

Leonardtown BEACON

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 15

**LHS Homecoming
Parade**

Leonardtown Square

OCTOBER 16 & 17

SMC Oyster Festival
County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 23

**Trick-or-Treat
on the Square**

Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Parade
Leonardtown Square

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Antique Show & Sale
Leonard Hall Jr. Naval
Academy

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**Christmas on the Square
&**

Annual Tree Lighting
Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 26-28

SMC Festival of Trees
Bell Motor Co. Showroom

DECEMBER 18

Santa & Mrs. Claus
Leonardtown Square

*Come see
what's new
in historic
Leonardtown!!!*

Featuring **GUY DISTRIBUTING COMPANY**

A Family-Owned Business for 70 Years

In 1935, C. Byron Guy started a wholesale beverage distributorship in Clements, Maryland, selling Arrow Beer made by the Globe Brewing Company of Baltimore, Maryland. After being appointed the local mail carrier in 1936, Byron turned the businesses over to his father, Claude E. Guy. Claude, who also owned the Guy Brothers Store, expanded the distributorship in 1936, by adding the Budweiser brand of Anheuser-Busch, a St. Louis brewery. Upon Claude's death in 1941, his wife Agnes continued to operate both the store and the distributorship.

In 1942, Claude and Agnes' son George graduated from Charlotte Hall School and went to work for his mother at the distributorship. In 1948, George took over the entire distributorship, and changed the name to the Guy Distributing Company. In 1950, the State highway in Clements was widened and the Guy brothers lost a great deal of its corner property. George then searched for a place to relocate the business, and purchased the Donovan Brothers Plumbing building on Route 5 in Leonardtown. That same Leonardtown location has been home to the Guy Distributing Company ever since.

Guy Distributing Company has serviced the retail accounts in St. Mary's County with all Anheuser-Busch products since 1936. In the early years, the business had only one truck and one employee. While George was busy managing the growing company, his brother, C. Byron was elected as a St. Mary's County Commissioner for three terms, serving from 1950-1962. Today, the business operates a fleet of six trucks and has a workforce of 19 employees. Three employees, Frankie Merson,

At Home in Leonardtown



The Clydesdales first showing in Leonardtown at the 1956 St. Mary's County Fair Parade on old Route 5 (Fenwick Street).



The colossal Clydesdale horses parade on the streets of downtown historic Leonardtown in 1979, commensurate with Guy Distributing's warehouse addition opening.

John Smith, and Freddie Burris, have been with the company for over 35 years. The original building still exists, but to keep up with business growth, the building has undergone eight additions. The 1979 addition accommodated newly required regulations that all beer must be stored in a controlled temperature environment warehouse.

On two occasions, Guy Distributing was instrumental in obtaining the popular Clydesdale

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Come on Out!

Mayor's Message

I hope that each and every Leonardtown resident had an enjoyable summer. In the last *Beacon* issue, I brought you up to date on the many exciting projects that are on the horizon for our Town, speaking briefly about numerous planning studies that have been completed by the Commissioners of Leonardtown in preparation for this growth. Almost daily, we read about the impacts of growth on our entire area, and I would like to focus on these impacts in this issue.

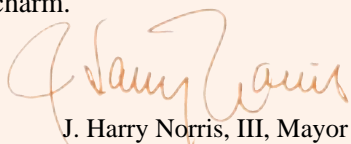

Leonardtown is one of two Developmental Districts in St. Mary's County and as such, growth will continue to be directed here. Adequate public facilities to support this growth are a concern to everyone. The three main areas of concern are utilities, schools and roads.

The Town has begun planning for increasing capacity of the Leonardtown Wastewater Treatment Plant and increasing our Water Appropriations permit. We are also doing impact studies for each development that will help us determine the utilities infrastructure needs required of each project. The Town increased its impact fee, effective May 2004, to cover certain costs associated with the water and sewer plans.

Town officials are working closely with the Board of Education and the St. Mary's County Commissioners to obtain a new elementary school site within the Town boundaries. The Town also continues to collect the County portion of the impact fee for schools, and remits that fee directly to the County.

We are working closely with the developers for all three of the large farms proposing development, with a goal of achieving road systems that interconnect the parcels and provide well planned connections to the existing downtown road system. Safety and movement of traffic on Route 5 continues to be a major concern for State, County and Town officials and residents. In August, local officials met with the Maryland Dept. of Transportation Secretary, Robert Flanagan. The Route 5 project was presented as a local priority and ideas were proposed for exploration toward finding a solution to the increased vehicular demand on Route 5.

The Town Council and I are committed to ensuring that as Leonardtown grows, we retain our small town charm.


J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor
 Leonardtown Beacon

LHS Homecoming Parade

Watch Leonardtown High School's traditional Homecoming Parade in the Town Square on Friday, October 15th, beginning at 5:30 PM. Following the parade, the Raiders will tackle the Patuxent Panthers at the Leonardtown High School football field.



St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

Celebrate the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Season at the 38th Annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival on Saturday, October 16th, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at the County Fairgrounds. The National Oyster Shucking Championship and Oyster Cook-off highlight this annual festival. Entertainment includes music, pony rides, carnival attractions and more! Admission. Sponsored by the Lexington Park Rotary Club. For details call 301-863-5015 or visit www.usoysterfest.com.

Trick-or-Treat on the Square & Make-Your-Own Scarecrow

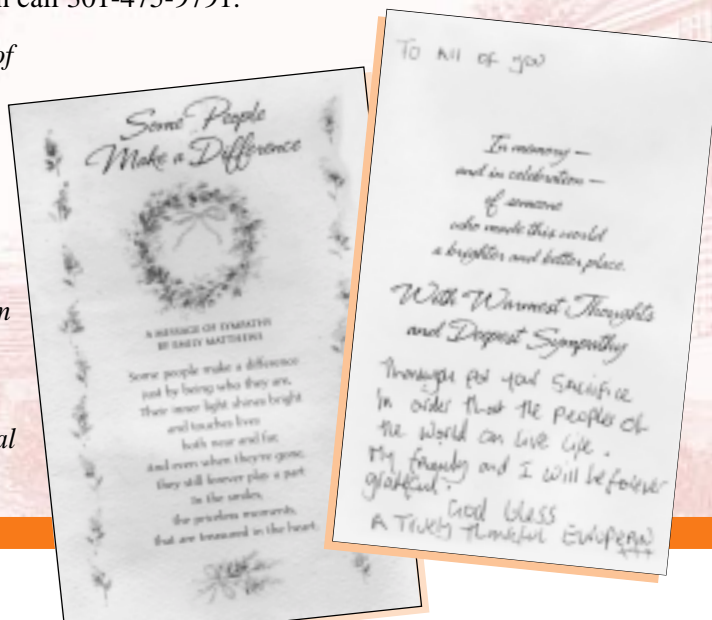


Hey Kids! Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume, bring a goodie bag, and have fun "trick-or-treating" with participating merchants on the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 23rd, from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791. Come early and make a scarecrow with the Old Towne Crafters from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. All ages! Cost per scarecrow is only \$5 and includes supplies.

Veterans Day Parade & Memorial

Salute America's Veterans on Thursday, November 11th! The parade on Washington Street in Leonardtown begins at 10:00 a.m. Marching in the parade are dignitaries, elected officials, Veterans, school bands, military units, color guards, bagpipers, Native American Dancers, classic and antique cars, boy and girl scouts, cheerleaders, Arabian horses, motorcycles, fire department equipment, and much more! Immediately following the parade, a Veterans memorial ceremony will be held in the Town Square. This year's parade and ceremony will honor wounded soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital who fought in Iraqi Wars. Sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commissioners and the Commissioners of Leonardtown. For more information call 301-475-9791.

A bouquet of flowers and this touching card were found at the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Veterans Monument on Memorial Day, 2004.

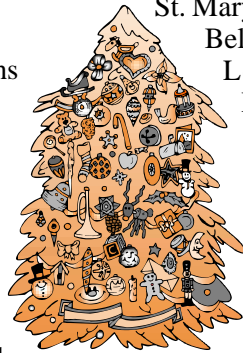


Antique Show & Sale

Antique furniture, jewelry, books, artwork, toys, door prizes, and more can be found at the Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy's Annual Antique Show. This year's show will be held on Saturday, November 13th, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 14th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission. For details, call the school at 301-475-8029.

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

The holiday season officially begins in Leonardtown on Friday, November 26th! Join us in the Town Square from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. for festive entertainment with holiday music, Christmas carols, horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, hayrides, live nativity, petting zoo, face painting, children's crafts, and more! Gather around the Town's Christmas tree and watch for Santa's arrival and tree lighting! Along with Santa and Mrs. Claus, you can catch a glimpse of Frosty the Snowman, the Jolly Juggler, and Snowflake the Christmas Elf! Many downtown merchants will be open for your Christmas shopping needs! The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Leonardtown Business Association, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown sponsor this annual holiday event. For further information, call 301-475-9791. *Rain date: November 27th.*



Basket Bingo

The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will sponsor a Basket Bingo at the firehouse on Thursday, November 18th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with Bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission. Call 301-373-9747 for more details.

SMC Festival of Trees

You won't want to miss the 7th Annual St. Mary's County Festival of Trees at the Bell Motor Company Showroom in Leonardtown, November 26th-November 28th! Holiday hours are: Friday, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon-6:00 p.m. Cast a vote for your favorite decorated tree and wreath! Silent bids are taken on the trees and wreaths, and will be auctioned on Sunday. Activities include an "old days" photo exhibit, a walking tour Saturday morning, bluegrass music Saturday afternoon, and a "wagon of toys" raffle. For details or to register a decorated entry, call 301-373-2551. Admission is \$1 for adults, children under 12 free. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, Inc., with proceeds to benefit the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Visit with Santa on the Square

Ho! Ho! Ho! Kids of all ages can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square on Saturday, December 18th, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Get those last-minute Christmas wishes in! Bring your camera! *(In the event of inclement weather, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be in the Bell Motor Co. Showroom.)*

Hospice Tree of Light

Hospice of St. Mary's will hold its 7th Annual Tree of Light Ceremony on December 12th at 4:30 p.m. in the Hospice office at 22699 Washington Street. If you would like to honor a loved one by purchasing a light on the tree, or for more information, please call 301-475-6438.



Seasonal Performances by the St. Mary's Ballet

"Legend of the Witch, Moll Dyer" will be presented by the St. Mary's Ballet on October 22nd, 7:30 p.m., October 23rd, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., October 29th, 7:30 p.m., and October 30th, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. The Ballet will also present "The Nutcracker" on December 10th at 7:30 p.m., and December 11th at 1:00, 3:00, and 7:30 p.m. All shows will be performed at the St. Mary's Ryken Fine Arts Center. For tickets and more information call 301-884-8601.

Leonardtown Fact - Did You Know?

In April, 1870, the Town Commissioners recorded the results of a census of Leonardtown: "The Village contains a Court House and Jail, two churches, seven stores, two hotels, two oyster houses, three blacksmith shops, one harness and coach trimmers shop, two bakeries, and forty-three residences. There were 394 inhabitants..."

The Chronicles of St. Mary's, October 1980.

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J. Harry Norris, III

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Upcoming meetings: Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14

Planning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 3:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Upcoming meetings: Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, *Tues., Jan. 18, **Tues., Feb. 22, Mar. 21 (*In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. **In observance of Presidents' Day)

Leonardtown Business Association - 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 5:30 p.m. @ alternating business locations. Upcoming meetings: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9

Fall/Winter 2004



Italian Brass Sounds Heard in the Town Square



“*Quintetto di Ottoni Lyskamm*”, an Italian brass ensemble from Aosta, Italy, entertained an enthusiastic lunchtime crowd on the Town Square on Friday, July 16th. The ensemble was one of the many special performers of the 2004 *River Concert Series*. The Town is grateful to Jeffrey Silberschlag, Music Director at St. Mary’s College, for extending this quality concert to Leonardtown.

“Beach Party on the Square” Rained Out

Rains from Hurricane Charley resulted in the Town canceling its 2004 Beach Party on the Square. Many thanks to our Beach Party sponsors and supporters, and all the volunteers and participants who worked so hard to prepare for this event — your efforts are greatly appreciated and were not in vain! To all the disappointed kids and families who were planning on a “beachy-fun time” — practice your volleyball, jump roping and hula hoop skills, and mark your calendar for the Town’s next Beach Party on the Square on August 13, 2005!

Summer Nights on Fenwick Street

“*Summer Nights on Fenwick Street*” saw many Town businesses open late for customer shopping and dining on the first Saturdays of June, July and August. The evenings were highlighted with performances by The Newtowne Players and artists receptions at the North End Gallery.



Fall Follies Saw Crafts Galore!

The crafts were plentiful and the weather was great for the many arts enthusiasts who came to the Town Square for “*Fall Follies*” on September 11th! If you missed the show, you can still find homemade craft items at the Old Towne Crafters (*event sponsor*), and other specialty shops around Town.



The “Blue Heron” Perches in Town



Perhaps you’ve seen Leonardtown’s latest arrival - the blue heron sculpture in the grassy picnic area between Jeanie’s Flowers and Do Dah

Deli. The Town of Leonardtown is proud to display the first artistic 6’x4’ sculpture, created by students as part of the “*Chesapeake Bay Blue Heron Project*”. This collaborative arts and education project is sponsored by the St. Mary’s County Public Schools and the arts community to increase awareness of the value of the arts in community life. County schools submit designs and artistically decorate their own sculpture. On March 2, 2005, additional sculptures will be publicly displayed for the first time at the Superintendent’s Art Gala. Businesses, nonprofit organizations, and interested individuals wishing to provide support for this project should contact Tom Smoot at 301-475-5511, ext. 700.

Café des Artistes “Chef Loic” Inducted into the Academie Culinaire de France

On the program as a new inductee into the Academie Culinaire de France at the annual U.S. meeting in San Francisco for the world’s top chefs, was Leonardtown’s own Chef Loic Jaffres, of the Café des Artistes. According to Chef Loic, this is a major accomplishment, and the last step to becoming a master chef. Before coming to Leonardtown with his wife Karleen in 1999, Chef Loic apprenticed in St. Jean d’Angely, France, and gained additional chef experience at eight locations in France, and six restaurants in the DC and metro-areas. He has also worked with a number of world-renowned chefs, including the chef to the Clinton’s White House and the Watergate’s chef. Félicitations Chef Loic! This honor is a tribute to your hard work and excellent cuisine!!



LVFD Christmas Tree Campaign

The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department has done it again!!

Fundraising efforts have provided for the purchase of a 4' tree extension and ornaments for the Town's Christmas tree. The annual fire truck parade will bring Santa into Town to light the tree for the holiday season on Friday, November 26th! The Town would like to thank Roger Mattingly, LVFD volunteer, for spearheading this fundraiser!



Roger Mattingly was presented a Maryland You Are Beautiful certificate by Commissioner President Thomas McKay in recognition of his volunteer efforts with Leonardtown events.

Wi-Fi and Book Xpress now at Leonardtown Library

Wireless high-speed Internet access is now available at the Leonardtown Library for your wireless enabled laptop or PDA. "Book Xpress" is available at all three Library locations, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, and Charlotte Hall, and is designed to reduce waiting time for new books. Features include bestselling titles available on the shelf, 2-week checkout and a "no holds", "no renewals" policy. For more information on the many programs offered by the St. Mary's County Library go on-line at www.stmalib.org or call 301-475-2846.

Women's Wellness Day

The St. Mary's Delicados, Inc. and St. Mary's Hospital are planning an exciting women's program on Saturday, February 26, 2005 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Leonardtown. Topics will include cancer risk, arthritis, skin care, stress management, and a primer on cooking with culinary herbs with Chef Loic. Lunch will be served. Free. Call 301-475-6019 to register.

Updates on Town Square Business Moves

Businesses now housed in the Blair Building at 22715 Washington Street include: *Mary Kay Cosmetics*, Jan Hayden, Director; *Crazy for Ewe* yarn store operated by Ellen Lewis; *DRN Environmental Solutions* managed by Dan Norris; *MHASM Case Management* (Mental Health Authority of St. Mary's); and *Vintage Values*, operated by the Center for Life Enrichment. *The Hair Company & Electric Beach* tanning salon have relocated to 22740 Washington Street. The new *Brewing Grounds Café*, located at 41655 Fenwick Street, is now open for business.

Parking Overflow - Loker II Building

Next year, the Town Hall will be relocating to Courthouse Drive in the proposed Loker II Building. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2004. During the construction period, some parking spaces in the municipal lot behind the Loker Building could be impacted. For your convenience during this process, please note that parking spaces are available off Guyther Drive below the current Town Hall. The public is encouraged to make use of these available spaces.

Town Helps St. Clement's Island Restoration Project

To ready for the 2004 Blessing of the Fleet, the Department of Natural Resources utilized the Leonardtown Wharf site to aid in the cleanup and restoration of piers at St. Clement's Island, damaged by Hurricane Isabel in the fall of 2003. According to Andy Hanas of DNR, the Leonardtown Wharf site was the nearest deep-water port in proximity to the Island where they could get trucks to the water's edge. Two barges were docked at the Wharf, which was used as a drop-off area for debris from the Island and a pick-up area for the pilings being trucked in from Baltimore.



Maryland Dept. of Transportation announces funding for Leonardtown Streetscape Project

On Tuesday, September 28, 2004, Transportation Secretary Robert Flanagan was in St. Mary's County to announce \$3.2 million dollars of Community Safety and Enhancement funds for the Business Route 5 streetscape improvements through downtown Leonardtown. Governor Ehrlich's Community Safety and Enhancement Program is designed to provide investment in the transportation infrastructure of existing communities to improve safety and enhance the appearance of those communities.

This project was a result of the efforts of a committee of eleven members of the Leonardtown business community, educational facility representatives and Leonardtown residents who worked with State Highway staff to design a streetscape for Business Route 5. This is the entrance to downtown Leonardtown and will showcase sidewalk improvements, bike paths, landscaping and enhanced lighting. The project will also address safety issues, improve drainage and provide the opportunity for utility improvements.

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Town Tidbits

Leonardtown Business Association

The Leonardtown Business Association (LBA) is experiencing an escalation in membership! Over 50 businesses comprise the LBA. The LBA strives to bring people into and promote business in Leonardtown. A future project of the LBA is to generate a new Leonardtown business map, with a listing of LBA members. The annual LBA membership dues of \$100 for 2005 should be submitted by January 1. Members and those interested in joining LBA are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, held every second Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at various business locations. For more information contact Dan Burris, LBA President, at 301-475-3151 or danburris@danburris.com.

The LBA welcomes its newest members:

Steve Duquette of *Sturbridge Homes*; Robin Guyther of *Main Street Properties*; Steve Pyles of *Leonardtown Ford*; Ellen Lewis of *Crazy for Ewe*; Mike & Jalayne Wheatley of *MHC Orthotics & Prosthetics*; Dan Norris of *DRN Environmental Solutions*; Kristi Tredway of the *So. MD. Tennis & Education Foundation*, Sheri Burch of the *Burch Oil Company*, Gene Townsend of *G.T. Financial Services*, John Nucci of the *Willows Restaurant*, *St. Mary's College*, and the *St. Mary's County Memorial Library*.

Staff Welcome

The Town welcomes *Teresa Myers*, who was recently employed as Town Secretary in the Town Office, *Alina Gatton*, who was employed as a Lab Technician at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and *William Shreve*, who was employed as Utilities Operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Changes in Town Utility Charges

Effective July 1, 2004, the quarterly charge for residential water, sewer and trash increased to \$167.78. Of this \$2.24 quarterly increase, \$1.25 relates to wastewater collection and treatment. The remaining increase of \$.99 is for the water system. Trash rates remain unchanged.

Changes in quarterly charges for commercial customers vary depending on the number of sewer units charged for each customer and the amount of water used. The per unit price of sewer increased by \$1.25, the same as the increase for residential customers.

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash pickups are scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. In the event of a Waste Management holiday, pickups will be deferred to Wednesday and Saturday for that week. Please have your trash in acceptable 30-gallon cans with lids, or cans on wheels. Bagged trash set on the ground is also acceptable. To guarantee collection, trash should be set out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

The next **quarterly bulk trash** pickup is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

Residential recycling pickups of old newspapers, glass bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and approved plastic bottles are made on Thursdays. In the event of a Waste Management holiday, recycling pickups will be deferred to Friday for that week.

Waste Management will be operating on a holiday schedule the week of November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The weeks of Christmas and New Year's will be under normal operation.

For further information on trash service, recycling, or to obtain a recycling container, contact Waste Management at 301-863-3288.

The Town Office will be closed in observance of upcoming holidays:

- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 25 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 - Day after Thanksgiving
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
- January 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 21 - Presidents' Day

Leonardtown History Keepsakes!

Looking for a memento or gift for a special occasion? Beautiful on any wall, is the color print of the *Leonardtown Mural*, which depicts a progression of life in the Town during the first half of the 20th Century. A copy of Aleck Loker's book "*A Most Convenient Place*", captures a comprehensive history of Leonardtown between 1650-1950, and is certain to hold the attention of any reader. Copies of the mural and book are available in the Town Office or at several local businesses. Call 301-475-9791 for details.



GUY DISTRIBUTING Co.

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horses for Town events. In 1956, the Clydesdales were special guests in the St. Mary's County Fair Parade in Leonardtown. In 1979, the Clydesdale horses returned to Leonardtown with a parade on Washington Street to the Town Square, coinciding with Guy Distributing's opening of their new warehouse addition. During the parade, students of Father Andrew White were permitted out of class to sit on the sidewalks and watch the horses go by.

Since 1980, Guy Distributing Company has also operated an aluminum can recycling program. To date, they have recycled over 4,000,000 pounds of aluminum cans and paid out over \$1,250,000. Aluminum cans are accepted Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to Noon.

The Guy Distributing Company is quite instrumental in promoting community activities and civic organizations. They are one of the many sponsors of the County's annual Blessing of the Fleet. For the past 30 years, Guy Distributing has sponsored the annual Bud Tournament, bringing in over 50 softball teams from out of the County, and providing more than \$331,455 for the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) and the County Rescue Squads. They also sponsor or co-sponsor 10 county adult athletic teams, which include five softball teams, two volleyball teams, two bowling

teams and one indoor soccer team. The Bud-Bell team was crowned Slowpitch League Champions in 2001, 2002, and 2003. Guy Distributing's partnership with the Anheuser-Busch Company enables them to offer discounted coupons to the many Busch Gardens theme parks.

George Guy is now retired from the family business, but still stops in to check on the company and chat with his friends. He spends much of his time between Leonardtown and Florida, and is an avid Redskin fan, missing only 4 home games in the past 62 years. Today, George's son Glenn, who began working for his dad in 1975, is president of the company. George's daughter Karen is secretary and his daughter Brenda operates the gift store. Glenn's son, Mark, is vice-president and sales manager, and makes the fourth generation of this family operated business.

While driving by the Guy Distributing headquarters, check their signboard "thought for the day", a custom which began about 15 years ago. Guy Distributing Company is located at 25785 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, and can be reached at 301-475-2811.



Rex Youmans built the body on this used truck, which became George's first company truck in the 1940's.



Headquarters of the Guy Distributing Company on Route 5 in Leonardtown, about 1950.



After being bitten on the hand by one of the Clydesdales, a cautious Mayor Norris walks with the horses during their 1979 Leonardtown visit. (Yes, he initially served on the Council 1971-1981)



George, Glenn, Karen, Brenda and Mark, in the upstairs meeting and training room.



Mark, Glenn and George set up the A-B Recycling Program, as the recycling representative looks on.

Leonardtown Galleries Host Artists Shows

The **North End Gallery**, located in the heart of “old downtown” Leonardtown at 41652 Fenwick Street, offers a place for professional artists to exhibit their works. The Gallery’s member artists are involved in many different types of artwork, including painters, potters, fiber artists, glass artists, jewelry makers, a metal sculptor, a printmaker, and photographers. For more information call 301-475-3130, or visit their web site at www.northendgallery.org.

Upcoming shows at the “North End Gallery”:

- “Color, Line and Texture” featuring works by Rosemary Bailey and Ann Crain. September 28th - October 31st . Opening Reception Oct. 1st, 5-8 PM
- “18th Annual Christmas Show” all artists show, featuring works by all members. November 23rd - December 24th . Opening Reception Dec. 4th, 5-8 PM
- Collection of works by Jane Rowe, Linda Wharton, Connie Petty, and Bette Bumgarner. November 1st - November 21st . Opening Reception Nov. 6th, 5-8 PM



The **Maryland Antiques Center**, located at 26005 Point Lookout Road, features antique furniture, art, books, gourmet food items, china, linens, stained glass, prints, glassware, jewelry, navigation instruments, toys, custom framing, and an Artisans Gallery, with original art by several resident and guest artists. Special events at the Center include a Fall Festival on October 16th & 17th, and a Holiday Open House on November 20th. For additional information call 301-475-1960, or visit their web site at www.paxp.com/mac. You can also enjoy lunch or a formal tea in the Tea Room. Call 301-475-1980 for reservations.

Upcoming shows at the “Heron’s Way Gallery”:

- “Historical places of Southern Maryland”, with artworks by Eileen Baca, Rose Beitzell, Mary Ida Rolape, and Carol Wathen, and a “Memories of Sotterley” book signing by Richard Knott. Saturday, November 20th, Noon-4 PM.
- “Christmas Celebration” all artists show, featuring works by all members on Saturday, December 11th, Noon-5 PM



Your questions are important to us!

Let us know if you have a question about the Town you would like answered in a future issue of the Leonardtown Beacon.

Call the Town Office at 301-475-9791, or e-mail:

Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net

What are our Residents Asking?

What Effect Will I See on My Utility Bill from the “Flush Tax” Law?

You may be aware of Maryland legislation approved in May 2004 that established the Bay Restoration Fund (Flush Tax Law). This legislation requires all wastewater treatment plant owners to begin collecting an additional \$2.50 per month per EDU from all sewer customers. This additional fee will be forwarded directly to the State Comptroller for the benefit of the Bay Restoration Fund. The Fund was established to provide funding for additional nutrient removal upgrades to wastewater treatment plants statewide. This additional fee will take effect on January 1, 2005 and be included on the invoice you will receive on March 31, 2005. It is our hope that this advance notice will help you budget for the additional \$7.50 per quarter that will occur.

Please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791 if you have any questions about the utility rate changes.

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