

Leonardtowntown BEACON

A Publication for the Community of Historic Leonardtown ~ Est. 1660

Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY-EVERY MONTH
Celebration of "First Fridays"
Historic downtown and uptown
Leonardtowntown

APRIL 16

Run & Fun Walk for Hospice
Governmental Center

APRIL 17

Earth Day Celebration
Leonardtowntown Square

APRIL 23

R & P Easter Festival
Governmental Center

APRIL 28 - MAY 1

So. Md. Spring Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

APRIL 30

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Leonardtowntown Square

MAY 1

Spring Fling Classic Car Show
Leonardtowntown Square

MAY 15

Leonardtowntown Bicycle Criterium
Leonardtowntown Square

MAY 22

Cystic Fibrosis Walk
Leonardtowntown Wharf

4th SATURDAY, MAY-AUGUST

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Leonardtowntown Square

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SMC Crab Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

JUNE 14

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Governmental Center

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Leonardtowntown Square

AUGUST 6

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Leonardtowntown Square

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Li'l Margaret's Bluegrass Festival
Goddard Farm

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

1939 ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM A RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY . . .



ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM (1939) **Front Row:** Kenneth Duke, Thomas Lawrence, Tommy Shadrick, Jack Hamilton, Harry Norris, Francis Thompson, Philip Tuiman, Walter Duke. **Back Row:** Lee Van Wert, Harris Sterling, Freddie Parker, Lynwood Sterling, Bobby Thompson, Bobby Donovan, James Strine, Whitney Abell, Ernest Sterling.

The above picture is that of the 1939 undefeated St. Mary's Academy Football Team. The photograph was taken in front of what is now the Administration Building for the Leonardtown Campus of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). Uniforms were loaned by the team's only opponent, Charlotte Hall Military Academy. Charlotte Hall School was created by legislative enactment in 1774, and continued as a school until 1976. It is now the site of the Maryland Veteran's Home.

"The Game" according to Oliver Guyther, as told to Chip Norris:

"One day some years ago, Oliver Guyther was in the Town Office and happened to be looking at the framed picture of the 1939 St. Mary's Academy Football Team. Oliver asked if I knew much about that team and I replied I only knew my dad's version. Oliver informed me that in 1939, he was attending Charlotte Hall Military Academy and

was the quarterback of the Charlotte Hall team. He then told me his story as he remembered the football game between the two schools. Charlotte Hall School loaned practice uniforms to the Academy for the purpose of a practice game before the regular season schedule, but they never really expected any serious competition with the Academy team. Oliver remembered that the 1939 game was very hard fought and that the St. Mary's Academy team did win. He also remembered it being a low scoring game, possibly 7-6. But what he truly would never forget was that the headmaster and coach at the Military Academy were very upset about the loss. In fact, because of the loss, the cadets at



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Mayor's Message

For many years I have maintained that the health of the downtown business district was one of the highest priorities for all Leonardtown residents and businesses. The activity in the downtown makes us a successful town. The commercial businesses support a very high percentage of the tax base in

the town. To this end the Town Council and I have made streetscape improvements, waterfront revitalization, business development and the prevention of sprawl on the Rt. 5 corridor and outside of the town limits an absolute priority. Because Leonardtown has been successful in its revitalization efforts and is also one of two development districts in St. Mary's County, we have seen tremendous growth over the last five years. This year was the first year that the Leonardtown District surpassed the Lexington Park District in number of new residential tax accounts. The last census information shows Leonardtown growing from approximately 1,850 residents in 2000 to 3,000 residents in 2010. We have also worked hard to achieve well planned growth in the new communities developing in the Town. Leonard's Grant has been very successful and is the first neo-traditional neighborhood in Southern Maryland. Promoting pedestrian friendly environments and keeping the small town feel even in new neighborhoods is a great benefit to us all.

Entering Leonard's Grant neo-traditional neighborhood on Leonard's Grant Parkway, off Hollywood Road.



On February 11, 2011 the Leonardtown Business Association hosted the State of the Town breakfast. The Council and I gave attendees a brief update on the growth information mentioned above, as well as an overview of the many ongoing projects within the town. Additionally, we discussed the upcoming budget process and our hope to not increase taxes this year.

The breakfast also highlighted the beneficial partnership between the LBA, the Town and the St. Mary's County Economic Development and Tourism Department. Leonardtown continues to gain visibility throughout the region as a wonderful place to visit, which helps make the livability for its residents more economically sound.

Joe Orlando, LBA Vice-President, speaks on the accomplishments of LBA over the past year, including membership efforts, marketing and promotions, shopping initiatives, brand identity (new logo) and other endeavors during Leonardtown's "State of the Town" breakfast on February 11, 2011.



J. Harry Norris
J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor



Leonardtown Beacon



16th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

The 16th Annual 10-K Run and 5-K Run/Walk for Hospice starts at a new, earlier time of 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 16th at the Governmental Center. Pre-register online at www.runforhospice.org or between 7 AM-8:15 AM on race day. Children, strollers, and pets are welcome. Your participation helps Hospice provide in-home care, comfort and support to terminally ill patients and their families in St. Mary's County. 240-925-5423.

Earth Day Celebration

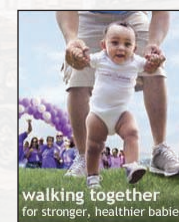
Celebrate Earth Day in the Town Square on Sunday, April 17th, 12:30 PM-4:30 PM. Enjoy live music, entertainment, a puppet show, Yoga demonstrations, seated massage, face painting, children's nature crafts, games, food, and more! Find out more about animal rescue, organic gardening and produce, recycling, and conservation of our land and waters. Activities at Leonardtown Wharf Park will include free kayak and canoe rides on Breton Bay. Have fun discovering "going green" tips and learning what you can do to help save our planet. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. 301-475-9791.



Recreation & Parks Easter Festival

Gather the kids and enjoy Easter egg hunts, egg decorating contests, pony rides, crafts, face painting, and the Easter Bunny at Leonard Hall Recreation Center on Saturday, April 23rd. Activities begin at 10 AM. \$1 hunt fee. All ages. 301-475-4200, ext. 1800. Rain or shine.

March of Dimes Walk



Let your family and friends know you're walking in the March of Dimes Annual Southern Maryland "March for Babies" Walk on Saturday, April 30th in historic downtown Leonardtown.

This 3-mile family walk around Town begins at 9 AM in the Town Square. Fun, food, and entertainment. Register online at www.marchforbabies.org or on walk-day beginning at 7:30 AM. For more information contact Jennifer Abell at 703-824-0111, ext. 17.



Southern Maryland Spring Festival

Music, artists, crafters, children's games, carnival rides, car show, and other family entertainment can be enjoyed at the annual So. Md. Spring Festival! This year's festival is held Thursday, April 28th – Sunday, May 1st at the SMC Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Holy Face Church. Admission. 301-863-2840.



Spring Fling XXVI Classic Car Show

Come to Leonardtown Town Square on Sunday, May 1st, 8 AM-4 PM and see over 200 classic cars, street rods, and antique cars and trucks on display. Trophies awarded for best of class, best of show, people's choice, foreign car, pedal car class, and model car contest. There's also a tractor pull with games and prizes just for kids! Sponsored by the St. Mary's Rod and Classic Car Club to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. Contact Bill Higgs at 301-994-9666 or go online to stmarysrodandclassic.com for details and registration. (Rain date: Sunday, May 8th)

Leonardtown Criterium Bicycle Races

Spectators are welcome to gather in the Leonardtown Square for the 14th running of the Leonardtown Criterium bicycle races on Sunday, May 15th, 8 AM-5 PM. The whole family will be thrilled as they watch amateur and professional cyclists from all over the Mid-Atlantic region race through the streets of Leonardtown at sustained speeds approaching 30 miles per hour. The series of races throughout the day include different categories of men's and women's races. Kids are encouraged to bring their bike or trike and participate in the noon-day kids races for prizes. Helmets are required. This is a free event. Visit www.paxvelo.com or call 240-925-4806 for details.



Walk for Cystic Fibrosis

Take "Great Strides" to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis on Sunday, May 22nd. Registration will begin at 10 AM for this fun, family-oriented celebration at Leonardtown Wharf Park, rain or shine. This event embraces a healthy 5K walk around downtown Leonardtown, food, music and other festivities.

Visit www.cff.org/Chapters/metrodc for details and to register online. Invite your friends and family to come along! For more details, call 301-994-2118.

Downtown Tunes

Grab your family, friends, lawn chairs or blankets and head out to the Leonardtown Square for the 2011 "Downtown Tunes" series! Tunes begin at 6 PM on the 4th Saturdays of May through August.

- May 28: **Country Memories** kick-off the 2011 series with country tunes
- June 25: Acoustic melodies by **The Eds**
- July 23: Old rock-n-roll and country mix by **Gary Rue and Dance Hall Ghost**
- August 27: Rock-n-roll favorites by **GeeZer and The 25th Hour Band**

A great time for crowd-pleasing music, socializing, strolling around Town, and enjoying dinner in one of our fine restaurants! For more information, contact Robin Guyther at 301-904-4452.

Annual SMC Crab Festival

The 29th annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival will be held on Sunday, June 12th, 11 AM-5 PM at the SMC Fairgrounds. Expect to find plenty of steamed hard crabs, crab soups, crab cakes, and other seafood and non-seafood dishes available for purchase. Browse among local crafters for handmade gifts and enjoy the crowd-pleasing Chesapeake Country Cruisers line dance team, country music by Southbound, and classic cars on display! Admission is \$5 p/person over 12 years of age. (Cost of food is separate from admission.) The annual SMC Crab Festival is sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club. Volunteers are always welcome! Check www.stmaryscrabfestival.com for more information.



The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of 2011 Holidays:

May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Day after Thanksgiving
December 26	Christmas Holiday

Leonardtown's Web Site:
www.leonardtown.somd.com

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Meetings

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

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

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Come On Out!



Flag Day Celebration

Join the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County and the Leonardtown Commissioners for Flag Day festivities on Tuesday, June 14th on the Governmental Center lawn in Leonardtown. Activities begin at 6 PM with patriotic music, followed by a parade, the Pause for the Pledge, raising of the American flag, and ceremony at 7 PM. Bring family, friends, and neighbors! Free handheld American Flags for all! For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1341.

River Concert Series on Location in Leonardtown Square

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 9th to enjoy a River Concert Series performance in the Leonardtown Square presented by the "River Concert Series Brass Ensemble". The concert begins at 7 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket! For an added treat, make plans for dinner at one of Leonardtown's fine restaurants. Visit Leonardtown.somd.com for details or go to www.riverconcertseries.org/ for a complete listing of the summer River Concert Series performances at St. Mary's College.

College of Southern Maryland's Twilight Performance Series – Leonardtown Campus



CSM's *Twilight Performance Series* returns this summer to present sensational entertainment for the whole family! All concerts are free, and begin at 6:45 PM. Performances scheduled at the CSM Leonardtown Campus are as follows:

Tuesday, July 12: Fitzmaurice Band performs bluegrass and country to jazz, classical, international folk and classic rock.

Tuesday, July 19: Adrian Duke's Jazztet performs New Orleans style blues sound, infused with funk, rhythm and blues, and jazz.

Tuesday, July 26: Another Level brings a soulful rendition of your favorite Motown, jazz, hip hop, funk, classic rock and 70s classics as well as some of today's hits.

In the event of inclement weather, performances will move indoors to Building A/Auditorium. Visit www.csmd.edu/FineArts for more information and a complete calendar of events that include the LaPlata and Prince Frederick campuses.

Volunteer at Town Events!

Serving your community is rewarding and Leonardtown is always looking for volunteers to assist with our special events. This is also a great opportunity for students to earn those much-needed community service credits! Interested persons should contact Linda Shepherd, PR and Event Coordinator, at 301-475-9791 for available volunteer opportunities with the Town.

Kayaking and Canoeing on McIntosh Run

As spring returns, take time to explore the breathtaking scenery along McIntosh Run with an exhilarating paddle from Port of Leonardtown's new kayak launch to Leonardtown Wharf Public Park. Enjoy scenic sights and fascinating wildlife as you paddle along a 2½ mile water trail into Breton Bay. Once you reach Leonardtown Wharf Park, head up the hill to one of our restaurants for a delicious lunch or explore our charming shops in Town. Don't own your own kayak? Call Patuxent Adventure Center at 410-394-2770 or go online to www.paxadventure.com for details on renting a kayak for your day on the Bay.



"First Fridays" are Special in Leonardtown

Rediscover the many treasures of Leonardtown! "First Fridays" are celebrated in Leonardtown the first Friday evening of every month, year round, 5 PM-8 PM. Visit Downtown Leonardtown, Breton Marketplace, and the Maryland Antiques Center Complex to enjoy trendy art galleries, superb dining and unique gift shops. Sample award-winning wines made by local grape-growers at the Port of Leonardtown Winery.

"First Friday" exclusive offers often include menu specials, poetry readings, book signings, cooking classes, gallery receptions, live music and more! Check www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com regularly for updated lists of participating businesses and special events. "First Fridays" are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association.



Come Visit Us Today!!!

Leonardtown on the Web

Check the official Leonardtown website often at www.leonardtown.somd.com for current news, special events in and around Town, community information, Leonardtown businesses, and history. You can even browse previous editions of the Leonardtown Beacon newsletter!

Save postage costs! If you currently receive the Beacon newsletter by mail and would prefer to read it online, please e-mail us at leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net or call 301-475-9791.

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1939 ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM A RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY . . .

(Continued from cover)



THE VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD. WINNERS IN SIX OF NINE GAMES IN 1939 SEASON

Charlotte Hall were denied the privilege of coming into Leonardtown for any events for the balance of the school year. Oliver continued to explain that in those days, this was a really big deal because Leonardtown housed two movie theaters, restaurants, a soda fountain, ice cream shops, and various social activities including the show boat, dances and, with a chuckle, an opportunity to see the girls”

Now, back to the St. Mary's Academy Football team, pictured on the front cover. All in the photo have passed away. In 1939, War was on the horizon. In a few short years, 15 of those pictured were in military service in defense of their Country in World War II.

Two did not survive. Captain Walter Francis Duke, a P-38 Fighter Pilot credited with downing 13 enemy planes during a three-month period in 1944 was killed in action in the Burma Valley of India on D-Day, 1944. Tommy Shadrick of the Army Air Corps was killed while on a combat mission in the South Pacific. Leonardtown's Duke and Shadrick Streets are named in their memory. Their names are included on the World War II Monument located in the Town Square.

Joseph Harry Norris, Jr., late father of our Town's Mayor, served as an Army Lieutenant. He was called back to active duty during the Korean War.

Captain Benedict Harris Sterling served under the command of General George Patton. He, his brothers Ernest and Lynwood (Possum), along with brothers Hugh Dalton, Billy and Jimmy, and sister Nellie, served overseas in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Kenneth Duke and Tommy Lawrence were Naval officers, while Jack Hamilton, Francis Thompson, Philip Tunniman, Lee Van Wert, Bobby Thompson, Jimmy Strine and Whitney Abell served in the United States Army.

Many thanks to Ernie Bell for contributing this article.

Leonardtown-Rooted Football Star

Leonardtown native John Michael Dorsey always enjoyed football. This senior photo of John was taken at the University of Connecticut, where



Senior photo of John Michael Dorsey, a four-year starter at the University of Connecticut (1980-1983)

he was a four-year starter 1980-1983, and named Defensive Player of the Year in the Yankee Conference during each of his final two collegiate seasons. Following graduation, he became a professional National Football League linebacker, playing five seasons for the Green Bay Packers. He is now in his 11th year as the Director of College Scouting for the Green Bay Packers. A former member of the NFL College Advisory

Committee, John serves on the Board of Directors for National Football Scouting, is a member of the NFL Scouting Combine selection committee, a voting member of the collegiate Butkus Award, and is one of two NFL voting members of the Harris Interactive College Football Poll. John is the son of the late Walter B. Dorsey and Jeanne Blackistone Dorsey Mandel, and brother to Helen Dorsey and Phil Dorsey. John and his family reside in DePere, Wisconsin.

The Town of Leonardtown sends a colossal "Congratulations!" to John Michael and the entire Green Bay Packers organization on their tremendous 2011 Superbowl Win!



A group of locals, known as the Packer Backers, on one of their annual trips to see the Packers play at Lambeau field and have a good time in Green Bay! You probably know some of these bearded rowdies!



Beach Party on the Square

Enjoying Beach Party on the Square and the Oyster Buy Boats on display at the Wharf in 2010.



Think summer! Lots of fun and excitement for all is being planned for Beach Party 2011, on the calendar for Saturday, August 6th!

Antique Tractor Parade

Spectators enjoyed a nostalgic feeling and seeing the many machines that cultivated Southern Maryland fields during days gone by. Many of these well-kept and restored beauties were over 50 years old, but still pop-popping. The Town Square hosted over 50 tractors during the 2010 parade. Make plans now to bring family and friends to see the 2011 Antique Tractor Parade on October 9th at 1 PM in the Town Square. The Southern Maryland Antique Power Association sponsors the parade to benefit the Christmas in April Foundation. To enter your tractor, contact Walter Neal at 301-904-3491.

Tony and Margaret Wheatley on their 1954 Allis Chalmers WD-45 restored farm tractor.



Sailing Regatta/Barnacle Cup

A beautiful day of sailboat racing in the waters of scenic Breton Bay captivated many during the 3rd annual Leonardtown Wharf Regatta, held on September 11, 2010. The Barnacle Cup sailors hosted the event to benefit the St. Mary's Ryken and Leonardtown High School Sailing Teams. Once the races were completed, spectators were treated to a parade of boats at the Leonardtown Wharf Park.



Taste of St. Mary's

A fabulous fall day and Leonardtown Square set the stage for the 2010 Taste of St. Mary's. An estimated 4,000 people came out to sample the tasty and delectable dishes provided by local restaurants and food vendors seizing the opportunity to showcase their specialties. This annual event is sponsored by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce. Mark your calendar now for the 2011 Taste of St. Mary's on Sunday, September 18th.

Annual Veterans Day Parade

2010 saw the annual Veterans Day Parade route staging at St. Mary's-Ryken High School and proceeding up Fenwick Street to Washington Street. Leonardtown's Town Square was alive with patriotism and our Veterans were honored as thousands of spectators waved their flags and watched all the colorful entries and marchers.



Following the parade, a ceremony with guest orations, patriotic music and laying of wreaths placed at the Town's Memorial Monuments honored our Country's fallen Veterans. The crowd was moved as Leonardtown Elementary School students Bryce Evans, Eloisa Chubb, Madeline Sawicki, and Sydney Smith recited their winning essays entitled "What Veterans Day Means to Me".



Donated Flag Raised on Veterans Day

To honor the memory and service of his late stepfather Mr. John Andrew Bombay, Mr. Ken Stewart, a resident of Leonardtown Landing, offered his memorial flag to the Town. According to Mr. Stewart, his father did not talk much about his military service, but we do know that Mr. Bombay served as a Paratrooper in the US Army during the Korean War. The Town raised the flag on Veterans Day 2010, appropriately honoring Mr. Bombay and all veterans.



Highlights

Dedicating Charlie's Clock

Charlie Faunce, former Leonardtown Councilmember and a Korean War Veteran, was honored posthumously, on Veterans Day 2010 with a dedication ceremony of the clock in Leonardtown Square. His wife, Louise, and close friend, Leonard Okrie, along with Congressman Steny Hoyer, Senator Roy Dyson, Delegate John Bohanan, and the Leonardtown Commissioners were there as Mayor Norris said a few touching words about Charlie and his efforts to acquire the clock in the Town Square. A plaque was placed upon the clock that reads "In Tribute to Charles R. Faunce, Councilmember 1998 to 2006".



Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Leonardtown's Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting drew the largest crowd ever as thousands of merry-wishers gathered in the Town Square to enjoy seasonal music, holiday entertainment, watch Santa's parade and wonder at the awesome Christmas Tree lighting. On-stage performers included St. Aloysius "Spirit Singers", St Mary's Ryken Choir, Gracie's Guys and Gals Dance Troupe, Carols by Emma Raphael, Leonardtown Middle School Choir, Bella School of Music, and Piney Point Chorus. Festivities



around Town included horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, hay rides, fire truck rides, costumed characters, live nativity, ice sculpture by Doug Mackey, Mrs. Claus, hot kettle corn, hot apple cider and other activities that delighted the hearts of young and younger.



A big thank you to all entertainers, performers, volunteers, participants, businesses, the Leonardtown Business Association and the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department for their commitment and contribution

that mean so much to the success of this glorious holiday event! Santa and Mrs. Claus returned to the Town Square the Saturday before Christmas to visit with children and collect more "wish lists".

LBA Holiday Shopping Promotion

During the Christmas shopping season, the Leonardtown Business Association sponsored a very successful "Buy Local, Buy Leonardtown" Sunday shopping promotion, whereby all Leonardtown residents could enjoy an extra 10% off their purchases. Additionally, any and all shoppers were entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree for every purchase made at participating stores on any one of the four qualifying Sundays. Congratulations to Michael Crampton of Lexington Park, the \$500 shopping spree winner! Michael's winning ticket was entered with his purchase made at Rustic River Bar and Grill. Watch for future shopping specials in your Town!

LVRSA Christmas Festival

Decorated Christmas trees and wreaths, train displays and auction items were enjoyed during the 2010 "Christmas Festival" sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary. Donations help support the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Remember the Squad's ongoing campaign to construct a new building that will meet the growing needs of our community. To donate online, go to www.lvrs.org or mail your tax deductible donation to LVRSA, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.



Students of Leonardtown High School's SAIL (Supporting Academic and Independent Living) Program enjoyed decorating the Christmas Tree for the LVRSA building and learning about emergency vehicle apparatus.

"Best Dressed Window Award"

Congratulations to Colleen's Dream, recipient of the 2010 Christmas holiday "Best Dressed Window Award". Jane Nau welcomes you to browse this unique shop, where you can find vintage and used clothing, thrift items and special gifts at 41665 Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown. The Town appreciates the many Leonardtown businesses that decorate their storefronts for residents and visitors to enjoy during the holiday season.



Jane Nau, owner of Colleen's Dream, accepts the 2010 "Best Dressed Window Award" presented by Mayor Norris.

Congratulations to "First Fridays" Raffle Winners

Mary Cox was the excited winner of a handmade Portmanteau filled with gifts and certificates donated by



many Leonardtown businesses during the August "First Friday". Governor Martin O'Malley was on-site exploring Leonardtown Square, and drew the winning raffle ticket.



Winning the December "First Friday" raffle was Ester Seep. Ester enjoyed a Basket of Gift Certificates with a value of over \$250. The gift certificates will come in handy when visiting Leonardtown!



Leonardtown Joins Let's Move Cities and Towns

In a January 2010 address, First Lady Michelle Obama called mayors to take a leadership role in the Let's Move! initiative to solve the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation. Leonardtown has signed up to be a part of *Let's Move Cities and Towns*, a branch of the initiative designed to encourage long-term, sustainable and holistic changes to fight childhood obesity made at the city or town level. The Town's participation in this initiative will be realized through increased awareness and promotion of physical activity incorporated in our current activities and resources. Visit the Town's website for updates.

Attention Residents! Your Maryland Tax Returns - Write in "Leonardtown"!

Residents! It is important that you complete the city, town or taxing area box on your 2010 Maryland income tax return - write or type in "Leonardtown"! A large source of the Town's operating budget is local income tax revenues. This does not increase your taxes but, thanks to you, it does ensure that the Town will receive its proper distribution of your income tax dollars that will be used right here in Leonardtown! If you are not sure whether you live in the corporate limits, please call the Town office at 301-475-9791.



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Leonardtown Proclaims March as Red Cross Month

Mike Zabko, CEO of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross, accepts a proclamation presented by Council Member Roger Mattingly during the March 14, 2011 Town Council meeting, declaring March as American Red Cross Month.



Join the Leonardtown Business Association

Do you enjoy showcasing your business, networking with other business men and women, finding new advertising opportunities, participating in "First Friday" activities, and keeping current on Leonardtown projects? If yes, then the LBA is your source! Visit the LBA website at www.thelba.org or contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com for membership details.



Congratulations to the 2011 LBA Officers! President: Dan Norris, CEO, DRN Environmental Solutions, LLC; Treasurer: Susan Kilroy, Loan Officer, Community Bank of Tri-County; Secretary: Randy Richie, Breton Bay Enterprises, and Vice-President: Joe Orlando, Owner, Fenwick Street Used Books & Music.



New Logo for the Leonardtown Business Association

The Leonardtown Business Association is proud to unveil its very first logo! The logo was designed to showcase the brick and mortar aspect of Leonardtown as well as the best kept secret that Leonardtown is a waterfront town. The logo will be used to help brand and market the Town as we move forward with our goal of making Leonardtown even more of a destination town. The logo is available to all businesses and entities to use. Please visit the website at www.thelba.org for relevant information and guidelines when using the logo. A big thank you to the Marketing Committee members for their commitment and inspiration in devising the new LBA logo!

Port of Leonardtown Park

Construction is currently underway at Port of Leonardtown Park. This passive recreation facility will include waterside, lighted walking paths, a new kayak launch and beautifully landscaped grounds. Watch for the grand opening later this year.

Highlights

4th Graders . . . “What Would You Do If You Were Mayor of Leonardtown?”

The Maryland Municipal League’s Communication Committee annually sponsors an essay contest for 4th grade students titled “If I Were Mayor, I would . . .” This year’s theme is: “Working Together Works”. Participating students will write about their ideas for improving their Town, encouraging citizens to work together to make the improvements or changes, and recognizing citizens for their achievements toward a common goal. Winners will be recognized during the Mayor’s Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis later this spring.



Mayor Norris enjoyed moderating a Mock Council Session with 4th grade students of Leonardtown Elementary School on March 17, 2011. The mock session is held each year in promotion of the “If I Were Mayor” essay contest to familiarize students with municipal government functions and responsibilities. Dressing in green isn’t a prerequisite for the session, but it is a fun tradition for the students to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!



Kit Pilkerton, alongside Mayor Norris, proudly shows the Achievement Award presented by the Leonardtown Council for 40 years of committed volunteerism to the LVFDA.

Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Volunteers Recognized

Kit Pilkerton embraces over 40 years of volunteer service with the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and was recognized by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department during their January 6, 2011 installation dinner. The Commissioners of Leonardtown also recognized Kit during their regular Town Council meeting on February 14, 2011. In addition to numerous offices held over the years, Kit served as president of the Auxiliary between 1982-1986 and 2004 to the present, and is a lifetime member of the LVFD Auxiliary.

Additionally, the Town Council recognized Wayne Miedzinski for his service as outgoing President of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. Wayne is a lifetime member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department with over 31 years of committed service. As Wayne was unable to be present for the Town Council meeting, Councilman Roger Mattingly, also a member of the LVFD, offered to present the Achievement Award to him at the firehouse.

CSM Leonardtown Campus Wellness and Aquatics Center Now Open!

CSM’s new Wellness and Aquatics Center at the Leonardtown Campus, 22950 Hollywood Road, continues to address the needs of our community members and is offering more membership options. The center, which opened in September, features a fitness studio, exercise rooms, a six-lane, 25-yard lap pool and a zero-depth-entry therapy pool. The newest offerings include an individual 10-visit or 20-visit punch pass for use of the fitness center and/or the pool as well as a GroupEx passport which provides options to participants, allowing access to any of the designated group fitness classes. Visit www.csm.edu/go/fit for information on the Wellness and Aquatics Center, membership or classes.

In partnership with CSM, a pilot water safety program, sponsored by St. Mary’s County Public Schools through the Environmental Education Program, was offered for fifth-graders at the Leonardtown Wellness and Aquatics Center. Shown is instructor Kathy Harvey, right, demonstrating techniques during the first water-safety program held in January.



New Sports Stadium for St. Mary’s Ryken

To say St. Mary’s Ryken High School is excited about its brand-new, state-of-the-art stadium is an understatement! A ribbon cutting was held on October 8, 2010 for the new stadium, which boasts a first-class artificial turf, the highest quality lighting, an excellent track, a fine press box, and accommodations suitable for 1,000 or more people. Besides football, the new stadium will host other sports, including field hockey, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, and boys and girls track and field. Just three years ago, the school commenced a football program, but until this past October, there was no home field. Today, the school staff, students and community are thrilled to have a new home field! Visit www.smrhs.org to read more about St. Mary’s Ryken High School.



Residential Water Meter Update

Installation of the new water meters is complete and data collection has been occurring over the last couple of billing cycles. Town staff is working on the rate restructuring to reflect actual water consumption instead of a flat rate billing system. This new rate structure is anticipated to be put in place later this year. Watch for updated information in future Beacon editions and online at the Town website.

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

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Remember to set out your totes the night before or by 6 AM on the day of pickup.

The next quarterly **bulk trash** pickup date is Friday, June 3rd. Bulk trash items will be collected at the same time as your regular trash on this day.

Residential recycling is picked up on Wednesdays. Remember to set your recycling tote out the night before or by 6 AM the day of pickup. With streamlined recycling, it's easier than ever to recycle your newspapers, phone books, cardboard, glass, plastic, cans, and other approved items.

Town residents should contact the Town Office to request a trash or recycling tote. Log on to <http://leonardtown.somd.com/services> for more information on Leonardtown's trash service, bulk trash, holiday pickup, and acceptable recyclables.

Goode Trash Removal will operate on its regular Tuesday and Friday trash pickup day, and Wednesday recycling day during the weeks containing Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays.

Look for the Recycling emblem on all your disposables! With single stream recycling, Goode Trash Removal continues to see Leonardtown's recycling efforts continuing to rise. "Thank You" residents and customers for making recycling an important part of your daily routine!



Commercial Customer Recycling

Commercial customers interested in commingled recycling service should call Jackie Post at 301-475-9791 to order your tote and schedule the servicing of your account. Goode Trash Removal will provide you with a 96-gallon recycling tote and pick up your recyclables on Wednesdays. This is not a free service, and customers will be charged \$4.80 each time your tote is collected. The expected outcome is that your garbage service can be reduced, which would partially offset the recycling fee. Some customers may need service every week; others may need less. You can request more than one tote if you anticipate a large volume of recyclable materials.

Sewer Backup Prevention

The Town utilities staff advises that taking notice of what is flushed down toilets and sinks can prevent most backups. Many items can clog your grinder pump, sewer line and the Town's sewer main, causing damage to your property and other properties connected to the main. Please **DO NOT** flush the following materials (or similar items) down toilets or drains:

- Paper towels, disposable diapers, feminine products, large quantities of toilet tissue
- Toys, tooth brushes, razor blades, eating utensils, coins, needles, plastics, metal, wood, etc.
- Paper, snack bags, candy wrappers
- Large quantities of cereals, grains, or dry beans (they can expand with water)
- Live seeds, beans, and peas (they can sprout)
- Coffee grounds, grease, fats, oils, pharmaceuticals
- Sand, dirt, stones, aquarium debris
- Sponges, scouring pads, bars of soap
- Fibrous materials (cotton balls, q-tips, human hair, pet hair, rags, cigarette butts, etc.)

GOING GREEN IN LEONARDTOWN!

"Plant and Be Counted" Program

Trees help to protect our water quality, clean our air and reduce energy costs. Trees also beautify our landscapes, give us shade and provide a habitat for wildlife. The State of Maryland has partnered with many businesses, communities and citizens to encourage planting new tree cover. Would you like to receive a \$25 coupon for the purchase and planting of a tree? Explore www.trees.maryland.gov for complete details on Maryland's "Plant and Be Counted" program, get advice on types of trees to plant, check the list of participating businesses, and download your \$25 coupon toward your tree(s) purchases. After your purchase, be sure to revisit the website and register your trees.



Cedar Lane Awarded \$50,000 Clean Energy Grant

Dean Fisher, Energy Efficiency Program Manager at the Maryland Energy Administration visited Cedar Lane Senior Living Community on Monday, December 20, 2010, as a follow up to Cedar Lane's receipt of a \$50,000 EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Program Grant awarded in July, 2010. This grant is part of the EmPOWER Maryland initiative and is funded through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF). Through the grant, Cedar Lane was able to replace 70 of the 101 PTAC units in 51 apartments. Residents are looking forward to saving money and staying cooler in the summer while also keeping warmer in the winter, thanks to their new Package Terminal Air Conditioner (PTAC) units. Cedar Lane Apartments is a senior living community that serves the elderly and disabled and is located at 22680 Cedar Lane Court in Leonardtown. For information, go online to www.cedarlaneapts.com or call 301-475-8966.

Cedar Lane resident Annie McCully shares a laugh with Dean Fisher, Energy Efficiency Program



Manager for the Maryland Energy Administration, as they talk about the benefits of her new PTAC unit and thermostat.

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Leonardtown Beacon



Leonardtwn Arts Center A place for the Arts in Downtown Leonardtown

Leonardtwn has so much going for it! As the county seat, historic downtown



Leonardtwn is home not only to the courthouse, but also the Historical Society, the beautifully restored

wharf, many fine restaurants and shops, North End Gallery (celebrating their 25th year) and now the Leonardtown Arts Center! Home to 12 studios where you can take the family to watch creative artists working on their craft, the Arts Center is located on the upper floor of the Court Square building at 22660 Washington Street. Visitors will be inspired as they peer through windows into the imaginative world of the artists. Additionally, classroom gallery space will offer adults and children an opportunity to participate in everything from painting to acting classes. Art can be purchased from each studio. Artists are moving in and a grand opening is planned soon! Contact Joe Orlando at 301-475-2859 for information.

Bella Brings Music to Life

Bella Music School, now located at 41635 Fenwick Street in Leonardtown, is a place where aspiring musicians can learn to play musical instruments while creating a sense of community. Sue Tayag, accomplished musician and teacher, has created the Bella Music School Youth Orchestra whereby student musicians can experience the joy of giving an audience the gift of music. For more information about Bella Music School, please check bellamusicschool.com or call 301-247-2602.



Sue Tayag and Bella Music students perform during a Christmas Concert at the College of Southern Maryland.

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts offers energy medicine therapy to aid in pain and stress management, in addition to deep relaxation. Visit healinghearts.health.officelive.com or contact Practitioner Laura Pezold-Gallagher at lpezoldgal@hotmail.com or 301-475-5358 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Healing Hearts is located in the Court Square Building at 22660 Washington Street.



Modern Nails and Spa Opens in Breton Marketplace

For 15 years, Kim Duong has had a following of loyal customers at her Lexington Park salon. Kim also operates salons in San Souci, Charlotte Hall and Callaway. Today, Kim is proud to announce the opening of her newest salon at Breton Marketplace in Leonardtown. Her nephew, Peter Nguyen, will manage this spacious, state of the art facility. Modern Nails and Spa will operate seven days a week, 10 AM-7 PM Monday thru Saturday, and 11AM-5PM on Sunday. Call 301-475-1697 or stop by today.

Cahil's Café Now Open



Cahil's Café is located within the Maryland Antiques Center at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown. Owner Tammy

Hilburn uses only fresh ingredients and makes everything in-house, including pasta, ricotta cheese, lemon curd and jam. The menu will reflect the changing seasons. On Easter Sunday, April 24th, Cahil's Café will debut a Sunday Brunch menu beginning at 9 AM, featuring freshly baked scones and biscuits along with other traditional breakfast fare, as well as the new spring menu. The café is open Monday thru Thursday 11AM-5PM, Friday and Saturday 11AM-8PM, and 11AM-5PM on Sunday. Your friends at Cahil's Café look forward to seeing you! Call 301-475-1980 for reservations.

When visiting Cahil's Café, set aside time to browse through the Maryland Antiques Center and visit neighboring shops, including Shelby's Specialties, the St. Mary's Crafts Guild Shop, Chesapeake PC Source and Vintage Values. You can also check marylandantiquescenter.com for more information.

Farmer's Market Opening Soon

Look for the Farmer's Market to return to the Leonardtown Square early-mid April with fresh, juicy strawberries. This seasonal market, offered by local farmer Marvin Steiner, will be open 11 AM-5 PM every Friday through September, weather permitting. Be sure to stop by for fresh fruits, garden vegetables and fragrant flowers, as well as home-made jellies, jams and baked goods.



Southern Maryland Trails Guidebook Earth – Art - Imagination!

Get your guide to all things handmade, homegrown, locally harvested, and authentically Southern Maryland in the fourth edition of the Trails guidebook! You will also find information on Southern Maryland's special places, maps, descriptions and directions plus learn many interesting facts about the region. Visit somdtrails.com for details or to download a digital copy, or ask for your free copy at the Town Office!

Local Barber Seeks Photo of 1960's Leonardtwn Police Car

Today, police protection for Leonardtown is provided by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department and the Maryland State Police. But many will remember, and others may be surprised to know, that back in the 1950's–1970's, the Town of Leonardtown operated its own police department. Collecting emergency service paraphernalia is a pleasurable hobby for Hollywood resident John Gatton, and now he is asking for the public's help to locate a photo of Leonardtown's marked police car. According to Mr. Gatton, the white car was a late 1960's Ford model that had a red top bubble, a silver and black shield on the side doors, a long whip antenna, and local government tags. If you have a photo of Leonardtown's old police car or older police or fire patches, Mr. Gatton would love to hear from you! You can reach him at 301-904-0795 or call the Town Office at 301-475-9791.



John Gatton shows a collage of badges and shoulder patches worn by officers in Leonardtown's Police Department, which includes the first shoulder badge.





Town Tidbits

"Best of the Best" in St. Mary's County

FREE STATE'S FINEST
marylandlife 2011 WINNERS

Recently, *Maryland Life Magazine* asked over 300,000 readers to vote on who they feel is the "Best of the Best" in the region of Maryland they live in. Southern Maryland was one of those regions. The ballots have been counted and all winners will be officially announced in the 2011 April issue.

In addition to the Town of Leonardtown being voted as the Free State's Finest Best Historic Downtown in the Southern Region of Maryland, other regional winners include:

- Best Restaurant* – Café des Artistes
- Best Fine Dining* – Café des Artistes
- Best Dessert* – Café des Artistes
- Best Appetizer* – Café des Artistes
- Best Family Dining* – Rustic River
- Best Coffeehouse* – Brewing Grounds
- Best Crabs* – Captain Leonard's Seafood
- Best Ice Cream* – Bruster's
- Best Gallery* – North End Gallery
- Best Park and Ghost Tour* – Point Lookout
- Best Golf* – Breton Bay Golf & Country Club
- Best Festival* – St. Mary's County Oyster Festival
- Best Fair* – St. Mary's County Fair
- Best Historic Attraction and Best Place to get Married* – Historic St. Mary's City
- Best Music Artist* – David Norris
- Best Wine and Best Kept Secret* – Port of Leonardtown



The Hair Company Ranked Among the Nation's Top 200 Salons

For the past seven years, The Hair Company in Leonardtown has been recognized as one of the top 200 fastest growing salons in North America by Salon Today magazine. Owners Jackie

Bailey-Buckler, Debbie Link, and their team of professionals invite you to visit their award-winning salon on Washington Street. Services include hair, make-up, nail, tanning, waxing, and more. Visit the salon online at <http://thehaircompany.biz/> or call 301-475-5225.

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North End Gallery Celebrates 25 Years

Located on 41652 Fenwick Street in historic downtown Leonardtown, the North End Gallery is celebrating its silver jubilee! During 2011, monthly themed shows will honor 25 years of original fine art, jewelry, and crafts by Southern Maryland artists and artisans. Visit with featured artists during special receptions held the first Friday of each month between 5 PM-8 PM. For details and 2011 show schedule, log on to www.northendgallery.org or call 301-475-3130.



Shopping Bags "Add-Up" at The Good Earth

Bring your own shopping bag when shopping at The Good Earth Natural Foods Store in Leonardtown and you will receive a wooden nickel. You then get to deposit your nickel in a glass jar, selecting from three charities specially chosen for 2011 - the So. Md. Chapter of the Red Cross, Three Oaks Center, or Pets with Disabilities. At the end of the year, The Good Earth will donate the total value of the wooden nickels in each jar to the particular charity. The more times you shop at The Good Earth using your own bags, the more money will be donated! The Good Earth Natural Foods Store is located at 41675 Park Avenue in Leonardtown. www.goodearthnaturals.com



Carol Russell of Compton drops her wooden nickel in the jar for Pets with Disabilities. A faithful customer of The Good Earth since it opened 12 years ago, Carol's favorite items are the guacamole dip made on location at the store, the fresh vegetables and dried fruits.

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

Let's keep Leonardtown's grounds and sidewalks as sanitary and unsoiled as possible for all to enjoy! Look for the convenient, easy to use pet waste disposal containers located throughout Town Square and Leonardtown Wharf Park.



By properly disposing of any waste left by your dog, not only are you promoting neighborhood courtesy, but you are helping to reduce the spread of parasites and possible disease. The Town will be enforcing the law and charging a \$50 fine to offenders.

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