

# Leonardtowntown BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**NOVEMBER 11**

Veterans Day Parade  
Leonardtowntown Square

**NOVEMBER 12 & 13**

Antique Show  
Leonard Hall Recreation Center

**NOVEMBER 25**

Christmas on the Square  
Leonardtowntown Square

**NOVEMBER 25**

LVRSA Christmas Festival  
Winegardner Showroom

**DECEMBER 17**

Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square  
Leonardtowntown Square

**APRIL 22, 2012**

Earth Day Celebration  
Leonardtowntown Square

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## LEONARDTOWN Arts CENTER

What dawned as a dream between a group of Leonardtown business people and several arts enthusiasts, paved the gateway for the Leonardtown Arts Center, founded in April of 2011. A longtime vision for Leonardtown, the Center is a place where artists can have a working studio and teach classes, similar to the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Virginia, but on a smaller scale. The Leonardtown Arts Center consists of 12 studios where artists can now work and teach classes. This vibrant Center of open galleries and art studios is designed so that visitors can observe the artists as they create their craft. A trip to the Center can also be a hands-on experience for visitors, as the artists often ask if they would like to "add their own touch". Children are genuinely enthusiastic when they get a chance to hold a paint brush and add their own flair on an oil painting or mold a small piece of clay. Original artwork can also be purchased at the Center. The Town believes that the Leonardtown Arts Center enhances the quality of life and economic development in Leonardtown.

What can you experience at the Leonardtown Arts Center? You can watch artists at work in their studio, take classes, purchase art, and most of all, have fun! Currently at the Center you can see Barbara Hance teaching and designing handcrafted jewelry, Angela Wathen and her featured photography, metalsmithing by Cynthia Rosenblatt, drawings and paintings by Pamela Callen, painting, photography and acting classes by Missy Bell, creative jewelry art by Laura Howard, paintings by Rose and Mel Longfield, clay and ceramic creations by Bill Penn, fabric arts by Kyong I Penn, and paintings and portraits by Amy Davis. The Center hopes to fill the remaining two studios soon! The Leonardtown Arts Center is open Tuesday – Sunday, and is located on the second floor of the Court Square Building at

22660 Washington Street in Leonardtown. Visit <http://leonardtowntarts-center.blogspot.com/> to meet the artists on line.

Friends of the Leonardtown Arts Center make annual donations to St. Mary's County Arts Council's Leonardtown Arts Center Fund. In gratitude, Friends of the Leonardtown Arts Center receive invitations to special events at the Leonardtown Arts Center. The Art Center will be holding their Gala Grand Opening Fund-Raiser on Sunday, November 20th at noon at Leonardtown's Café des Artistes, by invitation only. To receive details and an invitation, please contact Joe Orlando, President of the Board of Directors at [joe@fenwickbooks.com](mailto:joe@fenwickbooks.com) before November 14th.

The Leonardtown Arts Center also participates in Leonardtown's celebrations of monthly "First Fridays" and "Second Sundays" with a reception, musical entertainment, and other specials. This is also a great time to meet the artists!

Leonardtowntown's popular celebrations of "First Fridays" have become magnet occasions! A celebration of the arts, fine dining, shopping, entertainment, customer specials, live music, gallery receptions, wine-tastings, cooking classes and more are offered on the first Friday of each month between 5 PM-8 PM. Check [www.leonardtowntownfirstfridays.com](http://www.leonardtowntownfirstfridays.com) regularly for "First Fridays" events and participating businesses in Downtown Leonardtown, Uptown Leonardtown, Breton Marketplace, the Maryland Antiques Center Complex, the Port of Leonardtown Winery and the Leonardtown Arts Center.

With the popularity of "First Fridays" several Leonardtown businesses recently forged "Second Sundays" in Leonardtown to discover the arts. Come visit not only the Leonardtown Arts Center artists, but North End Gallery, Fuzzy Farmers Market, Crazy For Ewe, Montparnasse Gallery and Gifts, and the Maryland Antiques shops and galleries, which will be open from Noon to 4 PM. More Leonardtown shops are being added. Please check <http://secondsundaysleonardtowntown.blogspot.com> for monthly "Second Sundays" specials and updates of businesses onboard.

"First Fridays" and "Second Sundays" are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association.



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by Frank  
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# Come



## Mayor's Message

I have written many times of the benefits of living in a small town community and of the tremendous asset we have with our many volunteer organizations. I was once again strongly reminded of these benefits as I drove around during and after Hurricane Irene in late August. While we were all threatened in one way or another by the severe weather, some of our neighbors paid a larger price than others. I was touched by the outpouring of help as each of these scenes of trees falling and water rising unfolded. Our fellow neighbors as well as the volunteer fire and rescue personnel were always there to help, leaving the comfort of their homes and families to brave the weather and reach out a helping hand to others in need. I would personally like to thank each and every one of the individuals who stepped up to lend a hand through this storm and its aftermath.

I would also like to thank those town staff members who worked through the night to look out for the town's interests. It is often forgotten that the continuing safe operation of utilities are a primary concern during a crisis.

The Town Council and I take seriously the safety and well being of the Leonardtown residents and are proud of the rallying of this community to help their neighbors.

J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor



## December "First Fridays" Holiday Promotion "The Twelve+ Deals of Christmas"

"The Twelve+ Deals of Christmas" will be celebrated during the "First Fridays" event on December 2nd, when participating Leonardtown businesses will each hold a \$25 gift certificate drawing in their own shop. Customers can pick up their free ticket to win at participating Leonardtown business between November 4th and December 2nd. Check [www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com) regularly for an updated listing of the Twelve+ businesses participating in this holiday promotion. You do not need to be present to win! Come shop, dine and enjoy this holiday season right here in your Town, Leonardtown!

## Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony

Salute America's Veterans! Don't miss the annual St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 10 AM on Fenwick Street, proceeds to the Town Square on Washington Street and ends at Courthouse Drive. Get your free hand-held American flag and wave it proudly as the many Veterans, school bands, bagpipers, youth and civic organizations, cheerleaders, dance troupes, motorcycles, antique cars, horses, and more pass by!

Following the parade, all are welcome to remain in the Town Square for the Memorial Ceremony honoring our Veterans with patriotic music, guest speakers, a fly-over and laying of wreaths on the war monuments.

Spectators are encouraged to park at the SMC Fairgrounds and take the free round-trip bus service to the downtown. The annual Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Ceremony in Leonardtown are sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commissioners, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and VFW Post 2632. Call 301-475-9791 for more information.

## Antique Show & Sale

Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy will hold its annual Antique Show & Sale on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM-5 PM and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-3 PM in the Leonard Hall Recreation Center located at 23115 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. Admission \$5. Visit [www.lhjna.org](http://www.lhjna.org) or call LHJNA at 301-475-8029 for details.

## Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Leonardtown rings in the holiday season with Santa's arrival and annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in the Town Square. Holiday festivities begin at 5 PM with seasonal music, entertainment, horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, train rides, hayrides, live nativity, petting zoo, face painting, children's crafts, food, hot drinks, fresh kettle corn, and more! Many of the downtown restaurants and shops will be open for holiday shopping.

A free round-trip shuttle bus service will be provided into the Leonardtown Square from the College of Southern Maryland-Leonardtown Campus. The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Leonardtown Business Association, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown sponsor this popular holiday event. **(Raindate: Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM – Tree Lighting only.)**

## LVRSA Christmas Festival

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary will sponsor their annual Christmas Festival on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Winegardner Auto showroom on the Square in Leonardtown. Activities include decorated trees and wreaths, silent auction, train display, and wagon of toys raffle. There will also be face painting and simple crafts for children. Donations accepted. For more information, contact Ricky Chesser at [rchesser@milcorp.com](mailto:rchesser@milcorp.com) or 240-298-5310.

## North End Gallery Culminates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The grand finale of the North End Gallery's 2011 silver jubilee of original art and fine artworks is your invitation to the "25<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Show" taking place November 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Gallery. Meet the artists during the Gala Holiday Reception on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 PM-8 PM. For more information, visit [www.northendgallery.org](http://www.northendgallery.org) or call 301-475-3130. The North End Gallery is located at 41652 Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown.

## Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square

Kids of all ages! What would you like for Christmas? Make your Christmas wish list and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Town Square on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-1PM. Bring a camera! *(In the event of inclement weather, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be in the Winegardner Auto showroom.)*



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## Maryland Antiques Center Hosts a Holiday Open House

A "Holiday Open House" will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the MD Antiques Center. Stop by for a visit with Santa, seasonal music, refreshments, and shopping. Lynn's Café will also be open for lunch. For details visit <http://marylandantiquescenter.com/> or call 301-475-1960. Find more holiday specials at the neighboring Craft Guild Shop and Shelby's Custom Framing & Art. The MD Antiques Center complex is located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown.

## Christmas

*Christmas, Swiss-miss.*

*Cold snow, Santa.*

*Presents, Deer on board,*

*pull the sleigh in that cold snow.*

Written by 8-year old Will Loveless.

Parents are invited to submit their youngster's short poem to the Town. One poem will be selected for publication in future Beacon issues.

## Leonardtown Library

Don't miss the special archaeological exhibit on display at the Leonardtown Library through December 2011. This educational exhibit features artifacts found throughout St. Mary's County that are stored at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. The exhibit was developed by the Maryland Historical Trust and Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, and is funded in part by a Preserve America Grant from the National Park Service.



Hurry in! Marylee Russell, Branch Manager for the Leonardtown Library, eagerly awaits your visit for a glimpse of these St. Mary's County artifacts.

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

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Day after Thanksgiving
December 26	Christmas Holiday
January 2	New Year's Holiday
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 20	President's Day

## Family Skate Night at Leonard Hall

Looking for a fun fitness activity? Family Skate Night is open every Saturday evening, year round, from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Leonard Hall Recreation Center. Admission is \$3 per person. Skate rental is available for \$2.50 or bring your own roller skates. Call Recreation and Parks at 301-475-4200 ext. 1800 for more information.



## Travel Writers Experience Leonardtown's Bounty

The Mid Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance (MATPRA) held a conference in Southern Maryland the second week of September. The organization is a group of tourism and marketing professionals working together to promote the mid-Atlantic region by sharing common threads that help journalists and travelers discover this unique area of the country. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of St. Mary's County tourism director, Carolyn Laray and her staff, much attention was focused on what St. Mary's has to offer visitors. Leonardtown received its share of attention as well, as the writers enjoyed day tours that focused on our history, the waterfront, our great restaurants and shops and the Port of Leonardtown Winery.



Jill Gleeson, writer for the *Washingtonian*, *Harrisburg*, *State College*, and *Susquehanna Life* magazines, enjoys the beautiful fall day kayaking on the waters of Breton Bay. You can meet Jill by visiting [www.gopinkboots.com](http://www.gopinkboots.com).

We are already reaping the benefits of the tours as Leonardtown was featured in Alexandria's *Old Town Crier*. Go to <http://www.oldtowncrier.com/archive/640-day-trip-to-leonardtown-maryland> to read this article.

We would like to extend our thanks to the participants, SMC Tourism Department and the many partners who greeted the writers and left them with a great impression of Leonardtown.

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### Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office.

Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 2011 and Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, 2012

**Planning & Zoning Commission** - 3rd

Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office.

Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 2011 and Jan. 17\*, Feb. 21\*, Mar. 19,

Apr. 16, 2012

\*Tuesday meeting due to Monday holiday.

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## Special August "First Fridays"

Oh what an evening! The August 5<sup>th</sup> celebration of "First Fridays" was jam-packed with entertainment and specials—



Mayor Chip Norris and the Pax Rats look on, as Lisa Murphy hands her bicycle-winning ticket to LBA President Dan Norris.

Leonardtown shops, restaurants, and galleries were bustling with activity while the Yeh Jazz Trio and the Pax Rats received standing ovations for their performances on the lawns of the Town Square.

Congratulations to Lisa Murphy of Lexington Park, winner of the Fuji Crosstown Comfort Bike, and Linda Higgs of Leonardtown, winner of the Longaberger basket filled with gifts donated by Leonardtown businesses!

## Beach Party on the Square

A fun time was had by all during Leonardtown's 11<sup>th</sup> annual "Beach Party on the Square" event

on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>! Entertainment included music by the 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band, tug-of-war and fitness games in the sand with the College of Southern Maryland, line dancing, hula-hoop and limbo contests with our emcee Pam Veitch, fire truck hose downs by the LVFD, Super Magic Man Reggie Rice, a gymnastics performance by Xtreme Athletics, and Zumba® dancing with Robyn Butcher. Kids also enjoyed selecting their face paint designs, watching their twisted balloon animals materialize, hopping on board the U.S. Coastguard

boat, and climbing up and sliding down the amusements! The first running of the balls contest operated by the Leonardtown and Lexington Park Rotary Clubs was also a big hit! A huge "THANK YOU" to all our Beach Party participants, volunteers, vendors, and sponsors for your support!

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The River Concert Series Brass Ensemble.



Geezer at Downtown Tunes

## Summer Music on the Square

There's music in the air! The Town Square attracted steady crowds over the summer to enjoy fantastic music, great friends and the magnificent outdoors! Each fourth Saturday from May to August, the downtown was host to Downtown Tunes with sounds of rock, country, and blues. In July, the St. Mary's River Concert Series on Location featured Jeffrey Silberslag and the River Concert Brass Ensemble. Thanks to all the participating bands for sharing their musical talents!

## "Fall Follies"

Shoppers enjoyed a variety of handcrafted baskets, fall flower arrangements, jewelry, needlework, woodwork and more offered by local artisans at the annual

Fall Follies event on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Find special handcrafted items and art throughout the year by many of these participating artists when you visit the St. Mary's Crafts Guild Shop located at 26005 Point Lookout Road,



in the MD Antiques Center complex in Leonardtown. For a listing of craft classes check [www.craftguildshop.com](http://www.craftguildshop.com) or call 301-997-1644.



## 9-11 "11 Laps to Remember" Walk

"11 Laps to Remember" sponsored by St. Mary's County Public Schools and the Commissioners of Leonardtown was well attended on Sunday, September 11, 2011, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11. An estimated 2,000 men, women and children walked 11 laps around the historic Leonardtown Square to pay homage to the 2,977 Americans who lost their life at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania, and to honor the first responders who risked their own lives to save others.

Mayor Chip Norris launched the ceremony with County Commissioner President Jack Russell, Delegate Tony O'Donnell and Delegate John Wood, all of whom noted how proud they were of the people who live here. School Superintendent Dr. Michael Martirano led the first laps around the Square. Leonardtown, Great Mills and Chopticon High School marching bands were all on hand to cheer on the walkers.



\$1,300 in contributions collected by JROTC cadets both during the walk event and among their units were donated toward the Wounded Warriors Project at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Leonardtown Council meeting. Pictured from Great Mills High School Navy JROTC were Captain J.P. Kelly, USN (ret) and Cadet Commander Josh Craft, from Chopticon High School Air Force JROTC were Senior Master Sergeant Brian Miller, USAF (ret) and Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Dalton Whitworth, and from Leonardtown High School Army JROTC were Sergeant First Class Frank Funk, USA (ret) and Cadet James Ewalt, along with Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Schools and Lynn Morgan Smoot, Supervisor of Instruction for Fine Arts, and Mayor Chip Norris.



Photo by Ed Fitzgerald

Following the 11 laps, Patuxent River NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Stephen Schmeiser reflected on the memories of that day and laid a wreath on the war memorial. The program concluded with representatives from all the public schools joining together and singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

# Highlights



## Friends of the Poor Walk

Over 250 walkers gathered at the St. Aloysius Church parking lot on September 17<sup>th</sup> to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of the Poor Walk. Donations from the walk support the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Visit [www.walkforthepoor.com](http://www.walkforthepoor.com) for photos.

## Antique Tractor Parade



Memories of days gone by were vividly alive when a showing of 72 well-kept and restored tractors, with a few traveling as far as Baltimore and Annapolis, paraded through the streets of downtown Leonardtown on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. After the parade, spectators enjoyed a close up look at the dynamic machines on display around the Town Square. The annual Antique Tractor Parade is sponsored by the Southern Maryland Antique Power Association to benefit the St. Mary's County Christmas in April Foundation.

## Cart Cruz at Leonardtown

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Cart Cruz at Leonardtown sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department highlighted a parade of 44 golf carts. What a colorful site, as the decorated carts "cruzed" around Town, tagging behind the tractor parade on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. After the Cruz, many bystanders visited the Fire House, where an oyster scald and bull roast to benefit the LVFD topped off the afternoon.



## Leonardtown Chef Loic Jaffres, Café des Artistes, wins big at the National Oyster Cook-Off!

Congratulations to Chef Loic Jaffres, whose delectable spinach wrapped oysters took 1st place in the Hors d'oeuvre Category, won the Award for Best Presentation, the People's Choice Award and culminated a "Clean Sweep" when he was announced as the winner of the 2011 Oyster Cook-Off Contest Grand Prize! This was the first time in the 32-year history of the National



Chef Loic's spinach wrapped oysters casino. Photo by Karleen Jaffres.

Oyster Festival Cook-Off, held at the St. Mary's County



King Oyster Bill Moody and Chef Loic with his Grand Prize Award. Photo courtesy of St. Mary's County Oyster Festival.

44th Annual Oyster Festival in Leonardtown, that one person claimed all! The Town is excited that Chef Loic, Académie Culinaire de France & Commanderie des Cordons Bleus de France and his wife Karleen of the Café des Artistes, bring culinary excellence with a taste of France to Leonardtown's Historic Town Square!



Come Visit Us Today!!!

## Port of Leonardtown Winery – Best in Class

Port of Leonardtown Winery continues to amass awards in 2011 for their delicious locally crafted wines, adding two Gold Medals and two Best in Class awards for their 2010 Chambourcin Rose and McIntosh Run apple wine at the 2011 Maryland Governors Cup Wine competition. Other Port of Leonardtown wines winning awards at the event include the 2010 Breton Bay Breeze with silver, and the 2010 Chardonnay, the 2010 Cayuga White and Breton Bay Shoals with bronze awards.

"Our wines are truly a cooperative effort between our members, growers and winemaking team. We strive to grow the best quality fruit our local region can produce and craft the wines to best reflect our local region's character and charm," explains winemaker Patrick Isle.

Port of Leonardtown Winery opened in May 2010 as a partnership between the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative, St. Mary's County government and the Commissioners of Leonardtown. The tasting room is open for tastings and wine purchases Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 6:00 p.m. with extended hours on First Fridays. Visit them at [www.portofleonardtownwinery.com](http://www.portofleonardtownwinery.com) or by calling 301-690-2192. Port of Leonardtown has now joined six other local, southern Maryland wineries on the Patuxent Wine Trail. Visit <http://www.marylandwine.com/wine-trails-interior/Patuxent-Wine-Trail> today to find out more.

## A Taste of St. Mary's

With a chill in the air and a few raindrops, an estimated 2,200 folks came out to downtown Leonardtown Square for a Taste of St. Mary's on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. This family festival sponsored by the SMC Chamber of Commerce, markets awareness of local food establishments and offers the community a time to sample tasty specialties while socializing with friends. Live music by Unfinished Business, Fortune's Turn and GeeZer was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- Appetizer – Quality Street Kitchen & Catering
- Entrée – Clarke's Landing
- Specialty Item – Stony's
- Dessert – Island Bar & Crab House
- People's Choice – Clarke's Landing



## Commissioners of Leonardtown Move Forward with Treatment Plant Expansion and Upgrade

The Town Council voted at their August 2011 meeting to move forward with the long awaited Enhanced Nutrient Removal upgrade and a partial expansion of the Leonardtown wastewater treatment facility. The expansion portion of the project is important for the town to continue to provide sewer capacity for planned growth, including public facilities, and is funded strictly by new users, not existing residents.

The ENR upgrade portion allows for sewage treatment at a highly advanced level of nutrient removal crucial in helping to reduce nutrient pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay. As part of the Bay Restoration fund created in 2004, a \$2.50 monthly fee is collected by the State of Maryland from each home served by a wastewater treatment plant. These fees were instituted to expedite the implementation of the ENR program to the 66 major treatment facilities discharging into the Bay. Leonardtown qualifies as one of the plants eligible for this funding. The project is in the design process with a projected completion date of June 2014.

## Trash and Recycling Reminders

**Residential trash** is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash should be set out the night before or by 6 AM the morning of pick-up. Trash is accepted in 30-gallon cans with lids, cans on wheels, or totes issued by Goode Trash Removal.

**Bulk trash** is scheduled for quarterly pickup. The next two pickup dates are Friday, December 2, 2011 and Friday, March 2, 2012. Bulk trash is collected with your regular trash and should be placed at the curb together.

**Residential recycling** collection is made on Wednesdays. Your recycling tote should be set out the night before, or by 6 AM the morning of pick-up. With streamlined recycling, it's easy to recycle your newspapers, paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and other approved items. *Recycling space-saver: break down cardboard boxes before placing in your recycling tote.*

Look for the Recycling Emblem on all your disposables

Town residents should contact the Town Office for additional information on Leonardtown's trash and recycling services or to request totes.

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## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

As part of its trash collection service, Goode Trash Service will pick up bagged leaves set out by Town residents on regularly scheduled trash 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 and Recycling Pick-Ups

Goode Trash Service will collect trash and recyclables as follows during the upcoming holidays:

### Week of Thanksgiving:

- Trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday.
- Recyclables will be collected on Wednesday.

### Weeks of Christmas and New Year's:

- Trash will be picked up on Tuesday and Saturday.
- Recyclables will be collected on Wednesday.

## Snow Removal

While citizen safety is our utmost concern, efforts to trim snow removal costs will remain in place for this year. Snow accumulation less than two inches (2") will not be plowed and only main routes will be kept plowed through the nighttime hours. The Town will continue to make every effort to ensure the quality service that our residents are accustomed to.

## St. Mary's County Historical Society Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer as a docent in the Old Jail Museum, help out in the Research Center and Library, or explore Genealogical Research at Tudor Hall? Authors, Historians and Photographers are also welcome to contribute their wealth of St. Mary's County's history. Visit [www.stmaryshistory.org/](http://www.stmaryshistory.org/) to browse the St. Mary's County Historical Society or contact Susan Wolfe at [director@stmaryschs.org](mailto:director@stmaryschs.org) or 301-475-2467.

## GOING GREEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Trying to be more Earth friendly this season? Here are a few tips that will help make the planet a better place for us all:

- **Bring Your Own Bag!** Take your own reusable bag with you when you do your holiday shopping. If you forget and have to take a store bag for your purchase, save it and use it as a trash bag or recycle it. All grocery stores, including Walmart and Target have recycling stations for plastic bags.
- **Buy rechargeable batteries!** You'll save money and the environment. Dispose of dead batteries properly; Look for department stores that have small battery disposal programs, such as Walmart, Target, and Best Buy.
- **Recycle your live Christmas tree!** St. Andrews Landfill and all six County operated convenience centers accept trees. Typical collection dates are between Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and the end of January. Some neighborhoods also have curbside pickup. The trees are collected and chipped into mulch that is available to County residents for free. Remove all tinsel, garland and ornaments. As an alternative to using a live tree, consider purchasing a good quality artificial tree that can be used for many years. (*Leonardtown residents: Watch for details of Christmas tree pickup on the Leonardtown website.*)
- **Save and reuse wrapping paper!** Better yet, put gifts in reusable bags made from recycled materials. These can be used again from year to year until they need to be recycled. Recycle or save boxes and bows for reuse, too.
- **Turn off your Christmas lights early!** This will help to save energy and dollars.
- **Give gifts that help reduce waste and promote lifestyle changes!** A few ideas are cloth napkins, cloth shopping bags, a compost bin or rain barrel, reusable lunch box, stationery made from recycled paper, plants, trees and seeds.
- **Save foam packaging peanuts!** You can reuse them when you ship your packages. If you don't ship packages, you can take them to a shipping or mailing store and they will reuse them.
- **Don't throw out your leftovers!** Send your guests home from holiday dinners and parties with a plate or share them with your neighbors.
- **Compost kitchen food waste!** Use a backyard compost bin for your fruits and vegetables.
- **Donate old or unwanted Christmas gifts to charity!** Look for organizations that accept donations of articles in good condition, such as toys, clothing, blankets, housewares, etc. This could include the Salvation Army, the Center for Life Enrichment (Vintage Values), Care Net Pregnancy Center, churches, nursing centers, homeless shelters, and the like.

Make this year the best holiday season ever for yourself, your family and the environment!

## Do You Need to Replace Trees Downed by Hurricane Irene?

Trees purify the air, control soil erosion, and enhance our surroundings. They can also help lower your electric bill in the summer months by shading your home. Don't forget that the State of Maryland has a \$25 coupon good for the purchase of new trees that cost \$50 or more. Go to the website [www.trees.maryland.gov](http://www.trees.maryland.gov) to print out your coupon. There is no limit on how many coupons may be used per household.

## Plan for your Family's Safety During

Disaster can strike whether you are home, at work, in the shopping mall, or on the road – sometimes without warning. Would you know what to do?

In light of the recent earthquake, strong storms, tornado warnings, and Hurricane Irene, many are wondering what they can do prepare for future adversities.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown and the St. Mary's County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division would like to reinforce the importance of planning for natural and weather disasters, and hope that this article will be beneficial to you and your loved ones. We all look to our homes as our shelter, our security and our protector. When our homes are threatened, our wellbeing is challenged and oftentimes, these dwellings can be lost or rendered dangerous during an emergency situation.

Residents, do you have a plan for the unexpected? The St. Mary's County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division has many tools in place to assist you in preparing for emergencies and disasters. You are encouraged to visit [www.co.saint-marys.md.us/publicsafety/beprepared.asp](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/publicsafety/beprepared.asp) to help you prepare for emergencies. "Be Prepared" topics include: build a kit, make a plan, be informed, c.a.r.e. guide, household/family, home safety, children, special needs, post home address, pets, power outages, food, water, phone, go bag, first aid, volunteering and 911. The website will also provide you with information on "What to do if..." These emergencies include: biological threats, chemical threats, nuclear-ccnpp, explosions, thunderstorms, earthquakes,



hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, winter storms, extreme cold, extreme heat, pipeline safety, fires and wild fires, influenza pandemic, sirens, evacuation, and shelters.

Have you signed up for CodeRED notification?

While visiting the emergency preparedness website, take a moment and click on the "CodeRED" icon. The St. Mary's County Government's CodeRED Emergency Notification System is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. If you are not already on this notification list, sign up today – it's free!

Is your assigned emergency 911 address number posted correctly? This number helps emergency responders to find you – remember, seconds count! For more effective identification, these numbers should be displayed in a location visible from the road which the number is assigned. Now is an ideal time to check that your 911 address posting is displayed properly on your mailbox, your house or office, sign posts, shared driveways, etc. and make any necessary changes. Guidelines for posting emergency 911 address numbers can be found by visiting <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/docs/posting911addresses.pdf> or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1500.

Talk with family members and make your plan. Consider enrolling in a basic first aid course, CPR course, and a community emergency response team class. You may even want to volunteer to help others by joining your local Fire Department or Rescue Squad!

## Town Council member Leslie Roberts serving as President of the Southern Maryland Municipal Association (SMMA)

Council Member Leslie Roberts is once again serving as President of the Southern Maryland Municipal Association (SMMA), along with Council Member Roger Mattingly serving as Vice President and Ms. Teri Dimsey as Secretary. SMMA is a chapter of the Maryland Municipal League, an organization that works to strengthen and support municipal government through advocacy and the development of effective leadership. The SMMA Chapter consists of the Southern Maryland towns: Annapolis, Chesapeake Beach, Highland Beach, Indian Head, La Plata, Leonardtown, North Beach and Port Tobacco. Leadership responsibility is passed from town to town each year. Their purpose is to facilitate communication and cooperation within the League and between municipalities and other levels of State and local government.



## Let's Move Cities and Towns

First Lady Michelle Obama launched *Let's Move!* in February of 2010. *Let's Move!* is dedicated to solving the problem of childhood obesity within a generation, so that kids born today reach adulthood at a healthy weight. The Town of Leonardtown signed on to participate with the goal of setting up a program aimed at providing practical ways of incorporating local foods into the diet of our young people and motivating them to increase their exercise. A committee has begun looking at potential ways to do this and hopes to begin a program at the beginning of next year.

## Leonardtown Business Association News

The Leonardtown Business Association welcomes new members: Young Life of St. Mary's, St. Mary's Macaroni Kid, St. Mary's County Arts Council, MetroCast Channel 10, The Farmer's Daughter Cupcakes, Vertical Views Photography, Heavenly Presents, S-Kape Salon, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Mary's Rod & Classic Inc., Lynn's Café, Leonardtown Papa John's, Montparnasse Gallery & Gifts, and Cutting Edge Salon.

As an LBA member, you can showcase your business, connect with others, and participate in discounted advertising opportunities and *First Fridays* events. Informational updates include Town Council news and Leonardtown projects, reports by County representatives and businesses, and opportunities presented by meeting guests. Contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at [dnorris@drnenvironmental.com](mailto:dnorris@drnenvironmental.com) if you are interested in joining the LBA.

REMINDER: Current LBA members: It's time to renew your LBA membership, due on January 1, 2012.



# Town Tidbits

## Lynn's Café Open at the Maryland Antiques Center

Visit Lynn's Café for an enjoyable and relaxing dining experience. Located within the Maryland Antiques Center at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, Lynn's Café boasts three elegantly attired rooms suggesting the ambiance of a bygone era, complemented by cuisine tailored for today. The café is open daily for lunch, 11 AM-4 PM, offering homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts, and on Sundays for breakfast from 7 AM-11 AM. Gather your friends and host your next high tea at Lynn's Café. Call 301-475-1980 for reservations.



## The Willows Restaurant Reopens under new Management

The Willows Restaurant recently reopened and is now family owned and operated by mom and daughter team Donna Childers and Amanda Abell. The ladies are excited about their menu, especially their Prime Rib, Duck, and Zesty crab dip. They also offer daily specials, steaks, seafood, burgers, salads, pasta dishes and sandwiches, as well as a Sunday brunch. The Willows is located just south of Leonardtown at 24509 Point Lookout Road. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 10 AM-10 PM, Saturday and Sunday 7 AM-10 PM. For reservations call 301-690-2019.



## Community Christmas Dinner

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Church is sponsoring its 8th Community Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 AM-6:00 PM at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown. The dinner is free and for anyone desiring a good meal and/or wanting to share the spirit of Christmas with others. All are invited. Meal deliveries are available for the homebound within our community. Requests for meal deliveries must be made before Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Call 301-481-2942 for more information or to volunteer.



## Kevin's Corner Kafe Sponsoring Food and Toy Drive

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> through Christmas Eve, donations of canned food items, grocery store gift cards, and new unwrapped toys to benefit needy families in St. Mary's County can be brought to Kevin's Corner Kafe at 41565 Park Avenue. If you bring your donation during Leonardtown's Christmas on the Square event on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, you will see the restaurant decorated as a gingerbread house and hear holiday music performed by members of the Leonardtown Middle School chorus and band.



## Montparnasse Gallery and Gifts Opens in Leonardtown

Montparnasse Gallery and Gifts is a venue that showcases contemporary works of art by regional, national, and international artists. The mission of Montparnasse is to display and promote artists, poets and musicians, meanwhile providing a comfortable environment where artists and visitors are free to dialogue. Committed to building community bonds by celebrating cultural diversity and encouraging creative expression, Montparnasse promises to provide affordable items, demonstrations and events. Montparnasse Gallery and Gifts is open Thursday - Sunday, 1PM-6 PM, and is located at 22760 Washington Street in downtown Leonardtown. For information, e-mail [joilowe@yahoo.com](mailto:joilowe@yahoo.com) or call 301-247-1119.



## A Gift of Leonardtown

A keepsake of history is always a welcome addition for your collection or to bestow as a special gift. Leonardtown keepsakes include the book "A Most Convenient Place" recapturing Leonardtown's History 1650-1950, a print of the Leonardtown Mural, Leonardtown's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook and Leonardtown's signature Tote Bag. If you or someone you know would enjoy these keepsakes, contact the Town Office for details.

## St. Mary's Nursing Center Needs Donations for Activity Programming

The St. Mary's Nursing Center is a non-profit organization which accepts donations for activity programming for its residents. This includes the annual resident Christmas Shopping Day in December. This event offers the residents an opportunity to give back to their family and friends. These men and women are given "dollars" by the center and are so excited when they "purchase" their items to give. And oh, what smiles, when staff and volunteers help wrap and label their gifts. Donations needed for this activity are: tissues, soap, body wash, lotion, toothbrush & toothpaste, costume jewelry, flower arrangements, wall hangings, frames, stationery sets, large print word finds & books, slippers, hair ties & bows, sweaters, afghan blankets, knick-knacks, and AA batteries. Donations are also accepted throughout the year for Bingo prizes.

There are many less fortunate residents in the center that have minimum or no family support. When you donate items to the Activity Department, you are truly appreciated by the residents and the center. For questions, please contact Kim Simpkins, Activity Director, at 301-475-8000 ext. 141.



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