

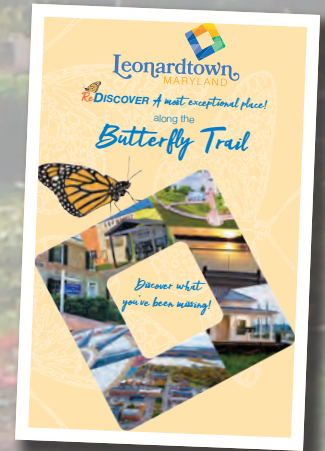
FALL 2021



Leonardtwn Beacon Butterfly Trail

On July 11th a ribbon cutting was held to kick off the opening of the Butterfly Trail in Downtown Leonardtown. The trail encourages visitors to take a stroll around town to discover/Rediscover the beautiful sights that appeal to you personally! The recommended starting point is the Old Jail Museum and Visitor's Center. This newly opened visitors' information center holds a huge amount of history as well as a large selection of ideas of places to visit and things to do.

The beautiful Butterfly Trail brochure has a variety of reminders of all the fun and interesting sights around town. The Journey of the Butterfly has 10 clues to help you embark on your adventure to discover these delightful gems. Can you solve the clues? The Kids Caterpillar Corner has fun games to keep young ones entertained. The revival of the Historic Walking Tour is a 20-stop tour of the historic architecture of buildings downtown. The full brochure for this tour can be downloaded from the QR Code in the Trail brochure for additional information on these historic buildings. The brochure is also filled with tidbits of Leonardtown Lore throughout.



One of the unique things about the Butterfly Trail is the original artwork on display all along the trail by artist and Leonardtown resident Eric Clark Jackson. Eric's amazing banners and flags are one-of-a-kind designs of butterflies and caterpillars created with a process called batik. Batik is an Indonesian technique of wax-resistant dyeing applied to the whole cloth. Eric specializes in contemporary wildlife illustrations, landscapes, and large-scale collaborative installations. For more information on Eric and his art visit www.Bayfibersstudio.com.

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Leonardtown

FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH
Celebration of "First Fridays" Historic
downtown and uptown Leonardtown

HIGHER STANDARDS

Friday, September 3
A & E First Friday
Leonardtown Square
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

TASTE OF ST. MARY'S

Saturday, September 11
Leonardtown Square
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Saturday, October 23 (Tentative)
Leonardtown Square
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**VETERANS DAY PARADE AND
MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

Thursday, November 11
Leonardtown Square
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

Friday, November 26
Leonardtown Square
4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Save The Date!

Trick - or - Treat

Saturday
October 23, 2021

Veterans Day

Thursday
November 11, 2021

**Christmas on
the Square**

Friday
November 26, 2021

**Tuesday Meet &
Greet with Santa**

Tuesday
December 14, 2021

**Saturday Meet &
Greet with Santa
and Mrs. Claus
on the Square**

Saturday
December 18, 2021



Mayor's Message

What a wonderful spring and summer in Leonardtown this year. Being open for business again has been a breath of fresh air. Take a look around at all the new and exciting things happening in Town. The Inn at Leonardtown is finally open. What a tremendous asset to have this boutique hotel in Leonardtown. And with the Inn's opening

the Leonardtown trolley has been making appearances around town as well. The Town and Visit St. Mary's are working with the trolley owner, to expand the trolleys presence in Town in the future.

We will be adding phase 2 of the Leonardtown Wharf slips in the next couple of months also. The next phase will add electric, water and a sewer pump out to the slips making visiting Leonardtown by boat even more attractive.



While we were sad to see Leonardtown Chevrolet leave downtown, as this was home to Bell Motor and Winegardner Automotive previously for almost 100 years, it is also an important turning point for further redevelopment of the downtown. With the approaching start to the Tudor Hall Village development, this block of land will become the entrance to the new 400-acre extension of Leonardtown. The Town is in the process of finalizing the land swaps through Department of Natural Resources that will ensure that the waterfront from Leonardtown Wharf to Port of Leonardtown Park will be open for public access and will promise a bright future for this wonderful town we call home.

Local Effects of Ransomware Attack

As previously disclosed, the Leonardtown computer network was part of the Kaseya global ransomware attack that occurred on July 2, 2021. It has been reported to be the largest ransomware attack on record. The Leonardtown computer network is managed by a contracted service provider. The Kaseya software is what they use to manage the Town server and workstations.

The purpose of the attack was to encrypt Town data and render the server and workstations unusable until a ransom was paid to unlock and decrypt Town data. No ransom was paid by Leonardtown. The contracted service provider had full backups of Town data and was able to restore the network. The most significant disruption to Town operations was the delay of calculating and mailing the quarterly utility bills.

There are some customers that utilize the Town's online utility billing payment portal to make credit card and electronic check payments. Customers' primary account numbers do not reside on the Town's network. The payment portion of each transaction is handled by a third-party merchant processor that utilizes the highest level of encryption and tokenization to protect the cardholder's primary account number. During processing, the merchant processor replaces the primary account number with a "token". This minimizes the number of times the primary account number travels through the payment process. For customers that save their payment method on the portal, this "token" is saved to be used for future payments.

Although there is no evidence that the hackers wanted the Town's data for any other purpose, it is our recommendation that you periodically change your password used for the online payment portal and make sure this password is not used for any other online account you may utilize.

Water Quality Report
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report:
[www.leonardtown.somd.com/
government/CCRReport-current.pdf](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com/government/CCRReport-current.pdf)



**LEONARDTOWN arts
entertainment
DISTRICT**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
ARTS COUNCIL NEWS**

Be sure to join us for the Arts & Entertainment First Friday event on September 3rd! Every year has been inclusive of new and exciting activities for our

celebration of Leonardtown's official designation as an A&E District by the state of Maryland in 2013.

Vote for your favorite art pieces at our Art Walk event where the works from local artists are featured in Leonardtown shops for the month of September. There will be fabulous prizes for the artists and also a raffle for prizes for people who cast their ballots for this art contest!

Shop at our Gallery & Gift Shop where the handcrafted works of over 35 local artists are displayed and available for purchase. We pretty much have something for everyone in a wide variety of price ranges. Our consigned work includes pottery, jewelry, paintings, prints, greeting cards, books, and much more!

On First Friday evenings we are open late until 8 PM and also host special events including an all ages/ skills level audience participation Drum Circle with the SoMar Drummers followed by a youth Drumline event.

A special exhibit this October and November will be a group show featuring the work of the members of the Color & Light Society with an opening reception on First Friday, October 1st from 5 to 8 PM.

Stop on by and visit us to learn about the Arts in St. Mary's County, our friendly staff members will be here to share information about local opportunities and events within our community.

The St. Mary's County Arts Council office address is 22660 Washington St. (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center), open hours are 11-4 Wednesday through Saturday with extended hours for special events. We are next to the Town Hall office and we are a pet-friendly location.

Consider joining as a member at only \$25 a year tax deductible donation to support the Arts! Other levels of membership are also available at family, business, and corporate levels.

Visit our website at: www.stmarysartscouncil.com, call 240-309-4061 or info@smcart.org for details about our upcoming events listed above (and more!). Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @smcartscouncil /#smcartscouncil, **Let's connect!**



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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. September 13, October 12, November 8, December 13

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. October 18, November 15, December 20

Contact the Town

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

September 6 Labor Day
October 11 Columbus Day
November 11 Veteran's Day (observed)
November 25 Thanksgiving
November 26 Day After Thanksgiving
December 24 Christmas Day (observed)
December 25 Christmas Day

Beach Party On The Square Canceled

The Commissioners of Leonardtown made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Beach Party on the Square. The Town Council followed developments closely and considered the updated guidelines. For current information about the Town's annual events, please visit: VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/Events.



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The importance of outdoor activity was never more apparent than over the last year and a half. Having a safe, walkable environment was key to all of our well-being. A number of additional projects are underway to enhance the Leonardtown outdoor experience.

A project to add Wayfinding Signage throughout the downtown corridor is underway. A recommendation of the 2019 Downtown Strategic Plan to help get rid of sign clutter and curate an easier visitor experience to find parking and off the beaten path sites. The bid to fabricate and install the new signage system was awarded to Beltway Striping and Traffic Control on August 9, 2021. The design is being finalized and the signs will be in shortly.



Another exciting outdoor project is LTOWN Alley. This important project will connect a majority of the Town public parking to Washington Street, Town Square, Fenwick Street and Park Avenue. The project will create a fun, inviting environment for small events as well as pedestrians just passing through from the parking.



The project includes burying utility lines, repaving two legs of the alley and creating two legs that are pedestrian only with brick paved surfaces. New lighting and many varied public art installations to showcase Southern Maryland's only Arts & Entertainment District. Three Public Art pieces within LTOWN Alley have been selected to move forward at this time; Where Art and Agriculture Meet by Jamie Naluai, Leonardtown History and Natural Outdoor Murals by a team of 10 North End Gallery artists and Alice in Leonardtown by Dan Ropp and Tom Rogers. Stay tuned and watch for these amazing art pieces to magically appear!

Additionally, outdoor dining has become an expectation at many of our great dining establishments in Town since Covid. The Town Council has been proactive in supporting these businesses and the public has responded very favorably. Many local residents that hadn't frequented Leonardtown businesses previously are now enjoying the outdoor seating. The seating also helps create the vibrant, active atmosphere that goes along with the recommendations from the Downtown Strategic Plan. All of these great projects will help add to the already "Exceptional Place" that Leonardtown is!

FREE Virtual Art Classes Offered Through THE NORTH END GALLERY LEARN & SHARE SERIES

North End Gallery Learn & Share Series

FREE Art Classes For All Levels

LEONARDTOWN arts entertainment DISTRICT

The Town of Leonardtown and North End Gallery have partnered to present a series of informative and dynamic art classes for the Leonardtown Learn & Share online platform. The North End Gallery Learn & Share Series, funded in part by the St. Mary's County Arts Council, offers FREE art classes taught by gallery members. Example classes include oil painting, watercolor, pastels, pottery, mosaics and more. Learn tips and techniques from talented North End Gallery Artists.

Class Subjects Include:

- Watercolor
- Pastels
- Oil Painting
- Plein Air Painting
- Pottery
- Mosaics
- And More!

Now Available At: www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/northendgallery

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RESIDENTIAL WATER & SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Town residential customers are billed for their water and sewer use based on their metered water consumption. Meters are read and customers are billed on a calendar quarter basis. The rates are as follows:

WATER

Minimum charge \$30.60 per quarter includes 1 to 10,000 gallons of water

Extra consumption \$ 2.55 for each thousand gallons or fraction thereof, over 10,000 gallons.

SEWER

Minimum charge \$67.74 per quarter; includes 1 to 10,000 gallons

Extra consumption \$ 6.77 for each thousand gallons, or fraction thereof, over 10,000 gallons to a maximum sewer charge of \$155.75

Bay Restoration Fee \$15.00 per quarter

Residential Trash/Recycling Service \$73.26 per quarter

Per Town Code, all residents are required to utilize the Town Contractor for the trash and recycling service. The **minimum** bill for water, sewer (up to 10,000 gallons) and trash service will be **\$186.60**.

We now offer On-Line Bill Pay through our website at www.leonardtown.somd.com. Find the link on the front page that is labeled "Pay Utility Bill On-Line", and follow the steps. Also, available in the Town Hall Office is a Credit/Debit Card ONLY Kiosk for your convenience.

*All recycling will be collected on Wednesday.
The trash collection schedule is as follows:*

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

Academy Hills – all streets	Hollywood Road
Leonard's Grant – all streets	Laverne Lane
Singletree – all streets	Mattingly Street
Eldon Court	Mile Post Lane
Greenbrier Road	Spalding Court
Henderson Drive	

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Clark's Rest – all streets All other streets in Leonardtown

If you find you need additional trash container(s), please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791. There is no extra monthly pick up charge, but you will have to pay for the trash container.

TRASH & 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 quarterly bulk trash pickup dates for 2021 will be March 4th or 5th, June 3rd or 4th, September 2nd or 3rd, December 2nd or 3rd.

PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Town regulates abandoned vehicles. This ordinance pertains to any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, or water craft that

- Is inoperative and left unattended, or
- Has remained illegally on public or private property, or
- Has remained on public or private property and does not display valid registration plates registered to that vehicle.

The Town is cracking down on unregistered and/or illegally parked vehicles. Please be sure to maintain and keep your vehicles properly registered to avoid towing.

REMINDER

All homes within Leonardtown **MUST** have their five (5) digit numeric address clearly posted. These 911 addresses help local first responders find you in the event of an emergency. It is imperative that all homes be clearly marked.



Happenings in Leonardtown

NEW VIEW FIBERWORKS, LLC 10TH ANNIVERSARY

My, how time flies! New View FiberWorks, LLC, turned 10... yes 10 years old! Seems like only yesterday a group of seven women had the idea of offering their finely crafted fiber and soap products as part of the Craft Guild of St. Mary's County, only to take the leap of moving to the historic Leonardtown Square. On July 27, 2011, after much hard work, New View FiberWorks opened its doors (originally as Fuzzy Farmers Market) and as they say – the rest is history!



What started out as a small group of friends at New View FiberWorks offering our handmade scarves, shawls, mittens and rugs has grown into 20 women artisans and farmers offering a large array of unique products using both modern and old-world skills. Where else can you find tatted lace earrings, quilted table runners, intricately knitted lace shawls, as well as felted artwork and woven scarves from hand spun yarn?

Leonardtown has been so warm and gracious to us; not only our loyal customers whom we now consider friends, but our neighboring businesses as well. We've had visitors from all over the globe stop in and we love that our items have been so far flung around the world and it starts here in St. Mary's County.

We appreciate you all and hope you will stop in to celebrate with us so we may thank you for your support over the last 10 years and say Happy Anniversary!

Also, New View Fiberworks is partnering with the Town of Leonardtown to offer a series of innovative art classes for the Leonardtown Learn & Share online platform. The New View Fiberworks Learn & Share Series, funded in part by the St. Mary's County Arts Council, will offer FREE art classes taught by gallery member, Randee Hamblin. Randee will teach three classes on mixed media: Sewing with Paper (the class premiered on August 25th and is now available at: New View Fiberworks (visitleonardtownmd.com); Watercolor on Fabric (premieres on September 22nd); and Origami with Fabric (premieres on October 20th). For more information about the New View Fiberworks Learn & Share Classes visit: New View Fiberworks (visitleonardtownmd.com).



FROG TOWN ICE CREAM

Frog Town Ice Cream is coming to the Leonardtown Wharf concession stand! The idea for the name of the ice cream shop came from an old 30's – 40's photograph. Frog Town will be serving a variety of Hershey's ice cream and some snacks. The hours of operation are Wednesday through Sunday from 1 PM – 9 PM. Come visit the Wharf for a nice cool treat!



PATUXENT ADVENTURE CENTER

Bring the family down to the Leonardtown Wharf and enjoy your day on Breton Bay! When you're done having fun in the sun, head right up the hill and enjoy the rest of your evening in historic downtown Leonardtown. Or, start at McIntosh Run and take a leisurely paddle where you are bound to see all sorts of wildlife. Sip on a glass of wine at the Port of Leonardtown Winery to complete your adventure!

PAC Paddle Sports offers kayak & SUP rentals from three unique locations that showcase Southern Maryland's unique paddling scene, Leonardtown Wharf, McIntosh Run and Solomons Island. They also offer lessons, guided tours, and weekly social paddles. Off-site rentals are available with a reservation and an additional transportation fee.



The Leonardtown paddlesports locations are open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday for paddlesports rental bookings just go straight to www.pacpaddle.com.

Patuxent Adventure Center's main shop in Solomons, MD is now open for bicycle and paddlesports sales and service. The new location is 13372 HG Trueman Road, in the Solomons Town Center in the former Pepper's Pet Pantry location.





BRÜDERFEST 2021

On Saturday, October 2nd, join us for Brüderfest 2021 at the Brüdergarten Beer Garden at Shepherd's Old Field Market!

Lederhosen and Dirndls encouraged but not required. Celebrate the season with drink specials and live music by HydraFX, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital will be a hosting site for two upcoming Red Cross blood drives.

Thursday, September 30th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Auxillary, Building #3
25500 Point Lookout Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

To register visit: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Input Sponsor Code: **MedStarStMarysHospital**



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St. Mary's
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3RD ANNUAL SCARECROW STROLL



Join in the fun and fill the Town with scarecrows! Scarecrows can be placed outside the front of your business or in your storefront window. If you have a business that doesn't have either of these or would like a spot in Town Square, please contact Jen Stotler for available placement. Call 301-247-7611 or email leonardtownmaryland@gmail.com. Entries should be received by September 23rd. The contest will run from October 1st through October 24th. Winners will be announced on October 28th.

DEPUTY'S CORNER

INTERNET SAFETY – With the changes in 2020 and 2021 everyone, young and old, are on the internet for hours and hours every single day. Parents need to be mindful of the "games" their children are playing. They are exposed to a lot of adult information at a young age. Adults pretend to be kids on "kids" games to get personal information/home addresses etc. and kids will talk to anyone and everyone is a stranger on the internet.

Check out <https://www.netsmartzkids.org/> for more tips.

And, remember **everything** posted on the internet/social media (snapchat/Insta/TikTok) is FOREVER.

LIGHTING – Lights are your friend. Install LED energy saving bulbs on the exterior of your homes. The "bad guys" like the dark so make your house/yard/shed/garage well lit. Motion activated lights are automated and will save you energy and money while protecting your home and family.



LED lighting



SAM GROW

Sunday, August 22
Leonardtown Square
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Sam will delight the crowd with an all-acoustic set.

PHILLIP MICHAEL PARSONS

Sunday, August 29
Port of Leonardtown Winery
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Phillip will be performing some of his favorite Country and Rock hits, as well as some of his own music.

ROBBIE BOOTHE

Sunday, September 18
Port of Leonardtown Winery
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

LATRICE CARR

Saturday, October 9
Port of Leonardtown Winery
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

AMISH OUTLAWS

Saturday, October 16
Leonardtown Square
Time TBD



Visit the Town of Leonardtown on the Web at leonardtown.somd.com for current news happenings in and around Town, and to read current and earlier publications of the Leonardtown Beacon newsletter online.

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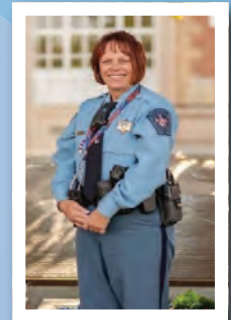


It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of retired Corporal Peggy Smolarsky on July 20, 2021 after a hard-fought battle against cancer.

Peggy began her career with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in April of 1999 as a deputy and retired in November of 2016. In 2009, she became the Town's Deputy and served in that capacity until

her retirement. Peggy had a distinguished career and served in several capacities while at the Sheriff's Office.

Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator, shared, "Peggy was an amazing community police officer and loved the Leonardtown community that embraced her. She fought a bold fight against cancer and used her experience to help others through her blog, Praying for Peggy. She is missed acutely by her family, friends and all that knew her. God speed beautiful soul."



MATTINGLY SERVES ON BOARD



Council Vice President, Jay Mattingly was elected as an at large member to serve on the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors in Annapolis.

The mission of the MML is to strengthen and support municipal government through advocacy and development of effective leadership. Jay ensures other municipal officials have access to education and information they need to provide the highest level of services to the residents of

Maryland's cities and towns. **Congratulations, Jay!**

TOWN PROJECTS

Stay up-to-date with the Town's long- and short-term projects! Our project information link can be found on the left side of our web page at:

www.leonardtwn.somd.com

FOX 5 ZIP TRIP

On July 30th, the Town was once again featured in the Fox 5 Zip Trip! We celebrated our local businesses, our hometown heroes and teams, our Emergency Services' community and so much more! Also featured, were five must see stops and a few of our favorite restaurants for a Taste of Leonardtown. A fun time was definitely had by all!!!

