

Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH

Celebration of "First Fridays" Historic downtown and uptown Leonardtown

January 5th will be Leonardtown's first "First Friday" event of the year. The theme will be "New Year, New You," focusing on positive changes and fresh starts. Come join the So Mar Drum Circle at the new Arts Council office (see article on page 5).

DECEMBER 16

Santa on the Square Leonardtown Square

APRIL 22, 2018

Earth Day Celebration Leonardtown Square

April 29, 2018

Spring Fling Classic Car Show Leonardtown Square

August 4, 2018

Beach Party on the Square Leonardtown Square and Wharf

September 15, 2018

Taste of St. Mary's Leonardtown Square

October 7, 2018

Antique Tractor & Truck Parade Leonardtown Square

October 20, 2018

Trick or Treat on the Square Leonardtown Square

November 23, 2018

Christmas on the Square Leonardtown Square

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College of Southern Maryland



— Look How We've Grown!

The last Beacon article devoted to our own College of Southern Maryland (CSM) was back in 2002, and it's time for an update, as much has changed at the college in the intervening 15 years! The college has been serving the residents of St. Mary's County since 1978 and has been at their present location here in Leonardtown since 1997. A regional community college, CSM is the sixth largest community college in Maryland with more than 23,000 students spread out among their numerous locations around Southern Maryland and it's not just for students. Everyone in the community can find something of interest at the college, from classes at the Wellness and Aquatics Center to personal enrichment classes for children and adults. The campus also promotes community involvement through its fine arts programs, concerts and partnerships with the Town of Leonardtown on community events.

Wellness and Aquatics Center

Their newest building at the Leonardtown Campus has been a popular addition. The beautiful, light, bright

and airy Wellness and Aquatics Center features a fitness room, two wellness studios, a competition pool and a zero-depth entry therapy pool. The fitness center is fully equipped with fitness and circuit training equipment, comparable to any highend gym, making wellness readily available and affordable to Leonardtown residents. Services at the

center include orientations, information, nutritional fitness assessments body composition testing. Specialty classes are available for seniors. St. Mary's County public fifth-graders school participate in a water safety



program and swimming is available to the general public through an individual or family membership program. Members have access to open hours in the fitness center and pool, a free equipment orientation, monthly wellness programs and all GroupEx Passport classes. Membership is also valid at all three CSM campus locations. Come check it out if you haven't already seen it!



The Arts

If your taste runs towards theatre, music or art, CSM has something for you. They offer a thriving fine arts program, including dramatic and musical theatre productions, gallery exhibits and talks and comedic performances for both adults and children in the community. Their concerts include performances of Latin, barbershop, jazz and classical music. Visual arts, dance performances and literary continued on page 6



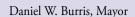
Mayor's Message

To grow or not to grow is the age old question. For many slow growing or even shrinking rural areas, maintaining the existing prosperity of its residents is beyond reach. Growth, if managed properly, is a way to strengthen the economy and provide a good quality of life for residents. Building on local assets to strengthen and grow the local economy is the highest priority for the continued revitalization of our town.

Recent information from the Maryland Dept. of Planning and the US Census Bureau shows that Leonardtown is the fastest growing municipality, percentagewise, in the State. This fact is something we should appreciate and use to continue building a strong economy.

We are blessed with many locally owned businesses operating in our community. Patronizing local, small businesses gives dollars back directly to our community, provides employment opportunities and brings growth and innovation to our area. November 25th was Small Business Saturday across the country. I encourage all of us to support our local merchants all year long.

The Council and I will continue our efforts in reinforcing the economy of our great town to ensure the quality of life that we enjoy today will be enjoyed for generations to come.





Water Quality Report

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

Town Tidbits

Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square

Santa and Mrs. Claus return to the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, December 16th from 11 AM-1 PM. Remember to bring your Christmas "wish list" for your own personal visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and bring your own camera to take as many photos as you like! This is a FREE event! (In the event of inclement weather, Santa & Mrs. Claus will move to the Winegardner Auto showroom.)

Earth Day Celebration

Leonardtown's 2018 Earth Day celebration will be held on Sunday, April 22^{nd} from 12:30-4:30 PM. Enjoy an educational and fun day of environmental education, handson demonstrations, and entertainment for all ages – including Reptile World, Inc.! Details of this event and vendor/exhibitor applications will be posted on *leonardtown.somd.com* as they are finalized.

LVFD Auxiliary Donates Items for Cancer Support

The Outreach Committee of the LVFD Auxiliary and Auxiliary Members have been working hard on handmade items that will be given to firefighters and rescue squad members and their families, throughout the state of Maryland, that are fighting cancer. Darby Byrd, PP of the LAMSFA 2015-2016, Chairman of the LAMSFA Cancer Support Committee, and Barbara Sue Nelson, PP of the LAMSFA 2016-2017, accepted the donations from Anne Dement, Chairperson for the Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Vol. Fire Department Outreach. The Outreach Committee would



like to thank *JnJ Custom Stitches*, Denise Primeaux, Kim from *Small Town Bargains* and Beth Van Deusen for donating and to all our Auxiliary members for their time and support. This will be an ongoing project, so if anyone would like to help make items or donate fabric, Velcro, fiberfill, rice, elastic or batting, we will accept it gratefully.

Craft Guild Shop of St. Mary's

Join the Craft Guild Shop every 3rd Saturday of the month for special Meet & Greet opportunities with their local artists, fresh baked goods, learn about upcoming classes & workshops, and more! www.craftguildshop.net.

Need to Make Room in Your Home?

Home Elements is now accepting consignments of Home Furnishings. Contact Darrin at Consign@HE-Furniture.com for further information.

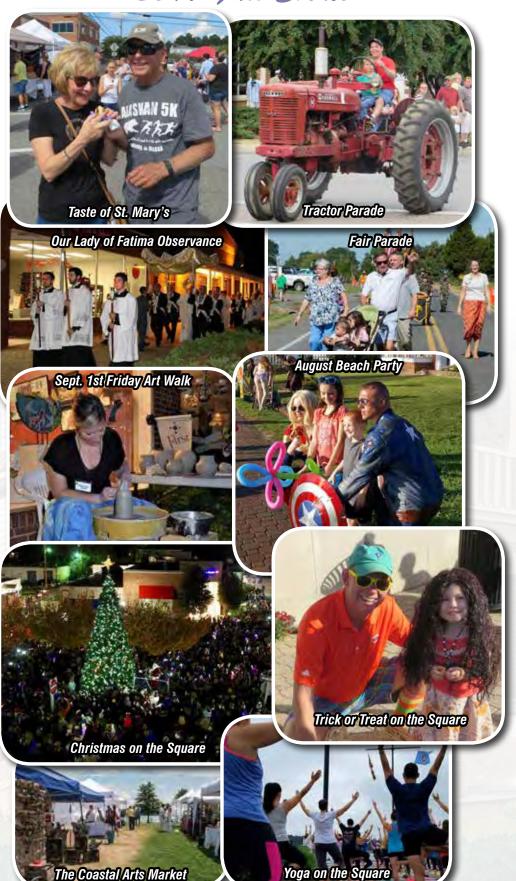


The women's cooperative is finalizing the name transition from Fuzzy Farmers Market to New View FiberWorks, LLC. The new sign is on the building, logo and lettering on the door and windows. A new awning will be up soon. Of course, it will be their signature yellow and white



stripes! As always, you will continue to find fabulous, unique products woven, knitted, and crocheted from fine yarns and fibers, plus jewelry, pottery, and so much more. Their current class offerings include Wet Felting Open Studio every second Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 4:30; Beginner Tatting class starting November 19; and Spinning and Weaving classes can be scheduled to work with your busy life. Contact them at 301.475.3899 or at info.fuzzyfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Town Tidbits 2017 Fall Events



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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. December 18, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16.

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The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in

December 25 Christmas Day
January 1 New Year's Day
January 15 Martin Luther King Day
February 19 President's Day
May 28 Memorial Day



Leonardtown's New Public Art Piece Unveiled The Naturalist's Bench

The Arts and Entertainment District designation was a long time in the making but Leonardtown's 2013 designation has been the stimulus for an upswing of art in St. Mary's County. Nationally, Arts and Entertainment (A&E) Districts can be found in cities and towns of all sizes, each one uniquely reflecting a local mission, history, and cultural development. Leonardtown's mission for the designation is to continue its revitalization efforts by enhancing its vibrant and diverse arts and entertainment venues and to give artists a place to come together in a collaborative atmosphere where creativity and inspiration are encouraged and nourished.



A huge milestone of the A&E designation is the October 6th unveiling of the first public art project initiated by the Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District. In 2016 the Town formed a public

art committee to put out a call to artists for proposals for a public art project. Members of the committee included Barbara Bershon (former chair and current member of the MD State Arts Council and Treasurer of the St. Mary's County Arts Council), Jane Rowe and Cynthia Rosenblatt (artists and owners of Opal Art Gallery), Nell Elder (Executive Director of the SMCAC) and DeAnn Adler and Laschelle McKay (staff members for the Town). The winning artist was Parran Collery, a southern Maryland artist working in the medium of terra cotta clay tile. Parran created a beautiful mosaic tiled bench entitled "The Naturalist's Bench". Funding for the bench was secured through a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Parran Collery is a southern Maryland artist working in terra cotta tiles and mosaics. She is a member of the North End Gallery cooperative of artists. Parran drew inspiration for "The Naturalist's Bench" from her own artistic interest in observing the beauty and wonder of the natural world around us...discovering bits of flora and fauna. . .making art feel approachable. The theme of the bench design features small vignettes of nature depicted in swirls and arcs of vibrantly glazed tiles. "It is a visual wonderland, engaging to both children and adults. Elements of nature from the southern Maryland region will encourage visitors to sit and spend time looking closely at the details of the art," says artist, Parran Collery. Parran believes that the best public art projects have a powerful relevance to their place, a sense of intrigue and surprise, and a visually compelling design. Collery has certainly captured this concept in "The Naturalist's Bench". Stop by and take in this beautiful and functional work of art located in front of the Town Hall next to the Leonardtown Arts Center.

Leonardtown Arts Center is now open on First Fridays



Stop in between 5-8 PM on First Fridays to see their recently remodeled and upgraded studio area, meet the artists, and learn more about workspace rental opportunities.

The entrance is on the 2nd floor to the rear of the building at 22660 Washington St, just look for the purple staircase!

Opal Art Gallery Celebrates 5 Year Anniversary



Opal Gallery, located at 41625 Park Ave, celebrated their 5 year anniversary in October. The gallery is owned and operated by local artists Cynthia Rosenblatt and Jane Rowe. The gallery features original works and limited edition gift items and showcases juried works of art by guest artists at various times throughout the year. Visit their facebook page for more information.

Bra Art Contest and Fundraiser

At our October Pink First Friday, Leonardtown once again hosted the Uplifting Designs Bra Art Contest. We had 13 bras entered in the contest with some wild designs! People could vote for their favorite bra by dropping money into buckets and \$403 was raised for MedStar St. Mary's Breast Cancer Support Services. The winner of the contest was the group effort by the knitters at Crazy for Ewe. The bra was called "Cross My Heart"!







Yellow Door Art Studios

Fall Workshops & Classes:

- Silver Smithing w/ Cynthia Rosenblatt Nov 2 Dec 14 (series), $_{\rm Ages~11+}$
- Glow in the Dark Paint Night Nov 10, 5-7 PM, Ages 5+ \$10
- Snow Paint Night Dec 1, 5-7 PM, Ages 5+ \$10

These are just a small sample of the classes & workshops scheduled for the fall, check their online schedule for info about the many other sessions offered. Check out the Yellow Door website!



North End Gallery News

The **October** show featured Christina Allen's work, themed "Food and Farms." Healthy foods and a healthy lifestyle are quite important to Christina. Thus, her delicate and beautifully detailed paintings highlighted home-grown foods such as onions, corn, kale and lettuces. There were paintings of apple blossoms, chickens, cats, farm buildings and trees. Each painting proved that Christina Allen is at the top of her craft, with an artist's masterful hand that depicts the world around her.





Christina Allen

November's show, *Rivers Reflection*, featured the works of Jim Doussard and Helene Vonnegut. One show, two artists, was inspired by the rivers and natural beauty of Southern Maryland.

For **December** North End Gallery will have its holiday show, themed, "All that Glitters." This show at North End is a treasure trove of gifts large and small, with items priced for any budget; all made by North End's member artists.

The **January** show is an all-membership show with the theme "Cold Winter Fun."

For **February 2018** North End Gallery holds its annual Invitational Show, featuring invited artists from around the region and new works done by North End's member artists.

The **March 2018** show at North End will be an all-member show themed, "Informal Gatherings."

For **April 2018** North End presents a three-woman show with works from watercolor artist Ann Preston, glass and tile artist, Mary Ida Rolape and ceramic artist, Rachael Platt.



Leonardtown Rock Garden

Check out Leonardtown's new rock garden! A big thanks goes to Glenda Abell and Jonas Schommer. Glenda had the idea and Jonas painted the pavers.



Welcome Wednesdays

Calling all artists and anyone else! Join the staff at St. Mary's County Arts Council for an open invitation every Wednesday to socialize, share information, talk about upcoming arts-related events/opportunities, or just hang out in a casual atmosphere. Invite a friend or co-worker or stop by yourself (no need to RSVP). Bring your own lunch or grab one to go from any of the great restaurants and eateries in the Downtown Leonardtown area. 22660 Washington Street.

First Friday Drum Circle

Everyone is encouraged to join with the SoMar Drummers for an evening of audience participation of the Drum & Percussion Circle from 7 to 8 PM right downtown at the new Arts Council Office, 22660 Washington Street, First Floor, on First Fridays throughout the winter. Bring your own instrument or use one provided, all ages and skill levels are welcome.



Calling All Artists!

The Town Office, located at 22670 Washington Street, has dedicated wall space to feature our talented local artists. Stop in and peruse the beautiful paintings and photography. Artwork is for sale also! If you'd like to have your work added to our collection, please contact the town office at 301-475-9791.



Shepherds Old Field Market

Shepherds Old Field Market is scheduled to open its doors at 22725 Duke Street in early Spring 2018. There is still time to be part of this community marketplace. Now accepting consignments and vendors. For more info, call Gerrie at 240-753-3332.



New Mural for Downtown Leonardtown

The Town of Leonardtown's Arts and Entertainment District, in conjunction with the St. Mary's Arts Council, is seeking proposals from professional muralists/painters interested in creating a mural to be painted in downtown Leonardtown. The winning proposal/artist will create a mural/murals that depicts the history and revitalization of Leonardtown's waterfront. Watch for the RFP to be posted soon at www.leonardtown.somd.com.

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lecture programs are also available throughout the year. The college also has *Kid's and Teen College* classes in the arts. New additions to the campus offerings include the *Benny C. Morgan Recital Series*, named in honor of the man who donated his prized Steinway grand piano to the CSM Leonardtown campus in 2016, and the *Connections Literary Series*, with readings by established and emerging writers as well as fall and spring magazine publications, representing submissions from residents of Southern Maryland. You can check out their website at csmd.edu/arts for more information.

Workforce Development

Fostering a strong connection to the Southern Maryland's business community is an important part of CSM's workforce development and education plan. They've partnered with SMECO to create a pre-apprenticeship training program for utility skills and a pathway for CSM business students to prepare for contracting work at the PAX River Navy Base. They've partnered with AVIAN to offer training courses and the *Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship* in Piney Point to earn college credit towards a degree in Maritime Operations Technology.



CSM's new Robotics and Electrical Labs has been updated through funding received by Dominion Energy and their competitive robotics team, the Talons, has qualified for four consecutive years for the world championships held in Louisville, Kentucky. They made it to the semi-finals in 2016-2017 season! CSM takes the lead in organizing elementary, middle and high school league competition, along with the public school system and teacher support.

Recently, the college was awarded \$500,000 from a state program created to spur basic and applied research in scientific and technical fields and also support the college's *Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute*. CSM is the first community college to receive this prestigious award!

Are you a Veteran?

CSM is one of the largest veteran-serving colleges in Maryland. They have an active chapter of the Student Veteran's Association with a mission to provide military veterans with the resources, support and advocacy needed to succeed in college and following graduation.

Personal Enrichment



CSM Kid's College

Whether you're looking for a driver education class, motorcycle training or summer art classes for your kids, CSM has something for everyone through their Kid's and Teen College and summer enrichment programs. They offer more than 300 courses designed for ages 5-14, including

arts and crafts, dance, engineering, information technology, language arts, math, music, personal development, photography, science, theatre and more. Summer programs such as the popular *Engineer Like a Girl* free week-long course introduces STEM concepts to high schoolers while the *Summer Scholars* program offers a taste of college and college credit for students in cybersecurity, robotics or music.

There will be 30 new Kids and Teen College offerings available this summer and you can get more information at csm.edu/kidscollege.

Maybe you need your GED or ESL instruction. Through grant funding, CSM provides adult education, with low-cost and no-cost classes for St. Mary's County residents.

Concerned about the cost of a college education for your child? Through the dual-enrollment program, CSM gives area high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to simultaneously earn college credit (at a half off tuition rate) that may also count as credit towards their high school diploma. Not only are students getting a head start on college, national studies show that dual enrolled students are better prepared academically for college and achieve a higher GPA when they attend full time.



CSM Makes a Great Neighbor

Having CSM in the town has been a great benefit not only to our town residents, but also the town businesses. The College of Southern Maryland has partnered with, celebrated with and supported the Leonardtown Business Association in many of its endeavors. A few events CSM has been involved with are the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration, First Fridays, the Annual Beach Party, the Veterans Day Parade and Earth Day celebrations. "CSM Leonardtown truly enjoys the partnership with the LBA, as we share a similar vision and mission... serving the needs of our community," says Dr. Tracy Harris, Vice President and Dean of the Leonardtown

Campus. In the past CSM Leonardtown offered has the Twilight Performance Series with support and participation from the Leonardtown Business Association (LBA). The series has been an excellent



venue for the LBA to highlight the town's activities and upcoming events. They have shared their meeting rooms and parking space with the town in order to accommodate our large events. For upcoming CSM Leonardtown concerts, they are revamping the schedule to align more closely with the town's events in order to compliment the town's activities and hopefully encourage visitors to spend the night and enjoy Leonardtown over a two-day period.

"Leonardtown is a vibrant small community, and the College of Southern Maryland is proud to be a part of it," says CSM's fifth president, Dr. Maureen Murphy, who is also a resident of

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Leonardtown. She comes to the college after serving as president of Brookdale Community College in New Jersey. Before that she served as president of San Jacinto College South in Houston, Texas and as vice president at both Rappahannock and Wytheville Community Colleges in Virginia.

CSM is constantly looking ahead at new ways to serve their students and the community, and

they are growing quickly. Based on projected future enrollment numbers the Leonardtown Campus has a great need for more classroom and meeting space. To address this need, a fifth building, "Building E," is in the early planning stages. This building could include a

large multi-purpose room capable of seating 300 to 400 people and labs for robotics and aviation classes. As Dr. Murphy stated, "We are excited about the possibility of a new building at the Leonardtown Campus to better serve our students in this part of the region." The town is also thrilled to see that the campus has continued to grow since that 2002 article and is thriving, just like the rest of our community.





Leonardtown Library Happenings

Noon Year's Eve – All the fun of a New Year's party for our young friends with early bed times! Count down to a happy NOON year with songs, crafts, and awesome activities. No registration. Leonardtown Library, Wednesday, December 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and at the Charlotte Hall Library, Friday, December 29 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

What is Mindfulness Meditation and How Do I Begin? — Want to try Mindfulness Meditation but not sure where to begin? Cindy Maxted, of Mid Atlantic Mindfulness, will join us at the Leonardtown Library to get you started. Cindy will introduce you to the concepts of mindfulness vs. meditation, explain the benefits of both, and define mindful body, mindful breathing, mindful movement and mindful eating. Registration is required. Leonardtown Library — Wednesday, February 7th, 6:00-7:30pm

Completing the FAFSA Form — Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form is the first step toward getting federal aid for college, career school, or graduate school. Completing and submitting the form is free and quick, and gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to help pay for college or career school. A representative from College of Southern Maryland will be on hand for two one hour sessions to help you with the completion of your FAFSA form. Registration is required. Leonardtown Library — Wednesday, January 10th, 5:00pm. Leonardtown Library — Wednesday, January 10th, 6:00pm.

Trash and Recycling Information



Bulk Trash Pickup: Bulk trash pickup always falls on the first Thursday or Friday (depending on your regular pickup day) of March, June, September and December. So

the next quarterly bulk trash pickup dates will be December 7 & 8, 2107 and March 1 & 2, 2018. Bulk items such as bicycles, sofas, tables, chairs, etc, will be collected with your regular trash and should be placed at the curb together on these dates. Paint cans are considered a hazardous material and will not be picked up. Stoves, dishwashers and refrigerators can also be picked up. Refrigerators must have the freon removed and must be tagged by a certified technician.

Holiday Pickup: Christmas and New Year's Day are on a Monday, so for that week slide your pickup day one day forward. For example, trash pickup scheduled for Monday will slide forward to Tuesday and so on for that week. Recyclables will also slide forward on those weeks and be picked up on Thursday. Other information on Leonardtown's collection services can be found by visiting our website at *leonardtown.somd.com*.

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Town News

Route 5 Waterloop Project Begins

A long planned water system improvement project is now underway to connect the existing customers on the eastern most boundaries of the town (which include Cedar Lane, St. Mary's Ryken High School and Academy Hills subdivision) to an existing water line at Washington Street. This gives an alternate source of water access and improves fire flow. The project starts at the Washington Street and Rt. 5 intersection and ends at Rose Hill Drive. The new line is being installed along the south shoulder of Rt. 5 and will cross under the road at the Academy Hills entrance. Any portions of the work that will require a lane closure will be done at night. The remainder of the project will be done during the day and should be complete by Christmas.

Route 5 Widening Break-Out Project

The Maryland State Highway Administration has announced the planned schedule for construction of this much needed safety improvement at Moakley and Abell Streets. The grading on the southbound side of Route 5 at Abell Street is slated to begin March of 2018. The construction is anticipated to take three years to complete.

These improvements will add a center left turn lane and improve site distances when exiting Abell Street. These improvements will connect with the widening improvements previously completed by Marrick Homes along the Clark's Rest frontage. Future plans show continuing the improvements north to the Newtowne Neck Road and south to the Hollywood Road intersections.

Longmore Street Infill of 5 Home Lots

Local builder Julian Johnson is in the process of completing an infill project on 5 long vacant lots at the end of Longmore Street. Two homes have been completed, mirroring the existing bungalow style homes and three more are available for construction. The project also included completing the street to its future connection with Church Street. Mr. Johnson's project along with a number of other homeowners and builders remodels has brought a new vibrancy to this charming and walkable community in the heart of town.



Meadows at Town Run Receives Final Site Plan Approval

Local builder, Quality Built Homes, received the go ahead to begin construction of Phase One of a 107 lot subdivision to be called Meadows at Town Run. This project will be located on the Wathen Farm on the east side of Hollywood Road. Quality Built Homes is the builder that developed the



Meadows at Town Run Concept Plan

successful Leonard's Grant subdivision across Hollywood Road, which was completed in 2016. Phase one of the Meadows consists of 60 lots and will feature a natural pond and series of walking paths throughout the community. The project includes upgrading Hollywood Road to include a center left turn lane and acceleration and deceleration lanes in front of the project, as well as upgrading the existing water line on Hollywood Road. Site work will begin in early 2018.

Clarks Rest Entrance Opens

The long awaited entrance to Clark's Rest, located along MD Route 5, opened this summer. The design of the future Route 5 widening can be visualized now as Marrick Homes completed the planned widening improvements along the entire frontage of their project. The Town and Marrick Homes will continue to work with State Highway to monitor the traffic counts at this new entrance for meeting the State requirements to add signalization at the intersection. Phase two of Clark's Rest is well underway and the magnificent pool and community center opened this summer.

