes are available – buy 4 classes, get 1 free!

Kid's Craft Night is happening during Leonardtown's First Friday Event each month from 5:30 to 7:00PM - drop-in fee is only \$5 per child, ages 4-12 years old. Would you like to enjoy the First Friday festivities while your children are engaged in fun, crafting and art activities? **Walk-ins are always welcome.** Make it a date night and great evening for all!

Visit www.leonardtownartscenter.net for additional details on the above classes.

Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser

Join the Community Mediation Center St. Mary's County for an evening of intrigue and fun at a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, November 2, 2018. This new fundraising event will be held at Five South in Callaway. Doors open at 6:30 and the performance will start at 7 pm. Tickets are \$50. Proceeds will benefit the Community Mediation Center's on-going efforts to provide no-cost confidential, neutral mediation services to individuals, businesses, organizations and agencies throughout St. Mary's County. The Center also offers facilitation services and conflict resolution training. For more information, visit <https://communitymediationsmc.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/CMSMC/>, or call 301-475-9118.



Original Town Mural Gets a Face Lift

The Leonardtown historical mural, located on the building at 22720 Washington Street, got a much needed facelift in June. The original mural was commissioned by the Town in the late 1990's and was created by a group of local artists depicting various time periods in Leonardtown's history. The original artists were Tim Scheirer, Carla Tomaszewski and Clarence Shumaker. Funding for the mural creation was provided by the Town, St. Mary's County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council. After the original mural was completed it was scanned and put on large panels to place on the building, then owned by Leonard Ferris.

The Town recently advertised for bids to replace the original panels and revive the mural. Heritage Printing was awarded the contract and recently completed the new mural. A big thank you to Heritage Printing for a job well done!





Town Hall News

Welcome Brandy!

Please join us in welcoming Brandy Blackstone, the new Public Relations & Event Coordinator for the Commissioners of Leonardtown. She has worked for area nonprofits and contractors in many capacities, including planning and coordinating fundraising, employee appreciation and volunteer events, handling development and communications, web and graphic design and marketing, and helping to create and teach numerous employee and client trainings.

Brandy is a U.S. Navy Veteran, wife and mother of three, who has raised her children in St. Mary's County. She brought them to many of the Town events over the years and is excited to be a part of helping create those wonderful memories for a new generation.

We are Sad to See You Go Maria!

On that note, it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our past Public Relations & Event Coordinator, Maria Fleming. Maria has decided that it is time for her to take a much needed break and have some down time in her life for awhile. We are grateful for all her hard work these past years putting on the myriad events that Leonardtown holds each year and all the weekends and evenings she worked! We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and we know she will be missed by many here in Leonardtown.



Saying Good Bye and Thank You to Outgoing Council Members



May 1, 2018 brought a big change to our sitting Town Council membership. Two of our Council, Leslie Roberts and Roger Mattingly, had decided not to run for another term. Leslie Roberts first served Leonardtown on the Planning and Zoning Board from 2001-2004. She then ran for Town Council and served from 2004-2018. Roger Mattingly served as Town Councilmember from 2010-2018 but volunteered countless hours helping to establish and grow the popular Leonardtown events as a member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept. Both still reside in Leonardtown and are enjoying their retirement.

Tom Combs served on the Town Council from 2014-2018 and lent his wealth of construction knowledge to the many projects that the Town undertook

during that time. Tom narrowly lost his bid for reelection.

Their accomplishments during their time in office include projects such as the Wharf Park, Port of Leonardtown Winery and Public Park, the ENR Upgrade at the wastewater treatment facility and the Leonard's Grant and Clarks Rest communities. We wish all three of them all the best and thank them for their service to the residents of Leonardtown.

Leonardtwn Welcomes New Town Council and other Board Members

May 1, 2018 was Election Day here in Leonardtown. We would like to wish them a hearty welcome and introduce our readers to our newest Town Council!

Tyler Alt – Town Council – Tyler was born in Leonardtown and raised in Valley Lee. After graduating from Leonardtown High School, he joined the Marine Corps. He moved back to Leonardtown in 2012 and started work at NAVAIR as a Senior Logistician. He has lived in Leonard's Grant for the past 6 years with his wife, Alison, and three kids, Reagan, Grant, and Harrison. He was previously a Planning and Zoning Board member.

Mary Maday Slade – Town Council - Mary was born and raised in St. Mary's County. She graduated from the University of Maryland and has owned her own tax preparation and bookkeeping firm since 2004. Through her work Mary has become an advocate for small businesses and enjoys working with them and helping them become successful. She and her husband Dan have three children, Maddie, Joy Marie, and Tiger. Mary enjoys staying busy; she spends her free time keeping up with her children and their various activities, serving on non-profit boards, training for the swim leg of a triathlon team, and participating in two investment clubs.

Christy Hollander – Town Council - Christy was born and has lived in or around Leonardtown all her life. She attended Father Andrew White and Ryken High School and returned after graduating from the University of Maryland with a degree in Civil Engineering. She purchased her Grandmother's home on Abell Street about 10 years ago, and she expects that to be her family's forever home. She married her husband, Glenn, in 2013 and they are expecting their first child this August! She works at the St. Mary's County

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Metropolitan Commission as the Chief Engineer and with that she brings lots of experience in infrastructure needs, development and budgeting. After serving for many years on the Planning and Zoning Board here in Leonardtown she is excited to get to work as a Council Member.

Following the Town elections, new Planning and Zoning Board members were appointed to take the place of Christy and Tyler, who were elected to the Town Council.

Jeff Brown – P & Z Commission – Jeff spent his first 22 years in beautiful Denver, CO. Then he spent the next 22 years serving as an Air Traffic Controller in the United States Navy. He continues to serve as an aviation consultant. He previously served as a member of the Board of Appeals here in Leonardtown. He has resided in Clarks Rest for 3 and a half years with his wife Susan, stepson Noah and our two Shorkies, Lucy and Dooley and cat Rex. He holds a BS from Thomas Nelson State University and a Masters degree in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas.

Chris Jeys – P & Z Commission – Chris is a program analyst in the international defense business and moved to Leonardtown in January of 2010 from Ridge. You can catch him walking Fenwick Street into Town from his community, Foxwell Condominiums. He is a single Marine Corps veteran that has made this community his family. He formerly served on the Leonardtown Ethics Board and also fulfills various other roles for several non-profit organizations.

Andrew Ponti - Board of Appeals - originally from Harrisburg, PA, relocated to St. Mary's County in January 2014 to start employment with St. Mary's County Tourism in the Department of Economic

Development after working for several years as Director of a non-profit historic tourism attraction in Harrisburg. In 2015, he and his now-wife, Jessica, moved to a town home in Clark's Rest in Leonardtown because they love the small-town charm, amenities, and sense of community the Town offers residents. Andrew loves exploring St. Mary's County's many things to do and places to eat, and has been a vocal advocate for promoting Leonardtown and the County as places to live, work and visit. He is currently the Museum Specialist for Marketing & Programs at the St. Mary's County Museum Division where he continues his work in the tourism and hospitality industry.

Nick Colvin – Board of Appeals - Nick was born and raised here in Leonardtown. He lives right on Hollywood Road, across from the governmental center. He works for the Maryland Park Service at Point Lookout State Park and also works part time as a cook at the Hilton Garden Inn in Solomons. He also loves to tap dance and started dancing when he was four years old!

Thank You to Dr. Herb Winnik

Dr. Herb Winnik has been chairman of the Leonardtown Board of Appeals since May of 1998! Stepping down in May after an amazing 20 years of leading this volunteer board, the Mayor, Council, staff and residents owe Dr. Winnik a debt of gratitude for his service to this Town.

Jack Candela has been named chairman of the Board of Appeals. Jack served on the P&Z Commission from May-2003 thru May 2018.

Library Events

LexiCon: St. Mary's County Library Comic Con – on 9/15/18 - Lexington Park Library, 12 noon – 4 p.m. - LexiCon returns to St. Mary's County Library on Saturday, September 15, 2018! Join us for trivia, a cosplay contest, workshops, and prizes! Open to all ages, Free.

Spooktacular – on 10/30/18 - Leonardtown Library - 6:00-7:00 - Enjoy trick-or-treating in the library and participate in a costume parade to show off your awesome Halloween costume. It's not-so-spooky fun for the whole family! No registration required.



Trash and Recycling Information

Bulk Trash Pickup - The next quarterly bulk trash pickup dates will be September 6 & 7 & December 6 & 7, 2018.

Holiday Pickup - Labor Day is on a Monday, Thanksgiving on Thursday and Christmas on a Tuesday, so for those weeks slide your pickup day one day forward. Recyclables will also slide forward on those weeks and be picked up on Thursday, except for Thanksgiving when recycling will be picked up on the regular day - Wednesday.

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