

Leonardtoun BEACON

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Calendar of Events

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

3rd SATURDAY, APRIL-OCTOBER
Coastal Arts Market
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

3rd SATURDAY, JUNE-AUGUST
Sunrise Yoga
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

4th SATURDAY, MAY-AUGUST
Downtown Tunes
Leonardtoun Square

AUGUST 5
Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtoun Square & Wharf

AUGUST 6
Concert on the Lawn
CSM Leonardtown Campus

SEPTEMBER 9
Yak Adventures Beer, Wine
and Crab Feast
Leonardtoun Wharf Park

SEPTEMBER 9
CareNet 5K

Leonardtoun Streets

SEPTEMBER 16
Taste of St. Mary's
Leonardtoun Square

SEPTEMBER 21-24
St. Mary's County Fair
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

SEPTEMBER 30
St. Aloysius Friends of the Poor Walk
Leonardtoun Streets

OCTOBER 8
Antique Tractor & Truck Parade
Leonardtoun Square

OCTOBER 13-14
Observances of traditions for
Our Lady of Fatima
Leonardtoun Square

OCTOBER 14
St. Mary's Ryken 5K Walk/Run
Leonardtoun Streets

OCTOBER 21
Trick-or-Treat on the Square
Leonardtoun Square

OCTOBER 21-22
St. Mary's County Oyster Festival
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

Looking for Something to do in Leonardtown?

Are the kids tired of the swimming pool? Maybe you've decided to save some money this year and take a staycation instead of traveling. Make the most of the last dog days of summer here in Leonardtown. Come and explore all the hidden gems you may have missed. You'll want to save this issue for future reference!

HISTORICAL



OLD JAIL MUSEUM
11 Courthouse Drive
301-475-2467
stmaryshistory.org

Built in 1858 and in use until 1942, the granite block and brick structure retains its original upstairs cells where prisoners were once held. The jail keeper's quarters downstairs house artifacts that relate county history. A cannon from The Ark, one of two ships that first brought colonists to Maryland, and later used to defend St. Mary's City, is displayed on the grounds. The museum also serves as a county visitor information center and houses exhibits of the St. Mary's County Historical Society.

It is also a National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site. Runaway slaves were often held in public jails until their owners retrieved them or they were sold in compensation for the cost of care. Five stories of runaway slaves are connected with this jail. Open Thursday's and Friday's 10 am to 2 pm. Special tours and hours are available by advanced arrangement. Free admission.



TUDOR HALL
41680 Tudor Place
301-475-2467
stmaryshistory.org

Tudor Hall is an important 18th century house in Leonardtown, Maryland. An example of Georgian architecture, it is the oldest building in Leonardtown. Tudor Hall was built by the Barnes family, either Abraham or his son, Richard, both of whom were active in the American Revolution. The name Tudor Hall was given to the house by a 19th century owner, Henry G.S. Key, a cousin of Francis Scott Key.

Hours: Business Office, Bookstore and Tours: Wednesday through Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm/ Research Center Open: Thursday and Friday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm/ 2nd and 4th Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free admission.

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC LEONARDTOWN
Download the tour from the Town website: leonardtoun.somd.com/visit/index.htm to your phone and follow along.

Your journey through our past will start at Tudor Hall Mansion and continue along Courthouse Drive where you will view the Courthouse and the Old Jail Museum. On Washington Street and down various side streets, you will view additional historic buildings, churches and businesses. Each site is numbered and highlighted on the map to assist in your tour. Some sites are open to the public, while others are private residences or offices.

GALLERIES/ART CLASSES



NORTH END GALLERY
41652 Fenwick Street
301-475-3130
www.northendgallery.com

The North End Gallery is a thriving gallery with up to 35 member/owners who actively participate in the promotion, management, and support of day-to-day activities. The gallery features a diverse and vibrant roster of emerging and renowned artists who are committed to developing their craft and who support the arts throughout Southern Maryland. The mixture of functional and fine art reflects their eclectic and ever-changing commitment to providing new and exciting work for display.

The gallery works change every month. The First Friday of each month is marked with a reception from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. that features the works of select artists and a monthly theme. **Tues. - Sat. 10 am - 5 pm/ Sunday Noon - 4 pm**



OPAL FINE ART
41625 Park Avenue
302-438-1629
opalartgallery.com

Opal Fine Art is a commercial gallery owned and operated by local artists Cynthia Rosenblatt and Jane Rowe. Opal Fine Art Gallery also provides a venue to showcase the juried work of guest and invited artists throughout the year. They feature original one-of-a-kind and limited edition pieces in an array of media that appeal to a variety of tastes and purposes. Special events are held throughout the year.

Wed. - Sat. 11 am - 5 pm.

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Come On Out!



Mayor's Message

One of the most charming things I love about Leonardtown, after living here most of my life, raising my children and now my grandchildren, is the family friendly activities and safe, walkable living environment. As you will find in the cover article in this edition of The Beacon, you don't have to travel far to find something for everyone to enjoy here in Leonardtown. Before school begins try to get out and enjoy at least some of the activities listed!

Here in St. Mary's County we are blessed with an abundance of beautiful water that practically surrounds our county. Whether you enjoy water sports, fishing or just enjoy the view, it is incumbent upon all of us to protect this precious resource for generations to come. The Town is committed to this effort and has accomplished many projects over the last several years that have made a huge difference to the health of Breton Bay. From cleaning up the Leonardtown Wharf property and creating a beautiful passive park for all to enjoy; to restoring the Port of Leonardtown property from a State Highway storage and maintenance facility and turning it into a beautiful park and winery for residents and visitors to appreciate every day. These projects have all been accomplished without increasing the property tax rate for town residents for many years.

This summer we will complete the largest project the Town has ever undertaken, with a nearly 20 million dollar upgrade to the Town's wastewater treatment plant. Even though this project was state mandated and does not gain any additional capacity for future growth, it turns this facility into a state-of-the-art treatment plant that significantly lowers the environmental impact to Breton Bay and our surrounding waters. We are proud of this facility and are serious about our responsibility to keep our Town and the waters that surround it, beautiful and healthy for future generations to enjoy as much as we do.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer.

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Water Quality Report

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

Celebrate Leonardtown First Fridays



September's Arts & Entertainment First Friday is just around the corner with our annual Art Walk, the *Higher Standards* jazz trio, art demos, plein aire painting, and a few more surprises around the Square.

The band *Hook Line and Sinker* headline October's First Friday, and we are once again collecting money for local food banks during our November Grateful Harvest First Friday. Join the SoMar Drummers and the audience participation Drum Circle from 8-10pm at the Leonardtown Wharf every First Friday throughout the year. They will meet at the Leonardtown Arts Center in the event of inclement weather.

A special thanks to the St. Mary's County Arts Council for contributing the special programming during the Fall First Fridays! Visit firstfridaysleonardtown.com/

A Taste of St. Mary's

A Taste of St. Mary's is all new this year: new date, new time, new setup! The event this year is on Saturday, September 16th from 1 PM - 5:30 PM. Sample award-winning specialties from area restaurants and caterers. Tastings of soups, entrees, desserts—even beer and wine—are available, only \$1-\$5 each. Try as many as you like and be sure to vote for your favorites! Enjoy music and family entertainment too. For more information, visit the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce at smcchamber.com or call 301-737-3001.

St. Mary's County Fair

There's always fun for everyone at the 71st annual St. Mary's County Fair, held Thursday, September 21st thru Sunday, September 24th at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The Fair Parade, on Saturday, starts at 10:30 AM. For more information, pick up the 2017 Fair Catalog at local libraries or visit smcfair.somd.com.



Walk a Mile in My Shoes

The 10th annual Friends of the Poor Walk to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Saturday, September 30th at 9 AM at Father Andrew White Elementary School. Call Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or visit svdpsa.net/fop to register or make a pledge. Same day registration begins at 7:30 AM. Rain or Shine.

Antique Tractor & Truck Parade

The 8th annual Antique Tractor & Truck Parade will be held in the Leonardtown Square

on Sunday, October 8th at 1 PM. Sponsored by The Southern Maryland Antique Power Association, proceeds from the event and related raffles benefit the St. Mary's County Christmas in April Foundation. For details or to enter a tractor or truck in the parade, call 240-538-3687.

St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

The 51st annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival will be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 21st from 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday, October 22nd from 11 AM-6 PM; \$10 admission; children under 12 free. Free parking. This event is sponsored by the Lexington Park Rotary Club and is the proud host of the exciting U. S. National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook Off. For more information, visit usoysterfest.com or call 301-863-5015.

Trick-or-Treat Fun on the Square



There's plenty of free, safe Halloween fun for kids in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 21st from 3 PM-5 PM. Kids can dress up as their favorite character and trick-or-treat at merchants all around the square. Make sure to bring a goodie bag to collect your treats! Fido and Fluffy can also participate in the pet costume contest sponsored by SMAWL and artists from Wine & Design Art Buzz Kids and members of local non-profit groups will also be on the Square providing free face painting and fall crafts. After you're done, stay for dinner at one of our local restaurants!

St. Mary's Ryken

Homecoming Weekend Events—save the date! From October 12th - 15th activities are happening every day at SMR: Oct 12th SMR Golf Classic at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club; Oct. 13th Alumni Tailgate & Homecoming Game; Oct. 14th SMR 5K and Campus Tours; Oct. 15th Alumni Hall of Fame, Brunch and Mass. Visit www.smrhs.org to learn more!

Also on Sunday, Oct. 22nd St. Mary's Ryken invites prospective students and their parents to an open house at 1 p.m. Please join us to tour our campus, meet faculty and administrators and learn about the SMR high school experience!

Join SMR on October 14th at 8:30 AM for a day of fitness & fun for the whole family at the SMR 5K! Registration is \$25 until 10/1/17 and \$30 thereafter. SMR Staff/Faculty/Student discounts available. Kids 10 and under can register for a FREE 500 meter pumpkin dash. T-shirts will be included with early registrations. Find all the necessary information online at www.smrhs.org/5K.

Community Highlights

22nd Annual Hospice Run

On April 9th, the 22nd Annual Run and Fun Walk for Hospice of St. Mary's took to the roads of Leonardtown. With a 5K Walk, a 5K Run and a 10K Run, this event is one of the largest fundraisers for Hospice, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars. A special thanks goes to the Sheriff's Office and area fire and rescue squads for making this a safely run event. Mark your calendar for the 2018 Run on April 14th and visit runforhospice.org to see this year's photos and race results.

32nd Annual Spring Fling Car Show



The Annual Spring Fling Car Show on Sunday, April 30th hosted over 350 cars and raised an amazing \$15,000 for local non-profits, including veteran's organizations, soup kitchens, the rescue squad, and Hospice of St. Mary's (who raised an additional \$2,500 in donations "at the door"). Thanks to the St. Mary's Rod & Classic Club for organizing this annual crowd pleasing event.

Mock Council Meetings Teach Hands-On Civics and Economics

On Friday, May 9th fourth grade students at Leonardtown Elementary School conducted mock Town Council meetings with Mayor Burris guiding conversations about taxes, budget and spending Town money.

In addition, Zachary Kotewas was selected as regional winner of the Maryland Municipal's League's 2017 annual "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest. He received a proclamation and a Leonardtown pin that was presented to him at the May Town Council meeting. Zachary was selected out of 2100 participants and was one of ten district winners. He also received a cash award and a plaque and was honored by Lt. Governor Rutherford at a special ceremony at the State House in Annapolis.



Mayor Daniel W. Burris with Zachary Kotewas

Life is Good in LG 5K and Fun Run

Thanks go to our Leonard's Grant neighbors for organizing the Life is Good in LG 5K. The May 27th run was a fun, family-friendly event for all ages, and the proceeds directly benefit the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. Great job, everyone!

Paddle For First Responders

The Leonardtown Rotary Club's 1st annual Paddle For First Responders event was held June 10th on Breton Bay. The event consisted of a race starting at the Leonardtown Wharf and a Paddle For Fun Event which started on McIntosh Run. Both concluded at the Leonardtown Wharf where participants were treated to lunch and winners received their awards. The Rotary looks forward to next year's event on June 9th.



From L to R: Carol Coppenbarger, Jenny Fuchs, Brian Hydock, Richard Massary, Jeffery Mangold

Annual Flag Day Celebration

Despite the hot conditions, St. Mary's County Government held its 31st annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14. The well attended event featured a medley of patriotic songs, performed by students from the Father Andrew White School Rhythm Rejoicers, along with a review of color guards from around the county.

This year's ceremony offered a bit of a twist ... for the first time a flag retirement ceremony. Held at the conclusion of the formal ceremony, over 550 old, worn and tattered flags were disposed of in a dignified manner by members of the Southern Maryland American Legion Post 221 from Avenue, Maryland.



National Night Out

National Night Out with the Leonard's Freehold community in Leonardtown was held on Tuesday, August 1st. This annual event provided games, food, children's activities, a fire truck hose down and a chance for neighbors to come together to strengthen community partnerships with police and first responders.

Beach Party on the Square

The Latrice Carr Music Group is booked to rock the Square all night long for Beach Party on the Square on Saturday, August 5th. There will be plenty to do with sand volleyball and tug-o-war, fire truck hose downs, juggling and balloon twisting, pickleball demos, vendors, and belly dancing and kayak and SUP rides at the Wharf. Other activities in the Square included hula hooping, sack races, pony rides, face painting, and the Annual Running of the Balls! Join us for an evening of summer fun!

Mayor

Daniel W. Burris

Town Council

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Heather Earhart
Christy Hollander
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Tyler Alt - Alternate

Board of Appeals

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Darren Meyer
Jeff Brown
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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office.
August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 13

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18

Contact the Town:

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Leonardtown, MD 20650
Phone: 301-475-9791
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E-Mail: Leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov
Website: Leonardtown.somd.com

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

September 4	Labor Day
October 9	Columbus Day
November 10	Veteran's Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
November 24	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

Looking for Something

CRAFT GUILD SHOP:
26005 Point Lookout Rd
(Rte. 5 - next to the Leonardtown Antique Center)
301-997-1644
www.craftguildshop.net



The Craft Guild of St. Mary's County was established in 1976. They have skilled crafters who engage in fabric arts, jewelry making, woodworking, floral artistry, photography, glass work, tobacco stick art, baking/ culinary specialties, and much more.

Activities include a monthly outdoor bazaar in front of their shop every First Saturday thru October from 9 am to 3 pm. They also offer late summer and fall classes and workshops and various sewing, woodworking, origami, and ceramics classes on a year-round basis. In addition they can arrange for special individual or group sessions to fit anyone's needs.

Open 7 days a week: Mon - Sat 10 -5/ Sun 12-5



WINE AND DESIGN PAINT PARTIES:

41610 Fenwick Street
(240)-925-7464

smc@wineanddesign.com

If you're looking for a fun and unique way to spend a few hours, sign up for one of their public classes or host your own private party. Explore your painting skills through any medium from home decor, to drinkware, to the perfect handmade gift; their classes cover the spectrum of creative possibilities. In addition, their studio has a dedicated space for children's parties. The Art Buzz Kids program is a great place for children's birthday parties, summer camps, and other fun events.



YELLOW DOOR ART STUDIOS:
22795 Washington St.
240-925-1888
yellowdoorartstudios@gmail.com

Yellow Door has classes all year round, just register online. They offer a variety of activities, not just painting on canvas, but glass painting, sculpture, printmaking and even ceramics for adults.

For family activities, attend their Friday Friends and Family Art Nights for only \$5.00. Follow along with our project for the night, or make your own.

If you have little ones, consider their Summer Saturday and Art for Tots for \$15.00.

LEONARDTOWN ART CENTER
22660 Washington Street, Second Floor
(301) 475-5775

The Leonardtown Arts Center provides studio space for painters, sculptors, jewelers and artists of all sorts. Visitors can visit with the artists, watch art being created and purchase items for sale. The Leonardtown Arts Center is located off the square in Leonardtown, next to the Town Hall. Offices of the St. Mary's County Arts Council are also located here.



FUZZY FARMERS MARKET

22696 Washington St.
301-475-FUZZ (3899)

fuzzyfarmersmarket.com

The Fuzzy Farmers are a group of local sheep, goat, alpaca, and rabbit farmers, plus a few fiber artists. At the market you'll find their handmade and homegrown products for sale, including shawls, scarves, hats and mitts, as well as rugs, runners, bags and baskets. For the DIYer, we have handspun yarn and dyed fiber ready to knit, crochet, spin, and felt.

They also offer classes in tating, wet felting, spinning and various weaving techniques. Check their website for schedule. Wed through Sat, 10 to 5.



CRAZY FOR EWE
22715 Washington Street
301-475-2744

crazyforewe.com

Fun events and classes are always on the calendar - sometimes it's a trunk show or a special demonstration, and sometimes it's big, like their Show and Share Brunch, or the Crazy for Ewe retreat.

They offer beginning to advanced classes in knitting and crocheting as well as special technique and fun project classes. Join one of their knit & crochet groups, or a "Knitalong," — a fun project that is done together, either in the shop, online, or both. Join them on Friday mornings for good coffee and conversation - and of course, knitting. It's a great mix of folks. Bring your Crazy for Ewe project, or pick up something new. Every Friday 10 am to whenever. Store Hours: Sundays 1-4/ Mondays 1-7/Tues-Sat 10-5.

HORIZON ART
41665 Fenwick Street #15
(240) 256-4785

Browse Leonardtown's newest art gallery. Horizon Gallery features the work of St. Mary's County artists Scott Geib and Anne Burroughs. They work in a variety of art forms which includes mixed media and photography plus repurposed or remastered pieces of art. Using only their own designs and artwork, Scott and Anne make many functional art products in their studio, such

as tempered glass cutting boards, coasters, mouse pads, porcelain ornaments, mugs, pot holders, towels plus wall art and prints. Horizon Gallery also shows a rotating array of other Maryland artists which adds to the excitement.

JUST FOR FUN!

PORT OF LEONARDTOWN WINERY
23190 Newtowne Neck Road/ 301-690-2192/
polwinery.com

Participate in a tasting of their wines or simply relax on their newly expanded all-weather patio with a bottle and a picnic. Check their event calendar online for special events such as music on the patio, First Fridays in Leonardtown, wine pairing dinners, Saturday Sangria and more. Hours 12-6 pm every day/ First Friday's 12-9 pm.

QUALITY STREET KITCHEN & CATERING

41675 Fenwick Street
301-997-0700

qualitystreetcatering.com

Cooking classes right here in Leonardtown! Advance your cooking skills with themed classes that include food and wine pairings, singles nights, healthy eating and more. They offer beginner to advanced cooking techniques with guest chefs and store teachers. You also get to eat and enjoy the food that is prepared. Quality Street also sells kitchen and culinary products and caters special events. Store Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11 to 5/ Saturday 10 to 4.

WHITE RABBIT CHILDREN'S BOOKS

25470 Point Lookout Road
301-997-0004

whiterabbitbooks.net



A great way to spend a few hours is to take a stroll down memory lane at an old fashioned bookstore and let proprietor Joyce Watson help you pick out the perfect summer reading material. They carry unique items such as hand and finger puppets, fairies, and for the young at heart, paper dolls! There are also gifts for the home including serving trays, tea cards, diffusers, candles, and napkins. Tuesday – Saturday 10 to 5.



HERITAGE CHOCOLATES
22699 Washington Street
240-587-3123

heritagechocolateshop.com

Take the kids in for a sweet treat. Besides handmade chocolates and confections they offer 75 unique recipes, including chocolate covered oreos, graham crackers and caramel apples. They also make gelato right in the shop. Stop in for a scoop! Monday – Saturday 10 to 8/ Sunday 12 to 5.

to do in Leonardtown?

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BIG LARRY'S
22745 Washington Street
301-475-1860
biglarryscomicscafe.com

Another great place for fun is Big Larry's on the square. Inside is a unique family friendly store with a comic book theme and restaurant, plus ice cream! Larry's also sells the latest and vintage comics, games and collectibles. There is also table space for gamers, card games or board games. A great place to hang out and visit with friends. Monday to Saturday 11-9/ Sunday 12-8.

LEONARDTOWN LIBRARY
23250 Hollywood Road
301-475-2846
stmalib.org

There is always something going on at the Leonardtown Library! There are summer reading programs for kids and adults – complete challenges and win prizes, or participate in the summer lunch and learn programs. Kids bored? Take them to a story time, for both babies and children of all ages or the summer performance series. There are also computer classes for all ages, including adults, book discussions and even master gardeners plant clinics! Check the calendar on their website. Monday-Thursday 9-8 pm/ Friday & Saturday 9-5 pm.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



LEONARDTOWN WHARF PARK
22510 Washington Street
301-474-9791

Visit Leonardtown's waterside park overlooking scenic Breton Bay. With boat tie-ups, a canoe/kayak launch, a playground for the kids, restrooms and a new bandstand/gazebo for your event or picnic, it's a perfect place to spend a few hours. There are also rentals —kayak & SUP available via Patuxent Adventure Center at Port of Leonardtown Park (301-394-2770). The park is also a picturesque spot for weddings.



PORT OF LEONARDTOWN PARK / MCINTOSH RUN
23190 Newtowne Neck Road
301-475-9791 or 301- 690-2192

Leonardtown's newest park along the banks of the McIntosh Run with a unique pavilion made from the top of the old Leonardtown Water Tower! There are also walking paths, a canoe/kayak launch and it's home to the Port of Leonardtown Winery. Patuxent Adventure Center also has kayak rentals here (301-394-2770).



MIEDZINSKI PARK
23145 Leonard Hall Drive

Great wooden playground park for kids. Located directly in front of the Leonard Hall Drill Hall and the county governmental center. Restrooms located in the Drill Hall next door. The park just received \$200,000 in state funding for updates and improvements.



COMPASS POINT CHARTERS

Want to get out on the water, but don't own a boat? CPC will be in full operation until the Thanksgiving weekend. Fall sailing on Breton Bay and the Potomac River is the best it can get. Come book your day charter at www.compasspointbuzz.com today!

SCHOOLS



COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND – LEONARDTOWN CAMPUS
22950 Hollywood Road
240-725-5300/ csmd.edu

In the Wellness and Aquatics Center they offer fitness and nutrition classes, swim classes for kids and adults, a gym and a large swimming pool open to the community via a membership program. Besides the regular college classes, they also offer classes for personal enrichment or workforce training, a Kids and Teen College and Driver's Ed. In the summer there are Concerts on the Lawn and theatre offerings in the auditorium. To enrich your musical talents you can also join a Latin music, jazz ensemble, Chorale or Chamber Choir group.



BELLA MUSIC SCHOOL
41665 Fenwick Street #17
301-247-2602
bellamusicsschool.com

Learn to play an instrument! Bella Music offers private music lessons for cello, violin, brass instruments, guitar and piano for ages 4 to adult. They also offer rental instruments, music camps, and musical catering for your next event.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



MEDSTAR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL
25500 Point Lookout Rd
301-475-8981
www.medstarstmarys.org

Interested in health and wellness? Check out St. Mary's Hospital's website for information on their class offerings and sign up. Classes offered range from CPR and First Aid, Baby Care, Diabetes Prevention, Breastfeeding and Safe Sitter to Childbirth classes and various support groups.

SPORTS



LEONARD HALL RECREATION CENTER
23145 Leonard Hall Drive
301-475-4200 ext. 1800

The Recreation Center is an indoor athletic facility that hosts a variety of programs including indoor soccer, roller hockey and basketball games. It is also available for private roller skating parties and pickleball court rentals. Join them on Sunday afternoons for public roller skating from 2 to 5 pm year round. Cost is \$5.00 per person and skate rentals are \$2.50.

SHIM'S BLACKBELT ACADEMY
22640 Gregory Lane/ 301-475-9525

A martial arts school offering Tae Kwon Do classes for kids and adults. Summer camps offered also.

Of course, there is much more to Leonardtown than those places listed above. Enjoy and browse our many local shops and restaurants in town. Don't forget our quaint antique shops like David's Flowers and the Maryland Antique Center, our hair salons, florists, restaurants, and specialty shops like Heavenly Presents, Home Elements, Frame-A-Lot, Lola Belle, Pet Valu, Fenwick Street Used Books and Music and Leonardtown Cigars.

Downtown Tunes

The 2017 Downtown Tunes series will finish with a trio of acts on Saturday, August 26th in the Downtown Tunes Summer Finale Triple Play! Featured artists will include an opening act, followed by Josh Airhart and Megan Nosek, with headliner Robbie Boothe closing out the evening. The series is organized and hosted by James LePore and the Leonardtown Business Association.

US Navy Band Commodores



With a non-stop program of classic hits, creative originals and amazing soloists on May 20th, the Commodores U.S. Navy Jazz Band seem to get better every year! The Commissioners of Leonardtown appreciate the musicians who performed such a wonderful and entertaining evening of music, as well as the St. Mary's County Arts Council and Big Larry's Eatery for supporting the event. We look forward to having other military ensembles come to Leonardtown in the future.

First Leonardtown Wharf Gazebo Concert



Special thanks to GrooveSpan, TheClazzical Project, James Hobbs, Port of Leonardtown Winery, Kona Ice of St. Mary's, and Linda's on the Go, for supporting our first-ever Gazebo Concert at the Wharf, on Sunday, June 11th. Despite the heat, audience members were treated to amazing tunes, played and sung by incredibly talented professional musicians, including collaborative efforts between the two bands. It was a delightful afternoon of music, accented by local food and drink.

Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra and Choir

The Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra and Choir – comprised of youth from the tri-county area - showed their musical maturity and professionalism at a concert at the Leonardtown Wharf Park on Friday, June 16th with a program from classical to contemporary music and everything in between! The concert was unfortunately cut short due to severe

thunderstorms, but the SMYOC performed well under pressure before they had to pack up.



2017 Southern MD Film Festival Mini-Fests

The Southern Maryland Film Festival wishes to thank the North Beach American Film Festival and the Indian Head Center for the Arts-Black Box Theater for partnering with them on the 2017 mini-fest series. The Committee was able to make connections with new audiences and filmmakers in Calvert and Charles County, who will hopefully participate in the next 2018 Film Festival to be held July 13-14, 2018 here in Leonardtown. In addition to movie screenings, the full festival includes an opening reception, professional panels, and after parties! For updates visit Southern Maryland Film Festival on Facebook, or follow them on smdff.org.



St. Mary's County Arts Council Relocates to a New Office

The St. Mary's County Arts Council will soon be moving into the ground floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center Building on Washington Street, the space previously occupied by the Leonardtown Vintage Market. The Arts Council has had an office located on the second floor of the building since 2010. "Our vision has always been to have a gallery/gift shop space to sell local artists' work, and have a community art gallery and performance space," said Nell Elder, Executive Director. "This much larger space, located at 22660 Washington Street, will accommodate this. We are very excited about the expansion of the Arts Council. We will hold an open house on the **Arts & Entertainment First Friday**, September 1, 2017."

Since becoming an Arts & Entertainment District in 2013, the Town and the Arts Council have worked together to promote the arts here in Leonardtown. Having an increased presence on Washington Street is an important step in promoting and nurturing the arts.

North End Gallery Happenings

August: In step with the Leonardtown First Friday theme of Rockin' First Friday, North End Gallery will have an all-membership show



"Mexican Beer"
 oil painting by
 Pauline Lange

themed, "Rock, Paper, Scissors," and it runs from August 1 through August 27, with the reception on August 4 from 5-8 PM.

September: North End Gallery will participate in the Art Walk being held by Leonardtown First Fridays on September 1 from 5-8 PM. An all-membership show runs from August 29 through October 1.

October: Acclaimed water media artist, Christina Allen, is featured in a one-woman show called "Food and Farms." It runs October 3 through October 29 and the reception takes place October 6 from 5-8 PM.

November: North End Gallery has two events in November. The first is a show themed "River Reflections," featuring the work of Jim Doussard and Helene Vonnegut. Doussard designs unique clocks and paints abstract landscapes, and Vonnegut is a ceramic artist who produces sculptural and functional pottery. River Reflections runs from October 31 through November 19. The reception will be November 3 from 5-8 PM. The second event will be the North End Gallery's 31st Annual Holiday and Gift show, running November 21 through December 31. The reception will be held December 1st from 5-8 PM.

Kalnasy Concert Series 2017/18 Season

The 3rd season of the Kalnasy Concert Series opens with the Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir. Their concert is Sunday, August 20th, at 3:00 at St. Aloysius in Leonardtown. The SMCGC is under the direction of Mrs. Sherri Fenwick. The theme for this energy-filled concert is, "I Feel the Spirit." Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

Future concerts: February 17, 2018 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM featuring MTASM Marathon Recital Day (Youth musicians) and March 11, 2018 3:00 PM featuring Father David Beaubien in concert with the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble.



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**2017 Art Walk
 Registration Now
 Open!**

The Art Walk, taking place on September 1st is an important component to Leonardtown's September First Friday Arts and Entertainment Designation celebration. Your work will be displayed in businesses throughout Leonardtown, from August 30, to Saturday, September 30th. Guests will visit businesses and vote for their favorite piece of art. The voting will start on August 30, and will end on First Friday, September 1 at 8pm. First place winner will receive a cash prize of \$100 and an article in the County Times! Go to stmarysartscouncil.com for more information.

Plein Air Painting in Leonardtown

Do you just enjoy painting en plein air (painting what you see outdoors)? Or have you always wanted to try? You could also do an art demo and create any type of original art on the spot! Leonardtown's September 1st First Friday is a celebration of our designation as an Arts and Entertainment district, with live music, art vendors and art groups; and the annual Art Walk. Artists creating art and painting the beautiful town and wharf add to the magic of the evening.

If you have any questions or need more information or to register as a non-plein air art demo, contact info@smcart.org.

New Town Deputy



We'd like to give a hearty welcome to the newest member of our Town Staff—Cpl. Kristi Nelson. She has lived in St. Mary's County her entire life, starting out in Clements and then moving to Valley Lee when in high school and has been a police officer for 11 years, holding many different positions, including school resource officer at Great Mills High School. She holds several certifications in such areas as Community Crime Prevention, DARE, Bicycle and Segway, and is a certified Radar and Laser operator, a Child Safety Seat Tech and a certified residential and commercial security officer. She asks that if you'd like to request a child safety seat inspection or a residential or commercial security survey please contact her. These appointments take about 45 minutes depending on the size of the house or business. 301-475-4200 ext. 8117 or kristi.nelson@stmarysmd.com. She is looking forward to working with the residents of Leonardtown!

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 September 7 & 8, 2017 and December 7 & 8, 2107. 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 – Labor Day is Monday, September 4th, 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 leonardtwn.somd.com.

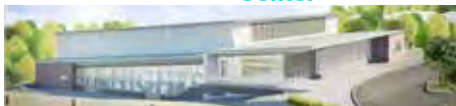
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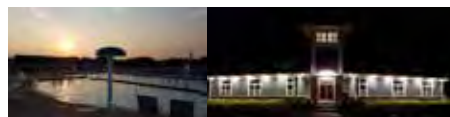
**St. Mary's Ryken
 New Student Activities
 Center**



St. Mary's Ryken broke ground on Thursday, May 4th, for the new Donnie Williams Center, which will provide 48,000 square feet of modern, spacious facilities for many types of school, community and sporting events. The center will include a gymnasium, locker rooms, training facilities, concessions, gathering spaces, stage, outdoor patio and common area for students.

Located on the upper campus, this facility also will become the new location for graduations, all-school Masses and assemblies. The Donnie Williams Center will open in the fall of 2018.

Clark's Rest Opens Pool & Clubhouse



Clarks Rest is located in the heart of historical Leonardtown. Just in time to beat the summer heat the Clarks Rest neighborhood just opened the beautifully constructed community clubhouse with a 3,500 sq. ft. pool with a separate kiddie pool. Coming soon will be a basketball

court, tennis court, two brand-new playgrounds, grassy community lawn area, walking trails and more! For more information, please contact Mike Jacques at 443-994-3170! www.marrickhomes.com

Spice Fitness Opens



On September 2nd SPICE Studio will open their doors at 22715 Washington Street! The Studio will offer an intimate setting for Barre, Yoga, Pilates, and various types of HIIT (High Intensity Interval) classes. In addition, personal training, small group sessions, health coaching, and walking groups will be available. Their weekly schedule allows for some co-ed and women only classes, as well as a few
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express classes for people on the go. For more information, follow us on Facebook at SPICE Fitness, LLC or email: somdspicestudio@gmail.com

Additional Improvements Added to Port of Leonardtown Park and Winery

In completing work from a Community Parks and Playground state funded grant, new improvements have been made at the Port of Leonardtown Park and Winery this summer. An extended patio, picnic tables and entrance arbor were added to accommodate the ever growing visitors to the winery. A demonstration vineyard was also planted to showcase the local grapes that are grown in our area and to enhance the winery visit. Enjoy live music every Saturday, First Friday, and every other Sunday and new this year, fruity Sangria Saturday every weekend! Stop by soon and see what's new at the Port of Leonardtown Winery.



Shepherds Old Field Market Coming Soon!

The vacant Leonardtown Building Supply building, located at 22725 Duke Street, is being transformed into a unique marketplace and community catalyst that aims to promote mixed-use redevelopment, community interaction, grassroots local commerce and historical identity. Local entrepreneur Gerrie Lheureux is transforming the commercial warehouse into a farmers market, vendor stalls, food trucks and entertainment venue for town residents and visitors. She plans to open the market's doors in early fall 2017. Watch for more information on this exciting project! shepherdsoldfield.com

Urban Bar-B-Q Opens in Leonardtown

Urban Bar-B-Que opened quietly in December and celebrated its official Grand Opening on July 20th. Owners Jessica and Cole Western are local restaurateurs, both born and raised in Southern Maryland, who bring a uniquely Maryland take on barbeque and local craft beers.



Serving never-frozen, smoked meats (brisket, pork, chicken, turkey and sausage) and fresh, home-made salads and sides daily, Urban Bar-B-Que is working hard to make a name for itself in St. Mary's County.

With daily specials they offer a great value for fresh food delivered at a quick pace. The business, in the former Bell Motor Company location, retained many of the historic aspects of the building, including the exposed brick and wooden whiskey barrel ceiling, to honor the legacy and ties to the community. Jessica and Cole have deep ties to St. Mary's County and have enjoyed bringing their new business to the ever-growing Leonardtown Square area. Drop by for a bite and a pint!

Jessie's Kitchen Opens in Leonardtown

Also in the new Washington Street Retail Complex is Jessie's Kitchen. Featuring an eclectic menu of Asian Fusion dishes, salads, wraps and sandwiches, tapas and noodle soups along with entrees such as gnocchi, pan seared chicken, fish and shrimp with bacon. Stop in and see their beautiful new space. Located at 22845 Washington Street.



Panda Village is Now Open on the Square

Opening in the old Reynolds's Pharmacy building, after a complete facelift, is the new Panda Village. An ice cream store with a twist, it features bubble teas, ice cream, smoothies, milk shakes and fresh fruit juices. Owner Aaron Lin invites you



stop by and cool off! Located at 22696 Washington Street, they are open 7 days a week 12-9 PM.

RE/MAX 100

RE/MAX 100- Leonardtown Grand Opening

The number one RE/MAX brokerage in Maryland and Northern Virginia will be celebrating a new office location in Leonardtown. They will be hosting a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 4-7 PM. The new office, located at 22845 Washington Street, Suite E, has a unique "steampunk" décor. Join them for the celebration, to meet local professionals in the real estate industry, enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour their new facility.

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