

# Leonardtown BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**JULY 11 & JULY 18**

River Concert Series  
Leonardtown Square

**JULY 14, 21, & 28**

CSM Twilight Performance Series  
College of So. Md. - Leonardtown

**JULY 25**

Downtown Tunes  
Leonardtown Square

**JULY 23-26**

Summerstock Musical "Ragtime"  
Great Mills H. S.

**AUGUST 4**

National Night Out Celebration  
Leonardtown Village/Leonard's Freehold

**AUGUST 6-8**

Li'l Margaret's Bluegrass Festival  
Goddard Farm

**AUGUST 7**

First Friday 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
Leonardtown Businesses

**AUGUST 8**

Beach Party on the Town Square  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 22**

Downtown Tunes  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Waterfront Celebration  
Leonardtown Wharf

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Fall Follies  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 20**

Taste of St. Mary's  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 24-27**

SMC Fair  
SMC Fairgrounds

**SEPTEMBER 26**

Walk for the Poor  
Father Andrew White School

**SEPTEMBER 26**

Light the Night Walk  
Governmental Center

**OCTOBER 17 & 18**

SMC Oyster Festival  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 24**

Trick-or-Treat on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

Leonardtown's Web Site:

[www.leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com)

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## "First Friday" Celebrations in Leonardtown

"First Fridays" are celebrated by scores of cities and towns nationwide as a successful means in promoting arts, entertainment, and businesses within the heart of many towns and neighborhoods. The idea is to mutually benefit the businesses by granting more visibility to their establishments, while the community enjoys an evening of customer specials, artist receptions, and entertainment. The North End Gallery launched the "First Friday" concept in Leonardtown over 20 years ago by featuring monthly artisan receptions on Saturdays. During a meeting of the Leonardtown Business Association a few years ago, a member suggested broadening those monthly receptions to include downtown restaurants, shops, and musical entertainment during the warmer months. Thus, "Summer Nights on Fenwick Street" were born, held on Friday evenings, and were a hit! This was the perfect audition that enhanced the Association's mission of promoting Leonardtown's livelihood, growth, and vibrancy. Following the success of "Summer Nights on Fenwick Street", in 2006 Leonardtown expanded the series and launched its own "First Friday" paradigm.

Today, "First Friday" celebrations are held in Leonardtown every month, year-round between 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. The event has expanded to include not only Historical downtown Leonardtown, but outlying areas as well, including Breton Market Place, The Maryland Antiques Center Complex, the Shops at Breton Bay, and the College of Southern Maryland.

There's even a "First Friday" committee that markets and coordinates the activities and entertainment for the public's enjoyment. Committee members agree that "First Friday" activities "opens the doors to Leonardtown." To highlight the "First Friday" of each month, Historic Leonardtown's art galleries, restaurants, cafe's, antique shops, bookstores, and specialty shops stay open later and come together to offer live bands, music, artisan receptions, fine dining, wine tastings, and customer discounts. Leonardtown art galleries host special receptions and feature creative works of selected artisans. Our restaurants often prepare extraordinary

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Relaxing on the porch at  
Corbels Restaurant.

Mixing a party with a cooking  
class at Quality Street Kitchens,  
and Catering.

Book Reading at the White  
Rabbit Children's Bookstore.

Being pampered at Creative  
Designs Salon, Spa, and Fitness.

Listening to violin sounds  
and socializing on the porch  
of the Wine Bar & Café

Café des Artistes

Dining and enjoying the  
outdoors at Café des Artiste.

Meeting and greeting local  
artists during a North End  
Gallery reception.



## Mayor's Message

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Leonardtown Lions Club held their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Festival at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The event was extremely successful with hundreds of people enjoying good weather, music, classic cars, craft exhibits, country dancing, and of course, a variety of delicious crab dishes. More importantly, the club raised over fourteen thousand dollars for local charities.

Leonardtown is a wonderful community; that's why many of us have never left, and also why many have chosen to move here. The very existence of a strong community is dependent on volunteers. If you recently moved to the area, or if you've been here for some time and want to be more active, seek out the various volunteer organizations and get involved. You will make a difference in our community and enjoy yourself at the same time.

If you'd like to know more about the Leonardtown Lions Club, give Kennedy Abell a call at 301-475-9319. You can also reach me at 301-475-9791 to inquire about other wonderful volunteer organizations around town.

*J. Harry Norris*

J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor

## River Concert Series on Location in Leonardtown Square



Join us to hear old and new favorites presented by the River Concert Series on location in the Leonardtown Square. The *Rusty Spurs* bluegrass band performs on Saturday evening July 11<sup>th</sup>, and the *River Concert Series Brass Quintet* is featured on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Both concerts begin at 7 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy dinner or a smoothie at one of the Town's eateries! Visit [www.riverconcertseries.com](http://www.riverconcertseries.com) for the complete River Concert Series schedule.

## College of Southern Maryland's Twilight Performance Series

The *Twilight Performance Series* at the CSM campus in Leonardtown will kick-off Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> with Chautauqua: Rights and Reformers featuring a historical portrayal of Woodie Guthrie and music by David and Ginger Hildebrand. The series will continue throughout the month of July and feature the *Unity Reggae Band* on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the *Joshua Walker Jazz Trio* on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>; and the *Darcy Nair Celtic Trio* on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Music begins at 6:30 PM. Bring your own chairs and enjoy these great, free performances! Visit [www.csmd.edu/finearts/](http://www.csmd.edu/finearts/) for more information.

## Summerstock Musical "Ragtime!"

Support our local youth as they delight you with performances of the musical "*Ragtime!*", a story about life in America at the beginning of the 20th Century. The shows will be presented July 17<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> at Great Mills High School. Visit [www.co.saintmarys.md.us/recreate/specialevents.asp](http://www.co.saintmarys.md.us/recreate/specialevents.asp) or call Recreation and Parks at 301-475-4200, ext. 1800 for show times and ticket information.

## Downtown Tunes

Enjoy live music presented by local musicians on the Leonardtown Square! Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> will feature country music by "*Country Memories*" and "*Gary Rue and the Dance Hall Ghosts*". On Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the rock-n-roll sounds of "*Geezer*" and the "*25th Hour Band*" will get you up on your feet. The tunes begin at 6 PM. Remember to bring your lawn chair or blanket, and check out the downtown restaurants and shops!

## National Night Out

The Leonardtown Village and Leonard's Freehold communities will celebrate *National Night Out* on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM-9 PM with a cookout and block party. Many communities participate in this nationwide event that is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, and strengthen police-community partnerships. For details visit [www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp](http://www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp) or call 301-475-9005.



## "L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival

Kick back, unwind, and enjoy the sounds of well-known Bluegrass bands and good old-time music! This annual music festival will be held August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at the Goddard Farm off Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown. For tickets, a performance schedule, directions, overnight camping, and other details call 301-475-8191.



## Beach Party on the Square

Don't miss Leonardtown's annual "*Beach Party on the Square*" on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM - 9 PM. Play a game of sand volleyball, cool off with fire truck hose downs and the waterslide, jump in the moon bounce, show your talents in the jump rope, hula hoop, and limbo contests, get your face-painted with something festive, and be sketched by a professional caricature artist! The popular "*Sons of Pirates*" band returns this year to perform their trendy beach sounds. Other entertainers include Pam's Jr. Jazzercise, Mr. Magic, hula dancers, and more! While strolling the Town Square, look for arts and crafts, kids sand box play, classic cars, vendors, games, prizes, food, and much more! This year promises to be super exciting when the Beach Party concludes with a fireworks display at Leonardtown Wharf to celebrate Maryland's birthday! Contact the Town Office for details to request a performance schedule.



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## "Fall Follies" Crafts Extravaganza

The annual "*Fall Follies*" is the perfect venue to find local arts, crafts, pottery, ceramics, baskets, paintings, woodcarvings, woodwork, stained glass, jewelry, quilts, needlework, and other handcrafted items. The event will be held on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM-3 PM in downtown Leonardtown in front of Winegardner Automotive on Washington Street. For more information, call the Southern Maryland Artisans Center at 301-997-1644, or visit their shop at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, behind the Maryland Antiques Center. *Rain date: Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.*



## New Brochure Available! "Historic Leonardtown ... A Most Convenient Place"

Leonardtown's newest brochure, titled "*Historic Leonardtown ... A Most Convenient Place*" is designed to promote living, working, and playing in Leonardtown. Pick up your copy in the Town Office, or look for it at our Town events. The brochure was partially funded by a grant from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.



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

September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day



## Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Celebration

Join us at the Leonardtown Wharf as we celebrate the second annual Waterfront Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 5 PM. One of the many highlights of the event will be sailboat races, with the high school Challenge Cup between St. Mary's Ryken and Leonardtown High School students.



Keelboat and dinghy races will also take place and will be open to all those interested. Enjoy performances by the St. Mary's Ryken Jazz Band, Newtowne Players One

Act Play on the founding of Maryland, and strolling minstrel David Norris. Visit the many interesting water-related exhibits, paddle on the waters of beautiful Breton Bay in a kayak, and participate in nautical-themed workshops, crab races and more. To add to the festivities, an inspiring "Artists' Gathering" will be hosted by Historic Tudor Hall on their lawn. Contact the Town Office for more information.

## Taste of St. Mary's

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s new  
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downtown!!!

The "Taste of St. Mary's" returns to Leonardtown on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4 PM. This is a family event whereby restaurants and caterers in St. Mary's County come together to provide samples of their finest cuisine. Patrons get to taste the delicacies and specialties by purchasing bite-sized portions at a fraction of the cost. Try it - you'll like it! You will also enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, strolling around the Square, shopping, taking in the historical sites, checking out Leonardtown Wharf Park, and socializing with friends. For more information on this event, contact the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce by visiting [www.smcchamber.com](http://www.smcchamber.com) or call 301-737-3001.



## St. Mary's County Fair

The St. Mary's County Fair Association presents its 63<sup>rd</sup> annual celebration of St. Mary's rural life and heritage Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. Exhibits include livestock, home arts, farm and garden, arts and crafts, 4-H departments, and more. The Fair Parade is held on Saturday at 10:30 AM! Exhibit entry details, entertainment schedules, admission and other useful information can be found in the 2009 Fair Catalog, online at [www.smcfair.somd.com/](http://www.smcfair.somd.com/) or by calling 301-475-2256.

## Walk a Mile in My Shoes

The St. Vincent DePaul Society invites you to "Walk for the Poor" on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The walk begins at 9 AM at Father Andrew White School and will proceed into downtown Historic Leonardtown. Make a pledge and register in advance by visiting [www.walkforthepeop.com](http://www.walkforthepeop.com) or on walk day beginning at 7:30 AM. For more information, call Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990.

## Light the Night Walk

Southern Maryland's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Light the Night Walk" to support the Maryland Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Governmental Center. Check-in begins at 5:30 PM, with the walk beginning at 6:30 PM. For registration and details, go to [www.lightthenight.org/md](http://www.lightthenight.org/md) or contact Katie Smith by e-mail [katie.smith@lls.org](mailto:katie.smith@lls.org) or phone 1-800-242-4572.



## St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

The annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival will be held Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 6 PM and Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - 6 PM at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. The exciting National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook-off is a main attraction. Food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. Admission. For more information visit [www.usoysterfest.com](http://www.usoysterfest.com) or call 301-863-5015.

## Make-Your-Own Scarecrow

Create your very own life-sized scarecrow in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. Members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild will to help you! Cost is \$8 per scarecrow and includes supplies. All ages. Call 301-997-1644 for details.

## Trick-or-Treat on the Square

Hey kids! This is your chance to dress up in your favorite Halloween costume and stroll around the Leonardtown Square to collect treats from participating merchants! The date is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM-4 PM. Remember to bring your goodie bag! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.



## Veterans Day Parade Now Forming

Entries are now being accepted for participants in the 2009 annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown! This year's parade will be held on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 AM on Washington Street. To obtain a parade entry form or to volunteer with parade line-up, contact Tom Warren, the Parade Organizer at [tom\\_warren55@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_warren55@hotmail.com) or the Town Office at 301-475-9791. Parade entry forms must be received no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Leonardtown on the Web

For up-to-date news, happenings and special events in and around Town, check the official Leonardtown web site at [Leonardtown.somd.com](http://Leonardtown.somd.com). You can also read the current and past issues of the Leonardtown Beacon Newsletter. If you are on our mailing list and would prefer to read the Leonardtown Beacon Newsletter on-line, just send an e-mail to [Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net](mailto:Leonardtown.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!



## Mayor

J. Harry Norris, III

## Council Members

Walter Wise, *Vice-President*  
Daniel W. Burris  
Thomas R. Collier  
Robert C. Combs  
Leslie E. Roberts

## Town Office Staff

Laschelle McKay, *Town Administrator*  
Rebecca Sothoron, *Treasurer*  
Jackie Post, *Fiscal Clerk*  
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Jeannine Peele, *Town Secretary*  
DeAnn Adler, *Plans Reviewer*  
Julie Lemmon, *Events Coordinator*  
Linda Shepherd, *Public Relations*  
Barbara Dotsen, *Grants Writer*  
Tony Wheatley, *Capital Project Coordinator*  
Stephen Simonds, *Town Deputy*

## Utilities Staff

John "Jay" Johnson, *Superintendent*  
Timmy Lacey, *Asst. Superintendent*  
Joe Bucior, *Operator*  
Greg Owen, *Operator*

## Planning & Zoning Board Members

Jean Moulds, *Chair*  
Frank Fearn, *Vice-Chair*  
John "Jack" Candela  
Heather Earhart  
Glen Mattingly

## Board of Appeals

Dr. Herbert Winnik, *Chair*  
Jerome DuVal  
Dr. William Icenhower  
Darren Meyer  
Joan Ritchie

## Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. 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. July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.

## Contact the Town:

## Commissioners of Leonardtown

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice Run/Walk on April 18<sup>th</sup> saw a record 2,000 participants and generated over \$75,000 for the Hospice of St. Mary's. Photos and race results can be found online at [www.runforhospice.org](http://www.runforhospice.org)



*Jim Dicus, Director of the Hospice Run & Fun Walk, reviews logistics with Sheriff personnel just before the run/walk begins. Under Jim's*

*consecutive direction since the first Hospice Run/Walk in 1996, this event has netted over a half million dollars to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's in their mission of providing comfort, care and support of the terminally ill.*

## March of Dimes Walk

On Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> the March of Dimes held their annual Southern Maryland "Walk for Babies" in Leonardtown. Over 200 walkers joined together for the 3-mile walk on the streets of Historic downtown Leonardtown, raising over \$75,000 for the March of Dimes and premature babies. Post walk festivities included music, exercise demos, seated massages, face-painting and moonbounce for the kids.



## Spring Fling XXIII Classic Car Show

This year's "Spring Fling" Classic Car Show brought more "hot rods" and "cool" cars to Leonardtown than any other year. Amazingly, nearly 400 cars found display space in the downtown and adjacent parking lots, as spectators milled about socializing with friends, listening to live music by the Blue Gospel Express, and admiring the many classic and antique cars and trucks. The St. Mary's Rod & Classic Club sponsors this event, with proceeds to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's.



## Pausing for the Pledge!

A fabulous Flag Day celebration was enjoyed by all in attendance as St. Mary's County celebrated Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of the Governmental Center. The event was highlighted with remarks by local dignitaries, a patriotic parade, flag raising, and the pledge of allegiance. Patriotic songs and other musical selections were performed by the Piney Point Elementary School Chorus and the Southern Maryland Sound Tri-County Barbershop Chorus.



*Captain Macyko, Commanding Officer of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, and his children muster for Flag Day activities.*

## C-SPAN Stops at Library

The C-SPAN Civics Bus rolled into Town on June 16<sup>th</sup>, stopping at the Leonardtown and Lexington Park libraries. Over 200 people of all ages toured the bus, learning about its mission, programs and funding.



*The Board of Library Trustees, State Delegates John Bohanan and Tony O'Donnell, and MetroCast managers Bernard Hazelwood, Danny Jobe, Kathleen MacLeod greeted the C-SPAN bus at the Leonardtown Library.*

## A Beautiful Day for an Earth Day Celebration

Mother Nature was truly cooperative for Leonardtown's Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Many visitors enjoyed the beautiful spring day strolling through Town listening to live music by Joe Norris, Fortune's Turn, Catfish Joe and the Hushpuppies, and DeLaura Padovan and Steve Hickman. Other performers throughout the afternoon included Daughters of Veda Mid-Eastern Dance Troupe, Lulu's Luau Girls, and the Celtic Pipers. Children especially enjoyed the entertaining puppet show by the fun and talented Blue Sky Puppet Theater, face-painting by Bonnie Toney, jumping in the moon bounce and cuddling with costumed characters. Numerous animal rescue groups, wildlife, and environmental exhibitors provided useful information to protect nature and wildlife, safeguard our environment, conserve energy and encourage recycling.

Young and old alike took to the waters of Breton Bay at Leonardtown Wharf Park in kayaks and canoes provided by McIntosh Outfitters, Patuxent Adventure Center, and Kurt Reitz of the Elms Environmental Educational Center.

Thank you to all the performers, participants, volunteers, and sponsors who supported this event, and a special thank you to Valerie Deptula, LBA Earth Day Chairperson!



*The Garden Club of St. Mary's*



*Having fun doing the Maypole Dance*

## "Local Flavor, Local Fresh from the Farm to"

To kick start the buy local challenge, local "award winning" restaurants, caterers, and wineries teamed up to offer a sampling of dishes all prepared with ingredients fresh from area farms and waterways. The "Local Flavor, Local Fare" event was held Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Square in Leonardtown. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the programs of the Patuxent Habitat for Humanity.



# Highlights



## Congratulations to Leonardtown's Trunk of Treasures Winner!

Leonardtown's "Trunk of Treasures" giveaway on May 6<sup>th</sup> was the first of three seasonal giveaways sponsored by the St. Mary's County Division of Tourism to promote Maryland's 375<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The trunk was a handmade leather 17<sup>th</sup> century style traveling trunk crafted and donated by Loveville Leather, featuring merchandise, services and art having a combined value of over \$1,500 contributed by the following Leonardtown merchants and artists: Café Des Artistes, Corbels Restaurant, Executive Inn Park Avenue, Brewing Grounds, Quality Street Kitchen & Catering, The Good Earth Natural Foods Company, McIntosh Run Outfitters, Creek Side Gallery, Tom Ball Photography, Liz Printz Jewelry, Do Dah Deli, Tea-N-Scones Café & Wine Bar, Hilltop Graphics, Karen Quam Russell, and Christina Allen of Allen's Articles.

The Celebrate 375 campaign runs throughout 2009 and features multiple components such as packages, discount offers, contests, activities and events. For more information about St. Mary's County's Celebrate Maryland 375 campaign, contact the St. Mary's County Division of Tourism by visiting [www.Maryland375.com](http://www.Maryland375.com) or calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1404.

Congratulations to Brent Johnson of California, MD who was the lucky winner of Leonardtown's "Trunk of Treasures". The trunk was presented to Brent and his wife Meredith by Leonardtown Commissioner Dan Burris, Val Deptula of The Good Earth Natural Foods Company, Karleen Jaffres of Café des Artistes, and Bob Schaller, Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic and Community Development.

## St. Mary's Ryken Ribbon Cutting

On June 15, 2009 St. Mary's Ryken High School officials held a ribbon cutting to mark the start of Phase One of the school's Master Plan. Phase One includes a 1,000 seat stadium with a 6 lane track and synthetic turf field. In 2009 the school property was annexed into the Town of Leonardtown allowing the Master Plan to move forward. President Mary Joy Hurlburt, who spearheaded the effort, states "This is a project not only for our students, but also for our local community. We have a tradition of providing an excellent, college preparatory education in Southern Maryland and it was time for us to address the future needs of our school. After many years of work by our administrators, faculty, parents, alumni, friends and Board of Directors, our campus is getting its first significant reshaping since the Xaverian Brothers established the school in 1956. Our students are looking forward to the new stadium, which will place us on par with our counterparts in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) and will give our track and field team the chance to have home meets for the first time in a long while."



Breaking ground during the recent ceremony at St. Mary's Ryken.

## Port of Leonardtown Winery

This exciting project is well underway and is slated to be ready for processing the cooperative growers grape crops in September of this year. The project is a joint venture of the Commissioners of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Commissioners and the Southern Maryland Winegrowers Cooperative. The project is an important effort for local farmers to be able to grow grapes and cooperatively produce local wines as a coop member. The winery will also be a major tourism draw for the area. Watch



for an announcement of the grand opening of Port of Leonardtown Winery this fall.

Additionally, the Commissioners of Leonardtown are developing a public park surrounding the winery which will link the new Leonardtown Wharf and the Port of Leonardtown with a 3-mile kayak trip down serene McIntosh Run. Canoe and Kayak rentals are currently available through McIntosh Outfitters by calling 240-577-3971.

## 2009 Excellence in Art Award

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Jay Penn Fleming, a 2009 graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland, was announced as the recipient of the 2009 Joseph Marion Gough, Jr. Excellence in Art Award for his photograph titled "Osprey."



PNC Market Executive, Scot Ebron, presents Jay Fleming the grand prize for his winning entry "Osprey"

This award is presented annually by PNC Bank in memory of Joseph Marion Gough, Jr., who was president of PNC's predecessor bank, First National Bank of St. Mary's and a fervent supporter of St. Mary's College of Maryland. Congratulations to Jay and all the very talented students who participated. The students' artworks will be on display at PNC Bank through August. Visit Jay's website at [www.jayflemingphotography.com](http://www.jayflemingphotography.com) to view more of his amazing photos.

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

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## Going Green

### "Planet Aid" Clothes Collection Development Program

Have you seen those yellow "Planet Aid" collection boxes that have been placed in various areas around St. Mary's County and questioned their purpose? This quote from the "Planet Aid" website explains it well: "We collect and recycle used clothing and shoes in 19 states in the USA. Items donated to "Planet Aid" are resold and proceeds are used to support education, community development and HIV/AIDS programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America. We partner with individuals, schools, organizations, companies and government agencies to inform about and contribute to community based development."

Collection areas in St. Mary's County include the K-Mart parking lot in California, the Oceanic Gas Station in Charlotte Hall, the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Recycling Center, and the St. Mary's County's six convenience centers. Any kind of clean, dry clothing is acceptable. Shoes should be tied or securely fastened together. Stuffed animals, cloth dolls, sheets, towels, tablecloths, napkins, hats, gloves, belts and purses are also acceptable.

The next time you're cleaning out your closet or attic and need to dispose of shoes and clothes, consider donating them to "Planet Aid" to help others rather than putting them in the trash. By recycling your used clothing and keeping it out of the landfills, you are also helping your town and county to save the Earth. Check out their website at [www.planetaid.org](http://www.planetaid.org) for more details or to find out how your business could host a collection center.



Leonardtown Beacon

### News from the Leonardtown Business Association

The Leonardtown Business Association welcomes the following new members: Arizona Pizza, Cathy Johnson of Personal Touch Vacations, and St. Mary's Ryken High School.

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, receiving updates on Leonardtown projects, Town Council news and Town Planning and Zoning issues, reports from County Representatives and businesses, and participating in *First Friday* events. Monthly meetings are hosted by various LBA members every second Friday at 8:30 a.m. Contact Dan Norris, at [dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com](mailto:dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com) for membership information.



### Farmer's Market Comes to Leonardtown Square

Homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, and fresh locally grown vegetables, fruits, flowers and plants will be available for sale on the Town Square each Friday thru the summer season and during special events. Visit the Town website for additional information.

### Highlights of the Town FY 2010 Approved Budget

On or about September 30<sup>th</sup>, utility customers will receive the first quarterly bill for fiscal year 2010. On June 16, 2009, the Town Council approved revised rates for water, sewer and trash services.

Residential sewer rates will increase from \$92.10 to \$93.70 per quarter, and water rates will increase from \$43.04 to \$43.90 per quarter. Trash service charges will remain the same.

Water charges for commercial customers are based on actual metered usage. The water rates for commercial customers were also increased by 2%. The sewer rate for commercial customers is \$93.70 per equivalent dwelling unit.

A complete copy of the Approved FY 2010 Budget can be found on the Leonardtown website at [www.leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com). Click on the Town Government link.

### 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 date will be Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Residential recycling** is collected every Wednesday. 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! 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*.

Normal trash and recycling pickups will be made during the week of the Labor Day holiday. Town residents wishing to receive further information on Leonardtown trash service, or to obtain a trash or recycling tote, should contact the Town Office.

### Commercial Customer Recycling

The Town of Leonardtown and Goode Trash Removal now offer comingled recycling service to commercial customers in Leonardtown. every Wednesday. If you are interested in this service, call Jackie Post at 301-475-9791 for cost details and to get your tote.



## “First Friday” Celebrations in Leonardtown

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dinners and beverages unique to “First Fridays”. Each “First Friday” is different and can include a variety of activities throughout the Town such as poetry readings, book signings, cooking classes, weaving demonstrations, and more. The company of others is energizing and the musical entertainment is free!

As you rediscover the many treasures of old Leonardtown with its rich history and traditions of the past, you will see the new Leonardtown - its growth and hospitality, as businesses join together to bring you superior service, quality goods, and wholesome entertainment. As one committee member declares “it’s a party in the shops”. Take advantage of the specials, activities and entertainment. You will also enjoy meeting a new friend or two! Bring your family! Your friends! Your co-workers! Remember, there’s always something happening in Leonardtown!

Sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association, “First Fridays” are celebrated in downtown Historic Leonardtown, uptown Leonardtown at Breton Market Place and the Maryland Antiques Center complex. Look for the “First Friday” banner and posted flyer at participating businesses.

### You won’t want to miss Leonardtown’s “First Friday” event on August 7<sup>th</sup>!

What makes this evening so special is that “First Friday” activities will highlight Maryland’s 375<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Many businesses will offer extraordinary discounts, specials, and give-aways. The North End Gallery will host a live Gypsy Jazz band and music in the Town Square will be performed by “Fortune’s Turn” between 7:30 PM.-9:30 PM.

One lucky person will be the winner of a Hobie Kayak valued at \$1,900 donated by BluHaven Piers and sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association and the St. Mary’s County Tourism Department. You can get one free ticket for the kayak at each participating “First Friday” business that you visit on August 7<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 PM. - 8:00 PM. The winning name for the kayak will be drawn at random at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Square. Purchase is not necessary, but you must be present to win!



LBA President Dan Norris and St. Mary’s County Tourism Manager Carolyn Laray showcase the Hobie Kayak donated by Dan Sweeney and BluHaven Piers, of Ridge, MD. One name will be drawn to win the kayak on August 7<sup>th</sup> in the Leonardtown Square at approximately 8:30 PM.

This “First Friday” event will kick-off Leonardtown’s “Beach Party on the Square” event held the following day, Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Participating “First Friday” Businesses

### Downtown Leonardtown and the Town Square

- Brewing Grounds** – Coffee, tea, smoothies, pastries, sandwiches, salads
- Café des Artistes** – Fine French cuisine
- Chillin’ Time Smoothie Bar & Ice Cream Shop** – Smoothies, ice cream, sandwiches
- Church of the Nazarene** – New Song Coffee House
- Colleen’s Dream** – New and gently used vintage clothing and jewelry
- Corbels Restaurant** – Fine American cuisine inside or on the porch
- Crazy for Ewe** – Yarn, knitting classes
- David’s Flowers** – Flowers and gifts
- Fenwick Street Used Books & Music** – A wide variety of good reading!
- The Good Earth Natural Foods Company** – Fresh produce, herbs, vitamins, green works
- Heron’s Way Gallery** – Closing July 25<sup>th</sup>. The LBA appreciates the gallery’s past participation!
- Naval Tees** – Custom T-shirts
- North End Gallery** – Local art and receptions; meet and greet the artists
- Ye Olde Towne Café** – Home-style cooking
- On A Roll** – Nathan’s hot dogs and half-smokes
- Quality Street Kitchens** – Cooking classes, cookware, kitchen utensils
- The Wine Bar & Café** – Wine, sandwiches, salads, tea-n-scones

### Breton Market Place

25470 Point Lookout Road

- Creative Touch** – Salon, spa and fitness
- Do-Dah Deli** – Sandwiches, soup, salads
- The White Rabbit Children’s Bookstore** – Books, fairies, hand puppets, gifts

### Maryland Antiques Center Complex

26005 Point Lookout Road

- The Shops of Maryland Antiques Center** – Creekside Gallery, Leonardtown Galleria, The Tea Room, furniture, jewelry, glassware, dinnerware, collector items
- Southern Maryland Artisans Center** – Treadles Studio - Weaving & fiber arts
- Fuzzy Farmers Market** - Fiber arts
- Handcrafted items from local artisans** including jewelry, glass art, woodwork, pottery, needlework, floral décor
- Shelby’s Custom Creative Framing** – Turning Leaf Gallery, art, and custom framing

### Other “First Friday” participants include:

- Arizona Pizza Company** located in the Shops at Breton Bay – Pasta, salads, wood fired pizza, burgers
- College of Southern Maryland** located at the main intersection of Routes 5 and 245 – Guest speakers and lecturers

Sample a little Leonardtown culture!  
[www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com)  
Check each month for a current list of “First Friday” participants, customer specials, art receptions and entertainment specifics!



# Town Tidbits

## Summer Fun at the Leonardtown Library!



Kids and parents alike will want to visit the Leonardtown Library this summer. Highlights include a "Celebrate 375 Adventure Passport" program to use and explore our county and qualify to win prizes, a "Where's Flat Sneaks" seek and find contest that concludes on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and a "Southern Maryland Library Night with the Blue Crabs" on August 21<sup>st</sup>. There are also summer reading clubs, book discussions, plant clinics, computer clinics, special events and more! For details and a complete list of the library's monthly calendar, go to [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) or pick up a brochure when you visit the Library!

## Cell Phones for Soldiers

Have you ever wondered what to do with your old cell phone? *Cell Phones for Soldiers* turns old cell phones into minutes of prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas.



Just think, every phone you donate will help increase the amount of talk time we're able to provide to our troops! It's simple and free! Just drop your old cell phones by PAK MAIL located at 21800 N. Shangri La Dr., Unit #3 in Lexington Park, or place them in the drop-off box at McKay's Food Store in Leonardtown. For more details and information on the *Cell Phone for Soldiers* program visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com) or call Keith Danielson at PAK MAIL at 301-863-9812.

## "Weddings on the Wharf"



of Breton Bay at Leonardtown Wharf Park.

While in Leonardtown, guests can spend the weekend strolling the Town streets, meandering through antique and specialty shops, savoring tasty meals at quaint restaurants, selecting designer floral arrangements, admiring the handicrafts of local artisans or taking in a salon or massage. Be sure to take time and relax on a park bench in Town Square or on the waterfront at Leonardtown Wharf Park. Favorite historical sites in Town include the Tudor Hall Mansion, the Old Jail Museum, the Courthouse, and the two War Memorials in the Town Square. What endless photo opportunities!

Imagine your dream wedding happening right here in Leonardtown, befitting the title of Aleck Loker's book "*A Most Convenient Place*". Contact the Town Office for brochures, maps, visitor information, and other details!



*On beautiful Breton Bay, Leonardtown Wharf bestows its charming scenery for a picturesque wedding!*

## Clowning Around in Leonardtown

On a gorgeous spring day in historic Leonardtown, Professor Kno-Y of the Cole Brothers Circus was spotted clowning around the downtown area. Keep an eye out for circus' return to the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in the spring of 2010.



## Shoes Need Repair?

Whether you have a worn out sole or broken heel, sometimes that favorite pair of shoes is just too comfortable to replace. You'll be happy to know that Town Cleaners now offers shoe repair in addition to their dry cleaning and alteration services. Stop by the Towne Cleaners located on 41650 Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown, or call 301-475-2522 for the specifics.

## Southern Maryland Artisans Center (Formerly Old Towne Crafters)

The Southern Maryland Artisans Center is a cooperative where the members offer a wide selection of delightful hand crafted items. Find unique gifts and original art works, glassworks, stained glass, fiber arts, needlework and hand sewn articles, Christmas wreaths, ornaments, doll furniture, jams, baked goods and more! The shop is totally renovated, and offers a variety of craft classes and workshops taught by members of the Crafts Guild of St. Mary's County, Inc. The Guild was formed and incorporated in 1976, and is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of hand crafted works of art. The Guild also sponsors the annual "Fall Follies" crafts extravaganza in downtown Leonardtown, which is held on September 12<sup>th</sup> this year.



For hours, class offerings, information about "Fall Follies" or the Guild, stop by the So. Md. Artisans Center located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, e-mail [somdartists@verizon.net](mailto:somdartists@verizon.net) or call 301-997-1644.

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