

Leonardtown BEACON

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



Calendar of Events

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

3RD SATURDAYS

April – August,
September 28 and
October 12

Coastal Arts Market
Leonardtown Wharf

MAY 18 - SEPTEMBER 7



Leonardtown Square

JUNE 8

St. Mary's Crab Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

JUNE 14

Flag Day Celebration
Governmental Center

JULY 12 - 14

20th Anniversary Potomac
Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend

JULY 27-28

SMBC Summer Boat Regatta
Leonardtown Wharf

AUGUST 3

Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtown Square

Check out our festivals
and special events!
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TownofLeonardtown.

VOLUNTEERS, FOREVER APPRECIATED!

*Celebrating the Leonardtown Volunteer
Fire Department and Volunteer Rescue Squad!*



Jim Miedzinski 70 years active service

Cooperation between the Town and the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD) dates back to the late 1800's when efforts to create fire protection for Leonardtown were recognized by the Town leaders and its residents. The Town government was supportive of the volunteers in many ways financially and as they attempted to acquire the necessary equipment to protect the Town and County from the ravages of uncontrolled fire. The existing LVFD organized in 1928, has prospered over its 91 years. The department's motto "Faithful To Duty" is fitting for both the fire department and the Leonardtown government. Together the two have worked to see that the Town was a place to do business and raise a family. Several of the previous Council members have served in both the Council and the fire department which assisted the department in many ways.

During the early years of the LVFD and continuing today, the LVFD assisted the Town and business community with many of the celebrations held in Town. The LVFD has worked with the Town on many Public Fire Safety programs held in the area schools in order to better prepare our residents in case of fire. The fire prevention activities in the schools have continued since the beginning of the department. Working with the community, the LVFD has hundreds of community members participating in fire extinguisher training, supervising fire drills and request information about fire safety. The LVFD has a supply of new ten-year battery smoke detectors available for those that need to replace old and defective detectors.

For the past 8 years, the beautiful neighborhood community of Leonard's Grant plan a 5K over Memorial Day weekend. The 5K course is USAT&F certified and chip-timed. Over the years, the Leonard's Grant community has donated over \$18,000 to the LVFD. This has enabled the department to purchase new equipment used for fighting fires throughout our county.

Some of the folks may remember in years past the many different decorations for the holiday season and with the financial and staff support of the Mayor and Council, the LVFD are proud of those efforts to bring the kickoff to the Christmas season every year dating back to the 1930's. Working with the Mayor, Town Council, and staff, the LVFD is always ready, willing and able to make businesses prosper and the public welcome.

Today, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department responds to over 700 calls for service both in the Leonardtown 1930 Equipment Demonstration proper and throughout the County. The department has some of the finest and most modern equipment available. The members are well trained in all of the services necessary. The LVFD has eight members with over fifty (50) years of service, thirty (30) Lifetime Members (over 30 years), Twenty-nine (29) Active members and seven (7) Probationary members and several cadets waiting to become of age to join. Of course, our two most senior members must be mentioned. Kennedy Abell with 74 years and Jim Miedzinski with 70 years continue to share their many years of experience with the department.

The Auxiliary to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department provides behind the scenes



Come on Out



Mayor's Message

At the February Town Council meeting the Council adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan put together by consultants Mahan Rykiel Associates over the last several months. The plan is a result of the collaboration of numerous residents, business owners, property owners along with other stakeholders. The plan provides practical solutions to guide further investment, both public and private, to maintain a vibrant downtown for residents and visitors alike. This visionary document gives shape to the Downtown and the Square itself.

As we begin the budget process, we will look at some of the short-term strategies recommended in the plan which include updating branding, a wayfinding signage strategy, parking and alley enhancements and place making improvements to the Square increasing its day to day functionality.

A steering committee has been put together to help guide the process and we will continue inviting public input to make sure we get the most out of this plan. We look forward to working toward a strong and vibrant downtown for many years to come.

As you read through this issue you will find many new and returning events and activities for your families to enjoy in Town this Spring and Summer. The Council and I hope that you have a safe and fun Summer.

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor



Water Quality Report

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

Play in 40 Tons of Sand, a Firetruck Waterfall, and Enjoy Music, Food, Dancing and More at the 17th ANNUAL BEACH PARTY ON THE SQUARE:

Join us on Saturday, August 3rd from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for the 17th Annual Beach Party on the Square. All event-sponsored activities are FREE – there something to do for the whole family from playing volleyball and tug of war in the 40-ton sand pit, skipping through the giant fire truck waterfall, dancing to the live music provided by the Funkzilla band, and then join the local Rotary Clubs at 7:00 p.m. sharp for the now-famous Running of the Balls! Beach Party on the Square is sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and the St. Mary's County Arts Council. Call 301-475-9791 or visit www.leonardtown.somd.com for more information.



FREE Concerts, Great Food, Dancing, Raffles, Prizes and More at the LEONARDTOWN SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL: Announcing the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival! The **Commissioners of Leonardtown** and the **Leonardtown Business Association** have partnered with the

St. Mary's Arts Council and **James LePore Productions** to present the **Leonardtown Summer Music Festival**. This exciting new concert series will feature great artists like The Ryan Forrester Band, the Chesapeake Swing Band, The Lucky Few, Six Gun South, Wesley Spangler and Robbie Boothe, and will kick off with a concert in the Square with U.S. Navy Band Country Current in celebration of Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 18th. The majority of the concerts will be held on Saturday evenings between May and September with a few concerts taking place on Thursday or Friday evenings. The series will conclude with the Bushwoodstock Music Festival at the Wharf on Saturday, September 7th. Bushwoodstock will feature a number of bands from the area (TBA) and will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival. The majority of the music festival concerts are FREE, and there's something for everyone from family-friendly events to more adult oriented evenings. Order a Picnic from participating restaurants in town offering light refreshments to a full meal and a bottle of wine and Enjoy a Kid-free Evening with Drop N' Dine where children will be entertained with kid-friendly activities at participating businesses (by reservation only). For more information call 301-475-9791 or visit www.leonardtown.somd.com for more information.

Enjoy a Weekend-Long Jazz Celebration Throughout Historic Leonardtown During the POTOMAC JAZZ & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL WEEKEND CELEBRATION:



The Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival, one of the Mid-Atlantic's signature jazz events, is held along the shores of the beautiful Potomac River in St. Mary's County, Maryland and will be expanded from a one-day event to a three-day jazz weekend celebration throughout Historic Leonardtown in celebration of the festival's 20th anniversary in 2019. Enjoy jazz, seafood and stunning waterside views with a variety of activities for jazz enthusiasts! To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the event, a Friday concert celebration and Sunday jazz brunches and activities in downtown Historic Leonardtown will be held in addition to the Saturday festival at St. Clement's Island Museum. For more information visit www.potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com.

Town Tidbits

Wharf Slips and Pier Moving Forward

The Town has received \$200,000 in Dept. of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund Grants toward construction of a transient boat pier and slips to be constructed at Leonardtown Wharf. Design has been completed by the engineering firm of GHD, Inc. and the project went out for public bid in late March. Construction is planned to begin over the summer. This project is another important economic development project for the town as well as a great asset for the enjoyment of St. Mary's County boating residents.

The Hamptons at Leonardtown



The beautifully constructed 142-unit apartment complex, the Hamptons at Leonardtown, is now open! This unique community boasts open floor plans, granite counter tops, upgraded cabinets, roomy decks, elevators, a community pool and recreational center, gathering spaces and an easy walk to downtown Leonardtown. We welcome the new Leonardtown residents of the Hamptons community and know that they will enjoy their new home and the many great things to do in this community. For more information on the Hamptons at Leonardtown visit <https://www.hamptonsatleonardtown.com/> or call at 240-309-4277 or stop by for a visit at 44960 Hamptons Blvd.

Grace and Rich Fuller Family Scholarship for the Trades Announced



The College of Southern Maryland recently announced a generous donation by two local families, Grace and Rich Fuller and James and Yachiyo Wallace, to establish financial aid for St. Mary's County residents enrolled in the skilled trades program. "The Fuller and Wallace families' gift is an amazing display of generosity," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "This scholarship will change lives. We are deeply touched and honored by their heartfelt donation."

Grace and Rich's generosity and hard work is no stranger to Leonardtown. They are founding members of the Port of Leonardtown Winery and active members in Leonardtown Business Association. They also give their time and energy to many local causes including Summerseat Farm and a local soup kitchen. Thank you to these wonderful friends of Leonardtown.

Visit St. Mary's turns its tourism marketing 'inside out.'

By Jason Aul

Visit St. Mary's MD, the destination marketing organization for St. Mary's County, will be launching its "Inside-Out" marketing campaign for Leonardtown in late Spring 2019. This campaign is being designed specifically for Leonardtown to increase the visibility of town throughout St. Mary's County and the broader tri-county region. Through a combination of brochures, postcards, and a significant digital presence, Visit St. Mary's will promote Leonardtown from within the County, enticing the nearly 120,000 residents of the County to explore everything that Leonardtown has to offer.

A key component of the campaign will be the continued development of Leonardtown as a "hub" for tourists when visiting the region. Postcards and other printed collateral will be distributed throughout the town and broader community inviting all visitors to share their experiences online as a means of drawing in outside visitors.

"We see Leonardtown as the crux of the tourism experience in the County," says Jason Aul, Executive Director for Visit St. Mary's MD. "The County is blessed with virtually boundless travel experiences, and we see Leonardtown as the place our visitors can start and end their time in the County."

With a variety of restaurants, shopping, and experiential attractions, Leonardtown is well positioned for growth in the tourism market. The new "Inside-Out" campaign will also dovetail with the town's own strategic development plan as it looks to continue the growth and development of its downtown square, waterfront, and beyond.

Visit St. Mary's will also use this campaign to play a more active role in the community, meeting with local organizations, churches, community groups, and more to promote the town more broadly.

For more information on Visit St. Mary's events, attractions, and more, please visit www.VisitStMarysMD.com. To keep up with their ongoing activities, follow them on Instagram @VisitStMarysMD



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Meetings
Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9.
Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16.

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The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of the upcoming holidays:
April 19 Good Friday
May 27 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day
September 2 Labor Day
October 14 Columbus Day
November 11 Veteran's Day (observed)
November 28 Thanksgiving Day
November 29 Day after Thanksgiving
December 25 Christmas Day

Important Information Regarding Trash and Recycling Collection

During May of 2018, the Town's trash contractor, Affordable Refuse and Recycling, Inc. (Affordable) was purchased by Goode Companies, Inc. (GCI). Affordable continues to exist as a wholly owned subsidiary of GCI and continues to fulfill its obligations under the existing contract.

Affordable requested and the Town Council approved assignment of the trash contract to GCI effective July 1, 2019. Additionally, Affordable requested modifications of the per unit prices for services provided. These price increases are significant, and will affect the service charges that will be paid by customers effective July 1, 2019. The first invoice that will reflect these price changes will be mailed during the first week of October 2019. Many factors were evaluated during the negotiation period, and the Mayor and Council feel moving forward with GCI will provide the high level of customer service that residents and businesses expect.

Every few years, the Council contemplates changing residential trash collection to once per week service. There is very little evidence that residential customers outside of Town continue to receive twice per week trash collection. The continued availability of recycling collection has allowed many customers to significantly reduce their trash volume. The contractor indicates that many customers only put their trash toter to the curb for collection one day per week.

Once per week residential collection would also reduce the number of times the collection truck drives through many neighborhoods. This would save on road wear, reduce fuel emissions and noise. The Council is again discussing a potential change to once per week residential trash collection. This would allow the service charge to remain very close to the quarterly charge that is currently in place. If customers discover that one toter per week does not sufficiently hold their trash, the contractor will allow and provide a second company toter for a one-time charge of \$78.

In the meantime, GCI is formulating a plan to replace Affordable toters and dumpsters with GCI toters and dumpsters. The changeover will happen over time, so please be patient if you see your neighbor's toter replaced before yours. The new toters will likely have identification numbers so you and they will know where they belong. This will also aid in recovery if a toter is missing from a customer's home.

Any change will be announced in a public Council meeting and subsequently posted on the Town's website and social media.

Recycling Update



The Mayor and Council of Leonardtown want residents and businesses in Town to continue to recycle. Continuing the relationship with the Town's current trash and recycling contractor provides a certain level of comfort that recycling can continue in Leonardtown and less likelihood of materials ending up in a landfill. Goode Companies, Inc. (GCI) operates its own sorting facility, so the risk of contaminated loads that may be rejected by other sorting facilities is virtually zero at GCI. GCI has indicated that it has the ability to process Town recycling for the foreseeable future. We recognize the time and effort customers take to participate in the recycling program and want to confidently assure them that materials are being recycled.

GCI has provided an up to date list of acceptable and not acceptable recycling materials. This and additional instructions and resources are on the Town website. Please take a moment to review and become familiar with what is acceptable. If you are unsure, it is safer to toss it in the trash or call the Town office for clarification.

The Town appreciates the time each person takes to participate in our recycling program. We hope this little bit of extra knowledge will help you decrease the contamination in our recycling materials.

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 June 6 & 7, September 5 & 6 and December 5 & 6, 2019.

Holiday Pickup - Labor Day is on a Monday, Thanksgiving on Thursday and Christmas on a Tuesday, so for those weeks 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, except for Thanksgiving when recycling will be picked up on the regular day - Wednesday. Other information on Leonardtown's collection services can be found by visiting our website at leonardtown.somd.com.

Town Tidbits

St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services

The Department of Aging & Human Services are pleased to again participate in the upcoming Caregivers Conference, being held this year at Southern Pines Senior Center in Lusby, MD, on Friday, May 3, from 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m. This is an opportunity for anyone who is a caregiver or who anticipates becoming a caregiver to get support and information. Caregiving may include activities such as caring for someone in your home, visiting someone in his or her home, or assisting with household chores, shopping, transportation, medical appointments, and more. Registration is \$35. For more information, contact Tunya Taylor with the Calvert County Office on Aging at 410-535-4606.

This year's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 5 South Event Center in Callaway, MD. This event begins at 11:30 a.m. and will pay tribute to law enforcement officers who have perished in the line of duty and honor the eleven Officers of the Year selected from each represented law enforcement agency. A luncheon will be served following the recognition of the Officers of the Year. LEA Day is free and open to the community.

For more information about Law Day or Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.



Shepherds Old Field Market (SOF), a unique shopping venue, includes a weekend farmers market, and lots of fun. Visit this one of a kind market located at 22725 Duke Street behind the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept. SOF Market is open Wednesday-Sunday. Visit them on Facebook for more information.

The weekend farmer's market allows you to savor produce at the peak of freshness, fresh meat, cheese, baked goods, and wine! This food is as real as it gets—fresh from the farm. Meet the people who grow your food, and countless reasons to support our local farmers. Here are just a few!

Taste Real Flavors and Discover Variety - The fruits and vegetables you buy at the farmers market are the freshest and tastiest available. Fruits are allowed to ripen fully in the field and are brought directly to you—no long-distance shipping, no gassing to simulate the ripening process, no sitting for weeks in storage. At the farmers market you find an amazing array of produce that you don't see in your average supermarket. This is one of the best ways to connect with where your food comes from.

Support Family Farmers - Family farmers need your support, now that Agribusiness dominates food production in the United States. Small family farms have a hard time competing in the food marketplace. Buying directly from farmers gives them a better return for their produce and gives them a fighting chance in today's economy.

Promote Humane Treatment of Animals - At the farmers market, you can find meats, cheeses, and eggs from animals that have been raised without hormones or antibiotics, who have grazed on

green grass and eaten natural diets, and who have been spared the cramped and unnatural living conditions of feedlots and cages that are typical of animal agriculture.

Connect with Your Community - Wouldn't you rather stroll SOF to pick up your fresh produce than roll your cart around a grocery store with artificial lights and piped in music? Coming to the SOF farmers market makes shopping a pleasure. The farmers market at SOF is a community hub—a place to meet up with your friends, bring your children, or just get a taste of small-town life in the midst of our wonderful town.



Bourbon & Bows is moving from Shepherd's Old Field Market to Fenwick Street in the Leonardtown Square, between Board & Brush and S-Kape Salon. The clothing boutique opened their new location in April. Keep up-to-date with the store by following them on Instagram and Facebook at @shopbourbonandbows or at www.bourbonandbows.com.



Refined Beauty's client-centered studio offers the most advanced aesthetic treatments for eyebrows, eyes, lips, and paramedical tattooing; including mastectomy 3D areola, scar camouflage, and Collagen Induction Therapy (CIT). Your permanent makeup experience starts with a personalized consultation in our comfortable environment as we work to make you feel your best. Follow me on Facebook at [Refined Beauty: Microblading/Permanent Makeup by Jessica Hill](#) or 41695 Fenwick Street #3, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650, (443) 280-0270 email address refinedbeautyofmd@gmail.com.



New to Leonardtown is the **Slice House**, located at 41565 Park Avenue, a family friendly pizza restaurant serving thin crust New York style pizza cooked in a brick oven. Eight (8) pizzas available by the slice will be featured every day. You can also order a whole pizza for eat in or carry out. Fresh salads will also be available daily. Their full-service bar will feature eight (8) local drafts as well as wine and cocktails. The owner is a native New Yorker and knows his pie! House made dough, the finest cheese and freshest sauce and toppings will be key to a delicious pie. The beautiful renovations are complete and the family is excited to start serving delicious food to Leonardtown and the surrounding communities.

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**St. Mary's County Arts
 Council News**

Stop by 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. Shop at our Gallery & Gift Shop where the handcrafted works of over 35 local artists are displayed and available for purchase. Every Wednesday from 12-1 PM we host an Open Lunch Social, bring your lunch and join us. First Wednesday Workshops are held monthly from 1-3 PM where artists may bring their latest project and work in our studio space for free.

On First Friday evenings we host a special Art Share Series from 5:30-6:30 PM where the talents of individuals in a variety of media are showcased. Our spring and summer featured guests will include the Envision SoMD group, Janice Walthour (poet), Naomi Hurley (author, musician), and others. Following the Art Share presentations, an all ages/ skills level audience participation Drum Circle with the SoMar Drummers meets monthly from 7-8 PM (Sept thru April) and 8-9 PM (May thru August).

A special event this July will be a photography show to be held in conjunction with Jazz Weekend in Leonardtown from July 12th – 14th. County resident Susan McNeill will share the rich heritage of her father's photographs of jazz legends and other entertainment stars taken at the pinnacle of the Swing Jazz era. Artist Robert H. McNeill captured the vibrancy and creativity of the music scene in both the Washington, D.C. and New York areas in the 1930's and 40's.

Mr. McNeill's work has been exhibited at many prominent museums across the US and also in numerous documentaries and will be on display at the Arts Council for a limited time only, come by to see us during the Jazz festivities!

The St. Mary's County Arts Council office is located at 22660 Washington St. (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center), open hours are 11-4 Tuesday thru Saturday, open Sundays on a seasonal basis and for extended hours for special events. 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. Contact (240)309-4061 or info@smcart.org for details about our upcoming events or visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter #smcartscouncil



Patina + Stone Studio

Patina + Stone Studio features the handmade jewelry and metalwork of Cynthia Rosenblatt and serves as a venue for Introduction to Silversmithing classes and parties. For information contact: Cynthia at 302-438-1629 or email patinaandstonestudio@gmail.com.

Studio/Retail Hours Thursday and Saturday 12pm-5pm and First Fridays 4pm-8pm. Additional hours by appointment and by chance.



SPACE2 CRE8

Space2 Cre8 is a small arts studio offering space for artists and crafters to work on their creative projects individually or as a small group. Located in Leonardtown's Arts & entertainment district, the studio offers memberships to fit the needs of a variety of artists and crafters.

Space2 Cre8 is located at 41660 Park Avenue, Leonardtown, MD. Artists and crafters contact us today for a membership or to reserve a table at 240-682-3521 or send us an email at Space2cre8art@gmail.com.

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support and assistance to the LFVD in its civic and financial activities. The Auxiliary's fund-raising efforts average approximately \$15,000 per year.

The **Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS)** began in 1975. This year is the 43rd year of operation. The members of the squad range in ages from 16 to 70. They are a diverse group of individuals with one thing in common, their desire to serve.

Each year, the dedicated LVRS answers the call of duty. In 2018, they responded to over 2,700 calls for assistance. As of 2019, there are 18 charter members, 20 life members, 14 honorary members, 30 regular members, 18 associate members, 7 probationary members, 7 junior members, and 11 drive only members.

Also, let's not forget about the Auxiliary! Today, the Auxiliary has 41 members, all contributing to its success. The Auxiliary members derive great pleasure in knowing that their collective work has taken much of the financial burden from the squad members allowing them to provide quality and timely emergency medical services. In 2017 and 2018, under the leadership of Catherine Stewart, the Auxiliary raised over \$55,000 each year. The Auxiliary continues to ensure that LVRS can continue to provide quality service to our community.

All the skills needed to become a member are taught free of charge. You don't have to be a medical professional to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or have a commercial driver's license to drive an ambulance. The LVRS is always looking for volunteers of all ages; young and old, retired, stay at home moms or dads. If you think you want to join, you can always come out as an "observer" and if you like it and it suits your lifestyle, you can apply for membership.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information about the LVRS or LVFD, check out their websites at www.lvrs.org or www.lvfd1.org.



2019 Earth Day

Town Tidbits

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Join us at the **Port of Leonardtown Winery** for new, exciting events as we shake off the winter chill and embrace the summer sun!

"Workouts at the Winery" will begin the first weekend of April and continue throughout the year. Stop by on the first and third weekends of each month to join in on the fun! Workouts will include yoga, Zumba, and various other classes. Tickets for these classes will also include a glass of wine to enjoy after your workout! Keep an eye on our social media posts for the schedule of classes.

They will be hosting their next festival on May 11th. Our Spring Awakening Festival will bring many different vendors together in celebration of our 9th birthday! Similar to our Harvest Festival last year, we will be doing tastings of our wine out in the park and have tastings available from a local brewery and distillery. There will be live music performances by Josh Riley and The Lucky Few throughout the day. Pack a picnic and come celebrate with us! This event will also be the official launch of signature slushies at the winery! Every weekend through the summer, we will be serving special slushies alongside our monthly sangrias.

During your next visit to the winery, you will probably notice that we have an addition to our property: a new gazebo nestled between our vines and McIntosh Run Creek. This space is available to rent during business hours. If you're looking for a location for your next baby shower, birthday party, bridal shower, or family gathering, come check out our new space! Ask about our Buck-a-Duck fundraisers and be on the lookout for our monthly craft nights, specialty sangrias and slushies, and live music performances on Saturdays (and Sundays throughout the summer). If you have any suggestions of events you would like to see at the winery, give us a call at 301-690-2192, or email us at TRManagaer@polwinery.com.

Deputy's Corner

IRS Imposter Scams

How to spot scammers who pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money.

Here's how they work:

You get a call from someone who says she's from the IRS. She says that you owe back taxes. She threatens to sue you, arrest or deport you, or revoke your license if you don't pay right away. She tells you to put money on a prepaid debit card and give her the card numbers.

The caller may know some of your Social Security number. And your caller ID might show a Washington, DC area code. But is it really the IRS calling? **No.** The real IRS won't ask you to pay with prepaid debit cards or wire transfers. They also won't ask for a credit card over the phone. And when the IRS first contacts you about unpaid taxes, **they do it by mail, not by phone.** Caller IDs can be faked.

Here's what you can do:

1. Stop. Don't wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card. Once you send it, the money is gone. If you have tax questions, go to irs.gov or call the IRS at 800-829-1040.
2. Pass this information on to a friend. You may not have gotten one of these calls, but the chances are you know someone who has.

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

- ❖ Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP 1-877-382-4357 or TTY 1-866-653-4261
- ❖ Go online: ftc.gov/complain
- ❖ Contact your local police department in St. Mary's County @ 301-475-8008 if you are the victim of a fraud.
- ❖ As soon as possible, place a FREE fraud alert with the three major credit bureaus Experian, Equifax, and Transunion.
- ❖ Contact your bank and try to stop the transfer/check. If you used the postal service or other carrier contact them ASAP to try and stop your check/payment.
- ❖ Use a credit card, not a debit card, when you pay.
- ❖ Use your issuer's fraud alerts and check your card statements.
- ❖ Consider paying or withdrawing cash with your digital wallet.



Town News

Welcome New Employee – Kathy Bailey

Town staff recently extended a warm welcome to their newest team member, Kathy Bailey. Kathy is now serving as the Town's grants writer. Prior to coming to the Town, Kathy worked for St. Mary's County Government for nearly 30 years with the Departments of Economic Development and Recreation and Parks; she retired effective November 1st. Her experience includes writing grants and work on various capital planning and development projects for parks and facilities. She looks forward to gaining knowledge about the Town's operations and serving the citizens of the Town of Leonardtown. She is married and has three children and one grandchild. She's a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and resides in Bushwood.



Pet Waste Station

Keep Our Town Clean

Pet waste does not make good fertilizer and should never be used as fertilizer. In fact, pet waste can be hazardous to your health! Pet waste that is left on the ground is not only a health hazard, but it also damages our environment.

For your convenience, Pet Waste Stations are located in the Square, at the Wharf on the corner of Courthouse Drive and Washington Street.

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