

Leonardtowntown BEACON

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 21 & 22
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SMC Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 28
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& Trick-or-Treat
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Leonardtowntown Square

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Leonardtowntown Square

NOVEMBER 11 & 12
Antique Show & Sale
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Naval Academy

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Leonardtowntown Square

NOVEMBER 24-26
SMC Festival of Trees
Bell Motor Co. Showroom

DECEMBER 9
Hospice Tree of Light
St. Paul's U.M. Church

DECEMBER 16
Santa & Mrs. Claus
Leonardtowntown Square

*Come see
what's new
in historic
Leonardtowntown!!!*

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

Celebrating 20 Years . . .

North End Gallery in Leonardtown

What began as a sharing of artistic talent and inspiration has blossomed into a 20-year celebration for the North End Gallery!

Originally, the North End Gallery was housed in a building known as the North End Print Shop, situated near the Route 5 and Lawrence Avenue intersection, where the BP Station is currently located. The building was owned by Mr. Frank Guy, a self-educated printer, who operated his printing and sign business for over 25 years. Mr. Guy was married to Madeline Camalier, was the great uncle of Leonardtown's Mayor J. Harry "Chip" Norris, and a charter member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department.

Looking for a home to create her pottery and maintain a music studio and workshop, Sally Carter purchased the building in the early 1980's and renamed it Leonardtown Pottery. In 1985, the building was damaged by an unfortunate accident involving a school bus. When repairs were completed, Sally was inspired to use the newly renovated rooms as a gallery. Later on, during a get-together between Sally and her friend Pat Lewis, a painter and sculptor, the idea came about to feature the works of local artists. Thus emerged the North End Gallery, so named as a tribute to Mr. Guy and his North End Print Shop. Sally's husband Gene served as the Gallery's first president, and with 25 member artists showing their works, the first exhibition in September of 1986 was deemed a huge success!

The Gallery was flourishing, and several years later, relocated to a larger space on Fenwick Street in the heart of "old downtown" Leonardtown. A co-operative gallery, the North End Gallery is owned and operated by member artists. While some of the founding artists have moved on, four of the charter members, Elizabeth Bygler, Jeanne Hammett, Connie Petty, and Karen Russell, remain active. Sally Carter and Merrie Himmelheber are members emeritus, as was the late Tom Rowe. The founding artists and current members are very proud of the North End Gallery for its 20-year existence. Recently, Jeanne Hammett

commented that she travels quite a bit, and that "the quality of art from our small town can hold its own alongside prestigious art towns around the world."

The North End Gallery offers a place

for professional artists to exhibit their art, and in addition, has several community oriented shows allowing non-member artists in the tri-county area a chance to exhibit their works. The Gallery also hosts several invitational shows spotlighting various historical sites, featuring annual Youth Art Exhibits during the month of March, and hosting an annual Community Art Show in August that is open to all artists in the area.

Many of the Gallery artists also show their works in other local and out of town galleries, and some may engage in various public art projects.

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The Leonardtown Pottery building, originally the North End Print Shop, was the first home for the North End Gallery.



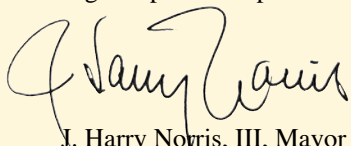
North End Gallery today, comfortably nestled on Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown.

Mayor's Message

Leonardtown's best kept secret is that we are a waterfront town. The Council and I are hoping to change this little known fact by working to revitalize the waterfront and to build on that important piece of our history. The Leonardtown Wharf public park is currently under construction, and everyday I hear from residents who say the wharf has never looked more beautiful! Just wait until the park is complete! This project will be a huge asset to the entire County tourism industry as well as a wonderful place for Leonardtown residents to visit with their families. If you haven't seen the progress recently, drive by and take a look.

Another exciting project that is moving forward is the Port of Leonardtown. This is a joint venture of the Town and the St. Mary's County Commissioners to open a winery co-op and a public park on McIntosh Run. Many people drive by the old State Highway property on Rt. 5 and have never noticed the potential of the park tucked by the stream. For the last several years the Town has worked on cleaning up the property and securing the existing buildings. In 2001 a canoe/kayak launch was built with a grant from the Dept. of Natural Resources. This is the beginning of a beautiful, serene paddle to the Leonardtown Wharf. The completion of the Wharf public park and the Port of Leonardtown will connect a 3-mile stretch of waterfront with a park at each end, and the potential for additional small parks along the way.

The Town Council and I are thrilled with the many wonderful things that are happening in Leonardtown! I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the current Board of County Commissioners whose partnership with the Town in these important projects has been invaluable. We look forward to continuing this partnership.


J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor



St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

Celebrate the oyster season opening at the annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival! The festival is held at the SMC Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 22nd from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Enjoy oysters and other seafood specialties, entertainment, the National Oyster Cook-Off and the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championship. Admission. Sponsored by the Lexington Park Rotary Club. For more information call 301-863-5015 or visit www.usoysterfest.com.

Make-Your-Own Scarecrow

Spice up your autumn décor with your very own life-sized scarecrow creation! Members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild will be in the Town Square on Saturday, October 28th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. to guide you along! Cost is \$5 and includes supplies. All ages. Call 301-997-1644 for details.



Trick-or-Treat on the Square

Hey kids! Dress up in your favorite costume and collect treats from participating merchants around the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 28th from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your goodie bag! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.



Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony

Salute America's Veterans on Saturday, November 11th! The Veterans Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Washington Street. Parade participants include Veterans, dignitaries, elected officials, military units, color guards, Native American Dancers, bagpipers, school bands, beauty queens, community organizations, classic and antique cars, boy and girl scouts, cheerleaders, horses, motorcycles, emergency equipment, and much more!

Spectators are encouraged to remain in the Town Square following the parade, for a patriotic ceremony with laying of wreaths

in honor of our Veterans. Students from Leonardtown Elementary School will also deliver their winning essay "What Veterans Day Means To Me". The annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony in Leonardtown is sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commissioners, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and VFW Post 2632.

Antique Show & Sale

Antiques, furniture, jewelry, books, artwork, toys, door prizes, and other collectibles can be found at Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy's Annual Antique Show & Sale! The show takes place on Saturday, November 11th, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 12th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Leonard Hall Recreation Center located at 23115 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. \$5 admission. For details, call the school at 301-475-8029, or visit their web site at www.lhjna.org.



Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Light up the Town and ring in the holiday season in the Leonardtown Square on Friday, November 24th! The evening of family entertainment begins at 5:00 p.m., with the traditional Christmas tree lighting by Santa at 7:00 p.m. Listen to carolers, take a horse and carriage ride around Town, and enjoy the host of holiday performances on our stage. Visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, the Jolly Juggler, and Snowflake! There will also be a live nativity, petting zoo, sleigh, train and hayrides, face painting, children's crafts, hot drinks, fresh kettle korn, and more! Shop for Christmas gifts! The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Leonardtown Business Association, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown sponsor this popular holiday event. *(The rain date is Saturday, November 25th).*



St. Mary's County Festival of Trees

Be sure to stop by the St. Mary's County Festival of Trees, November 24th-26th in the Bell Motor Company Showroom on Washington Street! Show times are Friday, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday,

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday, Noon-6:00 p.m. Cast a vote for your favorite decorated tree and wreath and place your silent bid for Sunday's auction. If you plan to be out of town over the Thanksgiving weekend, bids will be accepted on entered exhibits the week beginning Monday, Nov. 20th. Activities include an "old days" photo exhibit, a "wagon of toys" raffle, and a historic walk around the Town Square on Saturday. For details or to enter a decorated tree or wreath, call 301-373-2551. Admission is \$1 for adults, children under 12 free. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, Inc.

Herons Way Gallery To Host "The Christmas Art Show"

To celebrate the holiday season, "The Christmas Art Show" will be on display at The Herons Way Gallery from December 1st through the 30th. The Herons Way Gallery is located within the MD Antiques Center at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown. A special Art Show and Reception will be held on December 2nd from Noon-4:00 p.m. The Herons Way Gallery is open daily from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For further information, call 240-925-3280 or go to www.heronswaygallery.com.

Hospice Tree of Light

Hospice of St. Mary's will hold its 9th annual Tree of Light Ceremony on Saturday, December 9th at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Leonardtown. For more information, or if you would like to honor a loved one by purchasing a light on the tree, call Hospice at 301-475-6438



St. Mary's Ballet Presents "The Nutcracker"

See this holiday classic performed by the St. Mary's Ballet at the College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus. Three shows only, Friday, Dec. 15th at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 16th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission. Call 301-884-8601 for ticket information.

Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square

Kids of all ages! Write out your Christmas wish list and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square on Saturday, December 16th, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring your camera! (In the event of inclement weather, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be in the Bell Motor Co. Showroom.)

Women's Wellness Day

The St. Mary's Delicados, Inc. and St. Mary's Hospital are planning an exciting program focusing on "Women and Cancer" on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Leonardtown. The program will include an overview of cancer in women and coping with chronic illness through navigation of the health care system. Lunch will be served. Free. Call 301-475-6019 to register.

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 Nov. 8th and Dec. 13th, 2006, and Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th, and Mar. 14th, 2007. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 for details and other services.

LEONARDTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

It's never too late to join the Leonardtown Business Association! With a membership of over 50 businesses, the LBA promotes business, projects, and community events in Leonardtown. Members and interested persons are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, held every second Wednesday at either 8:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m., hosted by various members and businesses. LBA membership is only \$100 per year. Dues for 2007 should be made by January 1st. To join LBA, contact Dan Burris, President, at 301-475-3151 or e-mail danburris@danburris.com.

The LBA welcomes its newest members: The College of Southern Maryland, St. Mary's Nursing Center, Irene Parrish PCI, Quality Street Kitchen & Catering, Buffalo Wings & Beer, and D & G Kustom Specialties.

Holiday Closings

The Town Office will be closed in observance of upcoming holidays:

- ◆ November 10 - Veterans Day
- ◆ November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ November 24 - Day after Thanksgiving
- ◆ December 25 - Christmas Day
- ◆ January 1 - New Year's Day
- ◆ January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ◆ February 19 - Presidents' Day

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Vice-Chair
Massey Connelly
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Kristin Kraus

Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12.
Planning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 2:30 p.m. in the Town Office. Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 16*, Feb. 20*, Mar. 19 (*Tuesday in lieu of Monday holiday).
Leonardtown Business Association - 2nd Wednesday of each month, with alternating times and locations. Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14.

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Community Highlights



Beach Party on the Square

Many thanks to all of our entertainers, participants, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who made Leonardtown's 2006 "Beach Party on the Square" such a success!



Members of Mike's Bikes BMX Team prepare to perform their riding maneuvers and jumping skills for the crowd.



Having fun with aspirations to win the hula-hoop contest, while moving to the beat of the 25th Hour Band!



Keeping cool with hose-downs provided by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department!

Enjoying a friendly game of volleyball in the sand-filled intersection of Washington and Fenwick Streets!



Ms. Mary Rose Young and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Herbert were greeted by Mayor Norris as they began setting up the annual National Night Out party at Leonard's Freehold and Leonardtown Village on August 2nd.

The Leonardtown High School band guard enjoyed performing their flag routine in the 2006 St. Mary's County Fair Parade on September 23rd.



Families and friends gathered in the Town Square to socialize and listen to a special "Blues Jam" performed by members of the College of Southern Maryland Guitar Club on Friday evening, August 25th.



Mayor J. Harry Norris and Town Administrator Laschelle Miller were on hand to kick-off the 8th Annual "Light the Night Walk", which was held on September 16th at the Governmental Center. Supporters raised over \$60,000 for the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Enjoying the great weather and browsing the homemade craft selections during "Fall Follies" on September 9th. The St. Mary's Crafts Guild sponsors this annual event.



Local area soldiers of the Army National Guard 243rd were honored with a Welcome Home Parade and words of gratitude



by local and state dignitaries on September 30th on the grounds of the Governmental Center. Families of the soldiers organized the homecoming program.



Self-Checkout Now Available at the Leonardtown Library

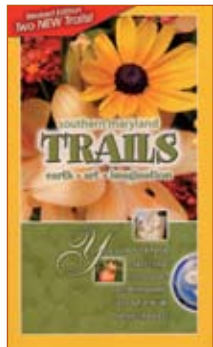
The Leonardtown Library is pleased with the addition of their new self-checkout service, designed to enable speedy checkout of library items. The new machine was purchased with funds from a special technology grant from the SMC Board of County

Library Director Kathleen Reif looks on while Branch Manager, Mary Lee Russell, demonstrates the new self-checkout machine to Mayor J. Harry Norris and County Commissioner Thomas Mattingly.

Commissioners. For additional services and information, visit the Library website at <http://www.stmalib.org/>.

“Take a Walk” with our new Historic Leonardtown Walking Tour Brochure!

The Town of Leonardtown is proud to announce publication of its first “Historic Leonardtown Walking Tour” brochure, which was made possible through a cooperative effort between the Commissioners of Leonardtown and the St. Mary’s County Division of Tourism. The brochure features 21 historical sites in and around the Town Square, and is a product of many hours of research, writing, photography, design and mapping. The Town appreciates the support and cooperation of the many site owners, and contributions of Carolyn Laray, Teri Wilson, Susan Erichsen, Barbara Dotson, Linda Shepherd, Laschelle Miller, the UMBC Graphic Arts Class, Conni James, and Heritage Printing in fabricating this project. The “Historic Leonardtown Walking Tour” brochure is available at several businesses around Town, or call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 for a copy!



Southern Maryland Trails 2006/2007 Brochure Now Available!

The revised edition of the Southern Maryland Trails Guidebook is now available! Trail sites celebrate our area’s natural culture and heritage, with an emphasis on quality and authenticity. Leonardtown partners include the North End Gallery, Café des Artistes, the Good Earth Natural Foods Company, Crazy for Ewe, The Tea Room, Maryland Antiques

Center, and Sunnybank Studio. Look for the guidebooks at partner sites, area visitors’ centers and libraries, or contact the So. Md. Agricultural Development Commission in Hughesville at 301-274-1922. You can also visit the Trails web site at www.somdtrails.com.

Governor Ehrlich Announces Leonardtown Funding!



Leonardtown’s Ernie Bell chats with Governor Ehrlich, while Md. Dept. of Planning Secretary Audrey Scott and Town Council member Tom Collier look on. Ernie’s granddaughter, 8-year old Misty Anne Bell also enjoyed meeting the Governor.

On August 3rd, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. arrived in the Town Square to announce various State funding awards to local governments and organizations in Southern Maryland, comment about the State’s Investment in Southern Maryland, and to stress his support for community revitalization and historic preservation activities in the region and throughout the State. The Governor also congratulated the Town of Leonardtown on its “Priority Place” designation. One of the many benefits of the Priority Places designation is the elevated consideration given by various State agencies for revitalization projects.

A perfect example of the Priority Place benefit was realized in a return visit from Governor Ehrlich on October 6th at the Calvert Marine Museum. The Governor announced \$750,000



to begin design on the much anticipated Rt. 5 widening between Rt. 245 and Rt. 243. The Governor also announced an additional \$200,000 for Leonardtown Wharf from a Community Legacy Grant application. Leonardtown has seen tremendous support from Governor Ehrlich during the last four years.

Governor Ehrlich with Mayor J. Harry Norris, and Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department members, Kevin Mattingly and Gerald Gardiner.

Maryland-Kentucky Reunion

300 descendants of the Maryland Catholic Diaspora returned to St. Mary’s County from 29 states and the District of Columbia to meet their relatives and explore their roots over the weekend of July 14th-16th. The event began on Friday evening with a Welcome Home reception on the lawns of Tudor Hall. On Saturday, the visitors toured the St. Clement’s Island Museum, took a boat trip to St. Clement’s Island, and attended a banquet at Hollywood Firehouse, where stuffed ham and crab imperial was a “first-time” experience for many. On Sunday morning, the group attended Mass at St. Aloysius Church, followed by a luncheon at the Crystal Room in Callaway. After lunch, some attendees visited Historic St. Mary’s City, while others toured various churches and historical sites in the County, or continued their genealogical studies.



Celebrating 20 Years . . .

North End Gallery in Leonardtown

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For example, in 1996 while serving as President of the Gallery Board of Directors, artist member Tim Scheirer, along with non-member artists Carla Tomaszewski and Clarence Schumaker, designed the pictorial timeline and painted the original rendering of the Town Mural. The North End Gallery was very instrumental in the promotion and support of the Town Mural Project.

Exhibition space in the Gallery is open and light-filled, and includes three large rooms and two smaller rooms. Each month, special "theme" shows are held and the main exhibit displays are changed. The themed shows may consist of exhibitions from one artist or a small group show, featuring art from two to as many as five artists. Some months, the entire Gallery is used to feature the works of all member artists.

The Gallery's 32 member artists present a diversity of artwork, and their individuality shines when creating their art. There are painters, potters, fiber artists, glass artists, jewelry makers, sculptors, photographers, and a printmaker. It is also interesting to note that many of the member artists are self-taught. Art is their life, and such a variety of talent inspires creative thinking and fosters growth and interest in each artist's work.

These dedicated and accomplished artists welcome you to visit the North End Gallery and see their art inspirations, depicting simple living, rustic beauty, adventurous images, love of nature, and historic landmarks.

Today, the North End Gallery is still thriving and maintains a strong base of community supporters. While downtown Leonardtown experiences a revitalization and illustrates upscale streetscape efforts, the North End Gallery will continue to enrich the community with artistic treasures and endless masterpieces for both the enjoyment of our present and future generations.

Upcoming Shows at The North End Gallery

October Show: Oct. 3 - Oct. 29

Works of Patti Runco, Joan Lawrence,
Nadine Chicoine, Mickey Kunkle.

November Show: Oct. 30 – Nov. 19

Works of Jane Rowe,
Jeanne Hammett, Tim Scheirer
Opening Reception: Nov. 4, 5-8 p.m.

December Show: Nov. 21- Dec. 31

20th Anniversary Show
All Member Show.
Opening Reception: Dec. 2, 5-8 p.m.

The North End Gallery is located at 41652 Fenwick Street in Leonardtown and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sunday, Noon-4:00

p.m. (Closed on Mondays). For more information call the Gallery at 301-475-3130 or visit their web site at <http://www.northendgallery.org/>.

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Highlights from the North End Gallery's 20th Anniversary Gala Reception September 9, 2006



North End Gallery members Karen Russell, Rex Miller and Jeanne Hammett demonstrate their painting techniques during the Gallery's 20th Anniversary exhibit in the Town Square.



Judith Conrad, incoming President of the Gallery Board of Directors, chats with outgoing President, Alan Pagenhardt.



Socializing, enjoying the art displays, and meeting member artists.



Joined by her husband Gene, Sally Carter takes a break during a performance by the Linden String Quartet.

Members and Staff of the North End Gallery

Pictured left to right, front row:

Kelly Keller, Diana Manchak, Patti Runco, Karen Vaughn, Judith Conrad, Betty Purple, Nadine Chicoine, Tim Scheirer, Karen Russell, Conni James

Back row:

Jeanne Hammett, Ann Crain, Elizabeth Bygler, Connie Petty, Bette Bumgarner, Bob Purple, Alan Pagenhardt, Joan Lawrence, Christina Allen, Debbie Silvast, Mimi Little, Jane Rowe, Barbara Lewis, Sarah Houde, Rex Miller, Heman Ward

Not pictured:

Linda Epstein, Ray Ewing, Jim Kinnett, Mickey Kunkle, Kennedy Milan, Bill Penn, Liz Printz, Sue Singley, Kathy Smith, Linda Wharton

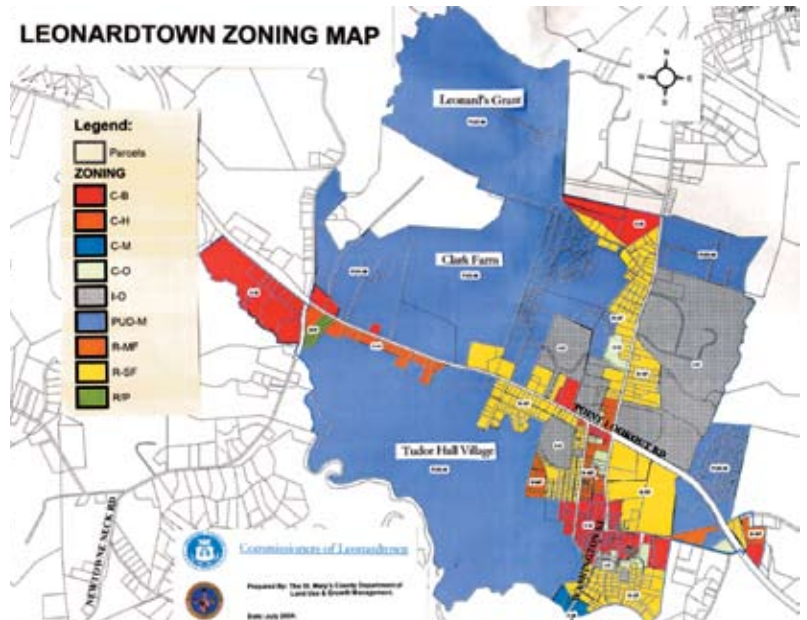


What Are Our Residents Asking?

What are the Boundaries of the Incorporated Limits of the Town of Leonardtown?

Leonardtown is centrally located in St. Mary's County and lies at the head of Breton Bay. MD Rt. 5 (Point Lookout Road) is the major highway running east to west, and MD Rt. 245 (Hollywood Road) runs north to intersect with MD Rt. 235 (Three Notch Road). Perhaps you have seen the Town's "Welcome to Leonardtown" sign markers situated in the following locations: (1) the grassy median area on Point Lookout Road between the intersections of Rt. 5/234 and Rt. 5/243, (2) just below the intersection of Rt. 5 & Fenwick Street, and (3) on Rt. 245 just to the north of the SMECO property.

The incorporated limits of the Town of Leonardtown consist of approximately 3.5 square miles of land, and are identified as shown on this site drawing.

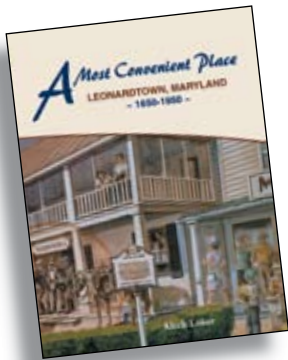


Leonardtown Fact - Did You Know?

Leonardtown was founded as a Town in 1708 and was originally named Seymour Town in honor of Governor John Seymour. In 1728, the Town was renamed Leonardtown in honor of Governor Benedict Leonard Calvert. Leonardtown was incorporated in 1858, is the County Seat for St. Mary's County, and is the only municipality in St. Mary's County.

Leonardtown History Keepsakes!

Looking for a Leonardtown memento or special gift? A color print of the Leonardtown Mural depicts a progression of life in the Town during the first half of the 20th Century and is beautiful on any wall. A copy of Aleck Loker's book "A Most Convenient Place" captures a comprehensive history of Leonardtown between 1650-1950, and is certain to hold the attention of any reader. Copies of the mural and book are available in the Town Office or at several local businesses. Call 301-475-9791 for details.



Volunteers Needed to Plan Leonardtown's Tricentennial Celebration!

In 2008, Leonardtown will celebrate its 300th Anniversary! The Town is seeking volunteers wishing to be a member of the celebration planning committee. If you have some knowledge of Leonardtown's history, have an interest in the Town, and desire to be a part of planning the entertainment and activities for this milestone event, please contact Linda Shepherd at 301-475-9791 or e-mail linda.shepherd@verizon.net.

Leonardtown Welcomes New Staff!

The Town is happy to announce its newest staff members! Jennie McGraw has been hired as the Town's Plans Reviewer, and will be responsible for processing permits for building, occupancy, and signs. Recent hires in the Town's Utilities Staff include Joe Bucior, Operator, and Derek Brown, Maintenance Technician. Welcome aboard!

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

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

Bulk trash pickup will be made on Friday, December 1st.

Residential recycling pickup of newspapers, glass bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and approved plastic bottles is made on Thursdays.

For further information on trash service, recycling, or to obtain a recycling container, contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

As part of its trash collection service, Waste Management will pick up bagged leaves set out by Town residents on regularly scheduled collection days. This service is limited to 5 bags of leaves per household per collection day. Any remaining bags may be set out for pickup on the next trash collection day, but still observing the 5-bag limit. Please do not place piles of loose leaves in the street, as this is not part of the trash disposal service.

Holiday Trash Pick-Up

Waste Management will operate under their regular trash pick-up schedule of Tuesday and Friday during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.





Town Tidbits

Helping to Keep Our Town Litter-Free!

The "Saturday Breakfast Group", Pete Conrad, Kay Wach, Marilyn Triantos, Ann Duchesne, and Peg Duchesne have been picking up litter



on Saturday mornings for almost two years. The group attends 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aloysius Church, then grab their bags and hike through the Town to collect trash along the streets and sidewalks. *What a great camaraderie and selfless act! Thank You!*

The Good Earth Natural Foods Co. moves from Town Square to Park Avenue



Valerie Deptula and Danielle Cackowski are delighted with their new location on 41675 Park Avenue! The additional square footage allows for a broader variety of natural and organic goods, including wheat-free and gluten-free foods, herbs, spices, vitamin supplements, local and

organic produce (in season), aromatherapy essential oils, natural pet products, natural and environmentally-friendly personal care products, and household items. This specialty store is open year-round Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Closed on Sunday.) For more information, call 301-475-1630, or visit www.goodearthnaturals.com.

OGA'S Restaurant Now Open!



Peter Zeng and Kevin Li recommend the chef's tasty tuna tataki. Specializing in Asian Cuisine, OGA'S offers a wide variety of Sushi, Teriyaki, Appetizers, Chinese fare, an all you can eat lunch buffet, and catering services. OGA'S is located at 22745 Washington Street in the Leonardtown Square. Carry out orders may be placed by calling 301-475-0188.

Quality Street Kitchen & Catering Opens!

Joann McKeown and Amy Barrett invite you to check out Quality Street Kitchens & Catering, where you can find upscale kitchen and serving ware, gadgets, and tools.



Customized catering for business lunches, corporate and holiday parties is also available. Cooking classes will be offered beginning in January. Located at 41675 Fenwick Street, the shop is open Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information call 301-997-0700 or visit www.qualitystreet.com.

Old Towne Crafters Relocates

The Old Towne Crafters and the St. Mary's Crafts Guild have relocated their downtown craft shop to 26005 Point Lookout Road, in the building behind the MD Antiques Center. Stop by and check out their handmade crafts. The shop will be open 7 days a week through December from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Call 301-997-1644 for details and winter hours.

Gracie's Guys & Gals Dance Studio Relocates

Gracie's Guys & Gals Dance Studio has moved from their Leonardtown location to 44150 Airport View Road in Hollywood. Be sure to see the dance troupe's exciting performance at Leonardtown's Christmas on the Square event on November 24th! Merchants now housed in the building space once occupied by Gracie's include Chesapeake PC Source, Joyce's Antiques, Old Towne Crafters, Shelby's Specialties, and Williamson Antiques.

CSM Launches Entrepreneur Program



Officials from St. Mary's County and the College of Southern Maryland gathered on October 3rd to celebrate the launch of the college's new Entrepreneur Program for fostering Southern Maryland's economic vitality through expanded education, training, and business consulting services. Located at CSM's Leonardtown Campus, the new Entrepreneur Program is designed to be a regional resource center for Entrepreneur Education, Outreach, Training, and Small Business Consulting Services. Upcoming training opportunities include Basic Project Management on Oct. 27th, Earned Value on Oct. 30th and Doing Business in Asia on Nov. 15th. For information call 301-934-7593 or visit www.corporatecenter.csmd.edu

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