

Leonardtown BEACON

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 5

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Leonardtown Square

SEPTEMBER 9

Fall Follies
Leonardtown Square

SEPTEMBER 9

North End Gallery Exhibit
Leonardtown Square

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SMC Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 21 & 22

SMC Oyster Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

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Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 24

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Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 24-26

SMC Festival of Trees
Bell Motor Co. Showroom

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

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

Leonardtown's New Municipal Parking Lot

The Town's new municipal parking lot on Park Avenue is complete and ready to serve you! With its unique environmental-design, this is not your typical parking lot.

Utilizing an environmental design by Bayland Consultants for stormwater management, and with the help of a substantial grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, the Town was able to address the parking needs of our growing community while being sensitive to the environmental needs of our local waterways.

The parking areas utilize two proven methods for both stormwater quality and sediment control. The first method uses biological cells that not only provide for stormwater to flow



Celebrating the opening of the Town's new environmental parking lot with a ribbon cutting celebration and reception on April 10th.

into the ground, but also for the treatment of the common pollutants in road and parking lot runoff. These cells contain not only porous soils that soak up the water, but also provide media for biological activity that degrade pollutants. Landscaping with native Maryland plants and trees also take up excess water.

The second area uses concrete pavers that provide for a stable and sturdy parking surface while also allowing for the flow of rainwater into the underlying soils. Allowing water to return into the ground is called groundwater recharge, a major concern as our growing population makes increasing demands on our region's aquifers.

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Guest speakers at the ribbon cutting ceremony included Ms. Audrey Scott, Secretary of MD Dept. of Planning and Frank Dawson, Assistant Secretary of the MD Dept. of Natural Resources.



The Town's new municipal parking lot project will be a showcase for demonstrating innovative, low impact design of parking facilities throughout the region.

Mayor's Message

Since I was first elected Mayor in 1995, it has been my goal to see the revitalization of Leonardtown's downtown and Route 5, while preparing for future residential growth. I have focused on these issues during the last 11 years. The Town of Leonardtown is on the verge of major residential development and commercial re-development in the next few years, and the Town Council has worked with me toward meeting this development. Our staff considers growth issues our number one priority, and in addition, the Town has commissioned a number of studies and plans. These include updates to our Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan, new Downtown Plans, Waterfront Plan, Parking Study, and Water and Sewer Studies. Our staff has worked with planners and engineers to develop long-range strategies in all areas of future growth. These plans and studies provide us with information needed to accommodate the current residents, as well as meet the demands of new development on the horizon. While there is no "perfect plan", the Council and I believe that our staff has laid the groundwork for a successful and vibrant future for Leonardtown.

In June, the Town Council and I attended the Maryland Municipal League Conference. This annual conference brings together elected officials from all 157 incorporated Towns in the State of Maryland to share ideas and experiences. This year, the Town of Leonardtown hosted an informational session on planning for growth. Along with the Towns of Fredericksburg and Vienna, we shared our visionary process. Being asked to share our planning processes was quite rewarding; it's nice to know that State and Town planners recognize our effort. The Town staff and Council should be proud of the recognition; now let's hope our years of effort pay off in the future.


J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor



"Guys & Dolls"

Local youth will perform in the Recreation and Parks Summerstock production of "Guys & Dolls", July 27th-July 30th, at Great Mills High School. Show times are Thursday-Saturday evenings at 7 PM, plus a 1 PM matinee on Saturday, and a 5 PM show on Sunday. Advance tickets are recommended. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1800.

National Night Out "Party with a Purpose"

On Tuesday, August 1st, the Leonardtown Village and Leonard's Freehold communities will celebrate National Night Out, with a block party on Norris Circle from 5 PM-9 PM. National Night Out is an annual event throughout the country designed to promote good police/community relationships and heighten crime and drug awareness. For additional information call 301-475-9005 or check the web site at www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp.

Beach Party on the Square



Beat the summertime blues and head out to Leonardtown's "Beach Party on the Square"! Bring your family and friends into Town on Saturday, August 5th between 4 PM-9 PM for great entertainment and family fun! Back by popular demand playing everyone's favorite hits will be the 25th Hour Band and Blonde Ambition! Other performers include the "South-Side Steppers", Dingbat the Clown, Mr. Magic, Philip the Juggler, and Mike's Bikes BMX team! Show off your talent in the jump rope, hula-hoop and limbo stick contests! Get wet and cool down with fire truck hose-downs by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department - bring a towel! There will also be sand volleyball, classic cars, face painting, arts and crafts, kids sand box play, games, prizes, food, and much more! Contact the Town Office for details. No rain date.

"L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival

For great Bluegrass and old time country music, check out this annual music festival, August 10th-12th, at the Goddard Farm on Fairgrounds Road. In addition to musical entertainment, enjoy classic cars, arts and crafts and home cooked food! Admission. Call 301-475-8191 for performance schedule, overnight camping, and other details.

Fall Follies on the Square

Looking for handmade arts and crafts, pottery, ceramics, baskets, woodcarvings, stained glass, jewelry, quilts or paintings? Find these and more at "Fall Follies" on Saturday, September 9th, from 10 AM-3 PM in the Leonardtown Square. Other attractions include demonstrations by various artisans, face painting, food, and fingerprinting by the Maryland State Police! The Crafts Guild of St. Mary's County sponsors this annual crafts festival. For more information call 301-994-2621. Rain date: Sunday, September 10th.

Art Showing to Celebrate 20 Years in Leonardtown

September 2006 marks the 20th Anniversary of the North End Gallery in Leonardtown! To celebrate this grand occasion, a special all-member art showing will be held in the Town Square on Saturday, September 9th from 11 AM-3 PM. Member artists will demonstrate their crafts, including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, hand-pulled serigraphs, drawings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, decorative art, painted silk scarves, photography, stained glass and digital images. You can visit the Gallery showroom located at 41652 Fenwick Street, or call 301-475-3130 for more information.

Light the Night Walk

Put on your walking shoes! The 8th Southern Maryland "Light the Night Walk" to support the Maryland Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be held on Saturday, September 16th at the Governmental Center. Activities begin at 5 PM. For registration and details, contact Tracey Guy at 301-769-4318.

St. Mary's County Fair

Celebrate St. Mary's rural life and heritage at the St. Mary's County Fair, September 21st-24th - a tradition upheld by the St. Mary's County Fair Association since 1947. Home arts, garden, crafts, agriculture, livestock, 4-H exhibits, contests, entertainment, carnival attractions, food, and more! Saturday will feature the Fair Parade at 10:30 AM! See the 2006 Fair Catalog for information on placing your entries and daily schedules. Admission. 301-475-2256.



Veterans Day Parade Now Forming

It's time to enter your marching group or float in Leonardtown's annual Veterans Day Parade! This year's parade will be held on Saturday, November 11th and begins at 10 AM on Washington Street. For details and to obtain a parade entry form, contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791 or Tom Warren, the Parade Organizer at tom_warren55@hotmail.com. Parade entry forms must be received no later than October 15th.

Summertime Fun at the Library! Be sure to check out the Leonardtown Library!

There's plenty of reading for all ages, plus special performances, activities, and a reading club for kids! Kids can also get their first library card! Visit the Library web site at www.stmalib.org or call 301-475-2486.

Health Connections Van in Town

Free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings are provided by the Health Connections Outreach Center Van every second Wednesday of the month in the Town Square, Noon-3:00 PM. Upcoming dates are Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13. Call 301-475-6019 for more information.

College of Southern Maryland Leonardtown Campus Store

The CSM School Store in Leonardtown is available to the community. Located in the "B" Building, the store is open Monday-Thursday 11 AM-7 PM, and Friday 11 AM-2 PM. Items include office, school, art, and computer supplies, gifts and greeting cards, study aides, leisure reading and more. Call 240-725-5350 for information.

Town Events offer Opportunities for Volunteers & Performers

Volunteering at Town events is a great opportunity for high school students to earn required community service credits, and have fun too! Town events also provide a great venue to debut your talent! If you would like to volunteer or participate in any of the Town's events, contact Linda Shepherd at 301-475-9791 or e-mail linda.shepherd@verizon.net.

Community Highlights

Joseph Marion Gough, Jr. Excellence in Art Award

Congratulations to Jennifer Martin, recipient of the first Joseph Marion Gough, Jr. "Excellence in Art Award"! An art major at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Jennifer was presented with this award on May 12th. Joseph M. Gough, Jr. was a Leonardtown resident who was an enthusiastic leader of the St. Mary's County community throughout his life. He also served as president of the First National Bank of St. Mary's for a quarter century. In memory of Mr. Gough, the bank, now Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank, will continue to honor his dedication to his community with the Excellence in Art Award, to be presented twice yearly.



Leonardtown Receives "Plant Community Award"



Mark Grant, Capital Project Coordinator, accepts the 2005 Plant Community Green Award for the Town of Leonardtown on May 2, 2006. The award publicly recognizes people and communities in St. Mary's County that have enhanced community forests during the past year. This regional recognition, hosted by the St. Mary's County Commissioners, is presented by The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) and the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Forest Service.

2006 Leading Edge Awards

The College of Southern Maryland held their sixth annual Leading Edge Awards event on June 21st to celebrate individuals and businesses that spur economic growth and vigor in Southern Maryland. Leonardtown recipients included Lloyd Harrison, III, President and CEO, Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank, who was awarded CEO of the Year, and Askey, Askey & Associates, CPA, LLC, who were awarded the Patuxent Partnership Member Firm of the Year.

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

Planning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 3:30 p.m. in the Town Office. July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

Leonardtown Business Association - 2nd Wednesday of each month, with alternating times and locations. July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

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Community Highlights

Mock Council Session

Mayor Norris conducted a “mock” Town Council meeting with 4th and 5th grade students of Leonardtown Elementary School on February 24th. This activity ties-in with Municipal Government Week, giving students insight toward local government operations and services, in preparation for submissions in the annual contest “If I Were Mayor, I Would...”



11th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice



The 11th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice on Saturday, April 8th raised over \$55,000 to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. See race results on line at www.runforhospice.org.

Earth Day Celebration on the Square

Leonardtown's Earth Day Celebration on April 23rd was a fine representation of Mother Nature, with a morning chill, a mid-day rain, and a warm, sunny afternoon! Many enjoyed performances by the Bushwood Mill Band, Fortune's Turn, Joe Norris, Blonde Ambition, the Thistle Dancers and the Newtowne Players. Other activities included canoe and kayaking on Breton Bay, yoga demonstrations, face painting, spinning, weaving, classic cars, live birds of prey, animal rescue, nature, environmental, farm, gardening, and recycling. Congratulations to Bob Lewis, recipient of the 2006 Potomac River Association Award. The Town and LBA event chairpersons Valerie Deptula and Terry Mayo extend their gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors and participants!



The “Thistle Dancers” make way for an Earth Day performance.

All aboard! Loading up and receiving instructions before canoeing on Breton Bay during Earth Day.



Spring Fling XXI Classic Car Show

Spectators enjoyed the sunny day, sounds of the Bluegrass Gospel Express, and over 240 classic and antique cars and trucks on display around the Town Square during the St. Mary's Rod & Classic Club's “Spring Fling” on April 30th. What a day to see your friends and reminisce about the “good old days!”



11th Annual Leonardtown Criterium

Town streets were bicycle-buzzing with excitement as 246 racers from the Mid-Atlantic region competed to win their division during Leonardtown's Bicycle Criterium on May 21st. The Patuxent Velo Bicycle Racing Club sponsors this annual cycling event.



8th Annual Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby

What an exhilarating day of racing! Congratulations to David Beaton, Stock Division Champion and Justin Rayle, Super Stock Division Champion, and all the youth who raced their derby car down Fenwick Street hill during the local Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby on June 10th! David and Justin were recognized at the June 12th Town Council meeting, and look forward to representing Southern Maryland at the 69th All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio on July 22nd! Cheers for great downhill runs!! Many thanks to the Lexington Park Lions Club, who organize and sponsor this local Derby.



Eight year old David Beaton, 2006 Stock Champion, resides in LaPlata, MD and attends Archbishop Neale School.



Twelve year old Justin Rayle, 2006 Super Stock Champion, resides in Mechanicsville, MD and attends Father Andrew White School.

St. Mary's County Welcome Center Opens!

Whether you are a County resident, or just visiting the area, be sure to stop by the Welcome Center located at 37575 Charlotte Hall School Road, in what was originally the headmaster's house of the Charlotte Hall Military Academy. Pick up information on local history, special events, restaurants, maps, and more! For hours of operation and other details, visit www.co.saint-marys.md.us/tourism or call 301-884-7059.

Linda Shepherd, the Town's Event Coordinator, enjoyed sharing Leonardtown news with the public during the Welcome Center's grand opening on May 20th.



BAH Hosted by the Leonardtown Commissioners



Joe Orlando, owner of Fenwick Street New and Used Books is all smiles as he greets BAH Scavenger Hunt collectors!

On May 24, 2006, the Town of Leonardtown hosted "Business After Hours". BAH is a monthly gathering of the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce to provide networking opportunities for businesspersons sharing similar challenges and interests in the community. The evening included a scavenger hunt around the Town Square with participating businesses, and a reception/open house in the new headquarters of the Town Office in the Proffitt Building. Thanks to Laschelle Miller, Town Administrator and all the Town staff who helped make this a wonderful event!

Pause for the Pledge!

Council member Leslie Roberts reads a proclamation proclaiming June 14th as Flag Day 2006 in Leonardtown. Due to rainy weather, activities were moved inside the Leonard Hall Recreation Center.



"Lunch-time" Concert in the Square



Sounds of the St. Mary's College Jazz Quartet "Quatronic" were heard in the Town Square during a special lunch-time concert on July 12th. The Mayor's wife Jan, seen with their grandson, Willie Loveless, and youth from the Banneker SO-

SAR Camp, also enjoyed the jazzy tunes and musical instruments. This concert was presented in conjunction with the College's River Concert Series.

Hilltop Graphics Opens in Town!

Tom and Carol Davis celebrated the opening of Hilltop Graphics with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 5th. The Davis' look forward to fulfilling your personalized gifts, custom graphics, printing and signage needs. Hilltop Graphics is located at 41665 Fenwick Street, or call 301-475-5309.



"Linda's Café" Celebrates Town Location!



Linda Rivera celebrates the grand opening of Linda's Café with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 23rd. With her daily specials, desserts, and breakfast buffet on Saturdays and Sundays, Linda says the interest in the Town Square location on Washington Street has been overwhelming. For carry outs, call 301-475-5395.

"Side Street Hobbies" Opens in Leonardtown!

Do you collect trains and toys, or just like to browse? Be sure to check out "Side Street Hobbies" located at 25470 Point Lookout Road. Other collectibles include Melissa and Doug Toys, Thomas & Friends, John Deere, and Woodland Scenics. 301-475-5381.

Mattingly's Finer Foods Closing After 75 Years

Since 1931, the James W. "Jimmie" Mattingly family has supplied our area with groceries and other staples. Originally an IGA, many will remember shopping in the downtown Square location before the store was relocated to its current site on Point Lookout Road.

Loyal patrons of Mattingly's Finer Foods will miss the friendly employees they have come to know, the exceptional customer service, homemade salads, stuffed ham, and fried chicken. It's no wonder the whirr around Town is "what am I going to do without Mattingly's?" The Town wishes Wayne, Al, and Libby much success is their future endeavors!

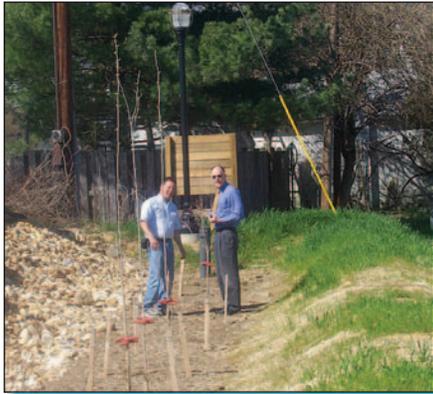


Leonardtown Business Association

The Leonardtown Business Association welcomes its newest members - Arizona Pizza Co., Hilltop Graphics, Town Cleaners, and American Surgical Associates! Goals of the Leonardtown Business Association include drawing awareness to Leonardtown businesses and promoting the economic, professional, cultural, and civic welfare of Leonardtown. The LBA meets every second Wednesday of the month at varying times and businesses. Businesses both inside and outside of the incorporated limits are welcome to join the Leonardtown Business Association! Contact Dan Burris, LBA President, at 301-475-3151 or danburris@danburris.com for more information.

Leonardtown's New Municipal Parking Lot

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Capital Project Coordinator Mark Grant and Dwayne Wilding of Bayland Consultants and Designers, Inc. inspect one of the bio-retention cells.

Downtown employees and those needing a longer duration than two-hour parking, are encouraged to use this new municipal parking lot - parking is free and the short walk to your place of business is a good form of exercise! To keep our new parking lot and landscaping looking its best, we ask that users walk on the paved areas.

We would like to thank Mark Grant, our Capital Project Coordinator, for overseeing this project, and W.M. Davis, Inc. and Redgate Farms for their professionalism and cooperation during the construction process.

Downtown Parking Enforced

We love having folks come into the historic downtown to shop and work! However, many of the parking areas around the Town Square are posted for 20-minute and 2-hour parking limits. We have placed these time limits to help encourage patrons to visit the downtown establishments. In the near future we will be enforcing parking all around the downtown area. Please obey the posted limits. If you are parking all day for work, please park in one of the free municipal parking areas. These areas are within a short walk to anywhere downtown and will free up a space on the Square for a customer to help keep your employer in business, and also save you a fine! If you have any questions on locating municipal parking areas, please feel free to contact the Town Office.

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Leonardtown Beacon

Leonardtown's New Municipal Water Well

Leonardtown is anticipating completion of its new water well on Greenbrier Road, scheduled to go online in late August. This well will produce 700 gallons per minute, drawing



water from the Patapsco Aquifer from over 900 feet below the surface. This new source of potable water will bring Leonardtown's water supply into compliance with the new arsenic rules that went into effect in January 2006 and will also help to meet future water needs of the Town's residents and businesses. The new well is the largest and deepest well in the area and was constructed by A. C. Schultes of Edgewater, Maryland. The Town Commissioners wish to remind everyone that water is a valuable resource and must be used wisely.

"Together We Can Conserve Water"!

We can all contribute to protecting this precious resource for future generations by making simple changes in our daily routines, such as watering lawns early in the morning or at night and avoiding over-watering, operating full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washer; turning off water while hand washing dishes, brushing teeth or shaving; using a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways; covering your swimming pool; repairing dripping faucets and leaky toilets; and taking 5-minute showers.

For more water conservation tips and to obtain a copy of the MD Dept. of the Environment's Water Conservation Facts Sheet, contact the Town Office.

Open Garage Doors Invite Theft

In addition to protecting your vehicles, your garage functions as a workshop and a storage area for tools, bicycles and sporting goods. Please be mindful, that left unattended, an open garage is also temptation for a would-be burglar to enter and exit your garage, not only taking items from the garage, but also gaining entry to the rest of your home. Report any such activity to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department by calling 301-475-8008.

Property Tax Bills

The Town Treasurer anticipates that Leonardtown property bills will be mailed by the end of July. The tax rate remains unchanged at \$.15 cents per \$100 of assessment. If your mortgage company pays your taxes, please forward a copy of your tax bill to them.

Utilities Fees to Increase

The most recent utility bill you received covered April, May and June services, which included an increase for trash collection. On April 1, 2006, the per ton cost for dumping trash at the landfill increased 25% from \$52 to \$65 per ton. This increase is reflected in the new quarterly trash charge of \$52.07 on your bill.

The September 30th quarterly billing will include small increases in water, sewer and trash charges, for a total bill of \$191.08 for residential customers. Commercial customers may call the Town Office for an estimate of the quarterly service charges that would apply on their September 30th billing.



Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash collections are scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. 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 the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up. Bagged leaves set out by Town residents will also be picked up on regularly scheduled collection days, but is limited to 5 bags per household, per collection day.

Bulk trash pickup dates are Friday, September 1st and Friday, December 1st.

Residential recycling pickups of old newspapers, glass bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and approved plastic bottles are made on Thursdays.

Please note that the Waste Management collection schedule for week of the September 4th Labor Day holiday will remain unchanged, with trash pick-up on Tuesday & Friday, and recycling pick-up on Thursday.

For further information on trash service, recycling, or to obtain a recycling container, contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

What Are Our Residents Asking?

What's the Latest on Development of the Waterfront Park at Leonardtown Wharf and the Park at Port of Leonardtown?

Many exciting things have transpired toward the construction of this much-anticipated public waterfront park over the last several months. The residents of Leonardtown took ownership of the ¾ acre parcel that will become the public park, in late April. Last September the fully designed park was put out for bid, and at the May 8th Town Council meeting, the construction contract was awarded to Cianbro Corp. and W.M. Davis, Inc. Construction trailers have been moved to the site and materials have begun to be delivered. Construction will begin in the next few weeks.

In January 2005, the project was designated a Priority Place by Governor Ehrlich which gives the project a high profile statewide. This designation has helped to bring in an impressive commitment of funding from State, County and Town officials. Recently an additional \$100,000 in Community Legacy funds were announced for a total of \$204,000, \$665,500 in additional Waterway Improvement funds for a total of \$765,500 from the Dept. of Natural Resources, and an additional commitment of \$1,100,000 from the St. Mary's County Commissioners for a total of \$2,100,000. Additionally a \$100,000 grant from the Federal Boating Infrastructure Program and a \$500,000 donation from Quality Built Homes were received previously. These partnerships are the reason this project will become a reality

in the near future. The Commissioners of Leonardtown would like to thank each and every one of our partners in the Leonardtown Wharf project, and would also like to recognize our grants writer, Barbara Dotson, who does a great job preparing the Town's grant applications.



Governor Ehrlich presents the Community Legacy Grant to Leonardtown and St. Mary's County officials on April 24th.



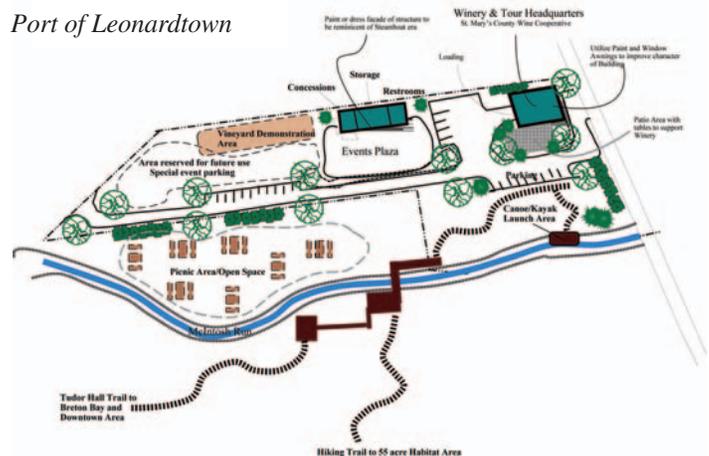
Leonardtown Wharf Concept

"Our funding support for these projects demonstrates our strong partnership with the Town to provide valuable economic improvements in our communities," said Thomas F. McKay, President, St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners. "We are looking forward to the new Waterfront Park and Winery for the citizens and visitors of the County to enjoy."

Port of Leonardtown . . . Public Park and Winery

As mentioned in previous Beacon issues, the old State Highway property located on Rt. 5 is being transformed into a public park and a winery that would produce wine made from local grapes. This joint project between the St. Mary's County Commissioners and the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be moving forward this year. The County

Port of Leonardtown



Commissioners have pledged \$500,000 toward the facility in their FY07 budget, and the Town is anxious to begin planning for this public park. This facility will be a tremendous tourism draw, as well as afford an opportunity for local farmers who are interested in pursuing alternative crops.

Streetscape Update

In September of 2005, Governor Ehrlich announced the reinstatement of funding for the Leonardtown Streetscape project. This project is slated to bring landscaping, trees, decorative



lighting and better pedestrian access to portions of Washington and Fenwick Streets. Once these improvements are made, the State will turn ownership of these streets to the Town. Final design is nearing completion. The Town is in the process of upgrading the water and sewer lines in this area prior to the State constructing the streetscape improvements. We realize that this project will be an inconvenience for several months, but the long term benefit will be enjoyed by all. The Town portion should begin late Fall 2006 followed by the State improvements beginning in Summer 2007. We will be holding public meetings to review the plans and discuss the project in the near future.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held for the waterfront park at Leonardtown Wharf on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 1:30 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Summer 2006

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Town Tidbits

2006 Leonardtown Election Results

Congratulations to Leslie Roberts, Tom Collier and Robert Combs, who were elected to serve a four-year term as members on the Leonardtown Council. Incumbent Leslie Roberts is returning to the Council to serve her second term. Leaving a vacancy on the Town's Planning Commission Board, this is Tom Collier's first term on the Town Council. Bob Combs, a local builder, will also be serving his first term as a Town Council member.



Mayor Norris swore Leonardtown Commissioners Robert Combs, Leslie Roberts, and Tom Collier into office during the regular Town Council meeting on May 8, 2006

Thanks, Charlie, for a Job Well Done!

The familiar face of Charlie Faunce will be missed around the Council meeting table! Charlie served on the Town Council from 1998-2006, but chose not to run for re-election when his term expired in May. During his service, Charlie was instrumental in the expansion of the Town's water and sewer system and acquiring the decorative clock at the entrance of the Town Square. Charlie commented he enjoyed serving the Town and chatting with the friendly staff, and promised he would "visit (the office) often".



Charlie Faunce is presented with a plaque by Mayor Norris, commending him for his eight years of service on the Town Council at the May 8th meeting.

The "Proffitt Building" Named In Memory of Ruth W. "Becky" Proffitt

The Proffitt Building, located on 41660 Courthouse Drive, has been named in memory of Becky Proffitt, who served on the Town Council from 1988 until her death in 2003. Becky loved Leonardtown, and was instrumental in the formation of the Leonardtown Business Association, bringing events to the Town Square, commissioning the writing and publication of Leonardtown's History book, serving on the Veterans Memorial committee, supporting the revitalization efforts of the downtown to protect the Circuit Courthouse and Post Office as anchors in the downtown, and spearheading the effort to secure the College of Southern Maryland Campus in Leonardtown. The Town is honored to dedicate this building to Becky, who made such an impact on the Town.



LVFD Carnival Cancelled

The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department has had to implement some changes and will not be sponsoring a carnival this year. As many are aware, a great deal of time and preparation is expended for the carnival. Members of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department recognize that the carnival will be missed by many, and would like to thank the community for their support, dedication, and hard work toward making their past carnivals successful, and hope that they can count on your continued support!

You're Invited . . . New Town Office Open House



Getting to know you! The Town Council and staff invite residents and associates to stop by our new office quarters in the Proffitt Building on Wednesday, July 26th between 9 AM-4 PM. Enjoy light refreshments, take a tour of our new office space, and get an opportunity to meet the Town staff, Town Council, Planning Commission and Board of Appeals members.

Maryland Municipal League Convention

Liz Wathen (niece of Leonardtown Council member Leslie Roberts) along with her friend Jackie McKay, enjoyed meeting Governor Ehrlich during the recent MML Convention in Ocean City, MD.



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