

# Leonardtwn BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**JULY 24 & AUGUST 28**

Downtown Tunes  
Leonardtown Square

**JULY 25 – AUGUST 8**

St. Mary's Restaurant Week  
Leonardtown & St. Mary's County

**AUGUST 3**

National Night Out  
Leonardtown Village  
& Leonard's Freehold

**AUGUST 6**

Special First Friday Celebration  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 7**

Beach Party on the Square  
Leonardtown Square  
& Leonardtown Wharf

**AUGUST 12-14**

Li'l Margaret's Bluegrass Festival  
Goddard Farm

**AUG. 21, SEPT. 18 & OCT. 16**

Sunrise Yoga  
Leonardtown Wharf

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Fall Follies  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 18**

Walk for the Poor  
Father Andrew White School

**SEPTEMBER 19**

Taste of St. Mary's  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 23-26**

SMC Fair  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 16 & 17**

SMC Oyster Festival  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 30**

Trick-or-Treat on the Square  
& Scarecrow Making  
Leonardtown Square

**NOVEMBER 11**

Veterans Day Parade  
Leonardtown Square

**NOVEMBER 26**

Christmas on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**NOVEMBER 26-27**

Christmas Festival  
Bell Motor Co. Showroom

**DECEMBER 18**

Santa on the Square  
Bell Motor Co. Showroom

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## A Toast to Port of Leonardtwn Winery



On May 21<sup>st</sup>, several hundred visitors came out to toast the opening of the new *Port of Leonardtown Winery*. This project was years in the making, going back to the vision of then President of the Board of County Commissioners, Tommy McKay, working with Mayor J. Harry Norris, to create a winery facility that would offer a local market for farmers who, ten years ago, took the tobacco buyout to grow grapes and preserve their farmland. For the Town, the opportunity to reuse an old State Highway site along McIntosh Run as a huge tourism draw was a winning proposition. For all St. Mary's County residents, the project offers an economic development and tourism avenue that has not been available in St. Mary's until now.

In the late 1990's this property was slated to be sold on the State's excess property list. The Mayor worked with State and local officials to purchase the property for a mere \$14,365 based on the

original 1930 cost of the land. The Comptroller of Maryland at the time was Robert L. (Bobby) Swann. "Mr. Swann played a key role in making sure this property was able to be transferred to the Town, who would have an incentive to clean up the property and utilize it to its full potential for its residents," comments the Mayor.

The *Port of Leonardtown Winery* was on its way to becoming a reality once Commissioner McKay gained the support of the Board of County Commissioners, pledging \$500,000 for the construction of the Winery and the Town of Leonardtown pledged the use of the building and construction oversight of the project. Later, the current Board of County Commissioners continued their support of the project and joined the Town to each pledge an additional \$35,000, together with grants from the Maryland Agricultural & Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO), The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium to complete the facility for operation.

In addition to the Winery, the Town is in the process of developing the surrounding land into a passive public park. The Port of Leonardtown Park will help connect a 58-acre FIDS (Forrest Interior Dwelling Species) habitat currently owned by the Town. This magnificent area is a sanctuary for many birds, especially Baltimore Orioles, wild turkeys and Bald Eagles. Through funding from a Department of Natural Resources Parks and Playground grant, and matching funds by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, visitors can launch a canoe or kayak into McIntosh Run and paddle their way through

*Grand  
Opening*



Old SHA Photo.



Kayaking on  
McIntosh Run.

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## Mayor's Message

A major benefit of living in a small town is the hospitality and volunteerism that comes with that. But sometimes, out of the blue, I am blown away by the generosity of those who live or work in our small town. This is evidenced by the recent cleanup effort at Leonardtown Wharf.

On Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Town will host several Oyster Buy Boats at the Leonardtown Wharf. A few of these boats docked at the Wharf last year and were quite a sight to see. There was some concern, however, about remaining debris underwater in front of the Wharf Park. A group of local volunteers and members of the Aviation Survival Training Center, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, spearheaded by local resident Tim Jeffas, volunteered to perform a dive in Breton Bay and document any obstacles they might encounter. They performed this survey on June 12<sup>th</sup>, removed many items and discovered several other larger items.

Using this information, the Town then worked with St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks staff to hire a crew to come in with the proper equipment to remove the located items. St. Mary's County receives funding from the Department of Natural Resources annually for removal of debris from the waterways. A big thank you to David Guyther, Recreation and Parks Park Manager, Tim Beckwith and a team from Randy's Pier and Seawall for a job well done.

Partnerships like these are vitally important to continuing to provide services to our residents while keeping our taxes low. The Town Council and I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in this undertaking and look forward to the Buy Boats in August.

  
J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor



Divers Michael Mowery, Cory Stokes, Gus Guzda and Aaron Jones



Leonardtown Beacon

## Summerstock Musical "Cinderella!"

Local youth will delight you as they perform the musical "Cinderella!" The show will be presented the weekends of July 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> at Great Mills High School. Contact Recreation and Parks at 301-475-4200, ext. 1800 for show times and to purchase tickets.



## Savor St. Mary's Restaurant Week July 25 - August 8

Treat your taste buds to local flavor and support local independent restaurants, agriculture, and our community during *Restaurant Week!* Enjoy dishes at local restaurants throughout the county, featuring fresh local ingredients. Our inventive chefs are proud to present their culinary creations! Participating Leonardtown restaurants include Cafe Des Artistes, Oga's Asian Cuisine, Kevin Thompson's Corner Kafe', Rustic River Bar & Grill, The Front Porch, The Good Earth, Quality Street Kitchen & Catering, and the Port of Leonardtown Winery. Visit [www.savorstmarys.com](http://www.savorstmarys.com) for *Restaurant Week* participants, profiles on local chefs and special dishes to be offered. Development Sponsors include Blue Wind Gourmet, D.B. McMillans, Full Stride Communications, and St. Mary's County Tourism.



## National Night Out

The Leonardtown Village and Leonard's Freehold communities will celebrate *National Night Out* with a cookout and block party on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> between 5 PM-9 PM. Many communities participate in this nationwide event that is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, and strengthen police-community partnerships. For details visit [www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp](http://www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp) or call 301-475-9005.

## August 6<sup>th</sup> "First Friday" Celebration

The August 6<sup>th</sup> "First Friday" event will feature live music by Fortune's Turn and is a kick-off to Leonardtown's "Beach Party on the Square" event held the following day.

One lucky person will win a handmade Amish leather portmanteau (trunk) donated by St. Mary's County Tourism, filled with gifts, restaurant, shop, and service certificates donated by the

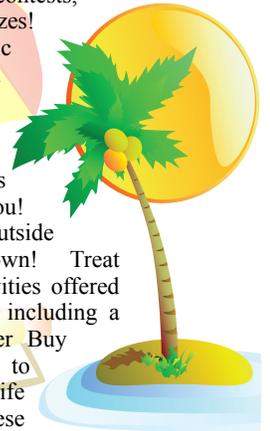


LBA and Leonardtown businesses. For each visit to a participating "First Friday" business between July 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>, you can get a free entry ticket. The winning ticket will be drawn at 8:30 PM in the Town Square on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. A purchase is not necessary, but you must be present to win!

Additionally, Lucie Snodgrass, author of *Dishing Up Maryland: 150 Recipes from the Alleghenies to the Chesapeake Bay*, will be on-site for a book signing. Copies are available for purchase at Fenwick Street Used Books & Music in Leonardtown.

## Beach Party on the Square

It's time for Leonardtown's annual "Beach Party on the Square" on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM - 9 PM. Live music by St. Mary's County's dynamic 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band will get you up and dancing in the streets! There's amusement around every corner, with Mr. Magic, sand volleyball games, fire truck hose downs, kids sand boxes, waterslide, moon bounce, face-painting, caricature sketches, games, jump rope, hula hoop, and limbo contests, complete with prizes! Check out the classic cars, arts and crafts, and other activities! Did we mention food? Our downtown restaurants and food vendors are ready to serve you! Enjoy eating inside, outside or strolling around Town! Treat yourself to special activities offered at Leonardtown Wharf, including a display of 10-15 Oyster Buy Boats. Come on deck to experience history and life on the water aboard these vessels! Contact the Town Office for details and to request a performance schedule.



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

Nationally-known bluegrass bands and a variety of good old-time music is what you can expect at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual L'il Margaret's Bluegrass Festival! The festival will be held August 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at the Goddard Farm on 21810 Clay Hill Road off Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown. For tickets, a performance schedule, directions, overnight camping, and other details visit <http://www.lilmargaretsbluegrass.20662md.com/> or call 301-475-8191.

## Downtown Tunes

Winding down the 2010 series on August 28<sup>th</sup>, Geezer and the 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band team up to get the town rocking-n-rolling! Downtown Tunes begins at 6 PM. For more information, contact Robin Guyther at 301-904-4452.



Enjoying acoustic melodies by The Eds and the Hamm-It-Ups during the June 26<sup>th</sup> Tunes.

## Walk a Mile in My Shoes

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Walk for the Poor" to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and begins at 9 AM. Walkers will gather at Father Andrew White School and proceed into downtown Historic Leonardtown. Contact Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or visit [www.walkforthe poor.com](http://www.walkforthe poor.com) for more information, to register or make a pledge. Registration on walk day begins at 7:30 AM.



## Sunrise YOGA at the Wharf

A series of free morning Yoga classes will be offered from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM on the following Saturdays: August 21<sup>st</sup>, September

18<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>. Yoga classes are waterside at Leonardtown Wharf, weather permitting. Participants should bring a yoga mat, water bottle, hand towel, and a canned food donation for local soup kitchens and food banks. For more information visit [www.somdyoga.com](http://www.somdyoga.com) or contact Pat Whitmer at 301-373-8850.

## "Fall Follies" Crafts Fair

Find local arts, crafts, pottery, ceramics, baskets, paintings, woodcarvings, woodwork, stained glass, jewelry, quilts, needlework, and other handcrafted items at the annual "Fall Follies" event on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-3 PM in downtown Leonardtown. Meet the artisans and get a jump on holiday shopping! For more information call 301-997-1644 or visit the Crafts Guild of St. Mary's at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, behind the Maryland Antiques Center. *Rain date: Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## A Taste of St. Mary's

Leonardtown Square will host "A Taste of St. Mary's" on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5 PM. This is a family friendly event where St. Mary's County restaurants and caterers join together to provide sample-sized portions of their finest cuisine at a nominal \$1-\$3. If you stopped by last year, you know the popularity of this experience! While tasting and socializing, you can enjoy live music and entertainment, children's activities, strolling around the Square, shopping, and visiting Leonardtown Wharf Park and area historical sites. For more information, contact the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce at [www.smechamber.com](http://www.smechamber.com) or call 301-737-3001.

**The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of upcoming 2010 Holidays:**

September 6	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Day

## St. Mary's County Fair

The St. Mary's County Fair Association presents its 64<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of St. Mary's rural life and heritage Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. Exhibits include livestock, home arts, farm and garden, arts and crafts, 4-H departments, and more. The Fair Parade begins at 10:30 AM on Saturday! Exhibit entry details, entertainment schedule, admission and other useful information can be found in the 2010 Fair Catalog, [www.smcfair.somd.com/](http://www.smcfair.somd.com/) or by calling 301-475-2256.

## St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

See the exciting National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook-off at the St. Mary's County Oyster Festival! The festival will be held Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 6 PM and Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - 6 PM at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. Food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. Admission. For more information visit [www.usoysterfest.com](http://www.usoysterfest.com) or call 301-863-5015.

## Make-Your-Own Scarecrow

Create your very own life-sized scarecrow in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. The cost is only \$8 per scarecrow and includes all supplies. Your finished scarecrow will look great on the porch! Members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild will lend you a hand. All ages. Call 301-997-1644 for details.

## Trick-or-Treat on the Square

Hey kids! On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> between 3 PM and 4 PM, you can dress up in your favorite Halloween costume, stroll around the Leonardtown Square, and collect treats from participating merchants! Bring your goodie bag! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.

## Veterans Day Parade Now Forming

Get your floats, cars and marching groups registered to participate in the 2010 annual *Veterans Day Parade!* To obtain a parade entry form or to volunteer with parade line-up, contact Tom Warren, Parade Organizer at [tom\\_warren55@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_warren55@hotmail.com) or the Town Office at 301-475-9791. Parade entry forms must be received no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. The annual *Veterans Day Parade* in Leonardtown will be held on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and begins at 10 AM. A special wreath-laying ceremony immediately follows in the Town Square.

## Volunteer at Town Events!

Serve your community! Volunteer at one of Leonardtown's many events! Contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791 for available volunteer opportunities.

## Leonardtown on the Web

Check the official Leonardtown web site at [Leonardtown.somd.com](http://Leonardtown.somd.com) for current news and happenings in and around Town, and to see the *Leonardtown Beacon* on-line.

**Leonardtown's Web Site:**  
[www.leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com)

## Mayor

J. Harry Norris, III

## Town Council

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Roger L. Mattingly  
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Jackie Post, *Fiscal Clerk*  
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Cindy Williams, *Town Secretary*  
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Tony Wheatley, *Capital Project Coordinator*  
Cpl. Peggy Smolarsky, *Town Deputy*

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Joe Bucior, *Operator*  
Greg Owen, *Operator*

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Jean Moulds, *Chair*  
Frank Fearn, *Vice-Chair*  
John "Jack" Candela  
Heather Earhart  
Glen Mattingly

## Board of Appeals

Dr. Herbert Winnik, *Chair*  
Jerome DuVal  
Dr. William Icenhower  
Darren Meyer  
Joan Ritchie

## Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

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## St. Mary's Hospice Run/Walk

It gets bigger every year! The 2010 Hospice Run/Walk saw over 3,000 participants with approximately 900 runners and more than 2,100 walkers! This event also encompasses over 100 committed volunteers. This year's Run/Walk grossed an \$80,000 donation for St.

Mary's Hospice. Visit [www.runforhospice.org](http://www.runforhospice.org) for photos and a video of the start.

## Excellence in Art Award

Congratulations to the 2010 Joseph M. Gough, Jr. Excellence in Art Award recipient, Jade Lee, for her winning entry "Schaeffer Courtyard" of graphite and tea staining. Jade is a junior at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and is pictured with PNC Real Estate Business Advisor, Tim Storch. The artwork of all participating students is on display at the PNC Leonardtown branch through August. This award is named in memory of Joseph M. Gough, Jr., President of PNC's predecessor bank, First National.



## Earth Day Celebration

A wonderful crowd, enthusiastic participants, and superb entertainment highlighted Leonardtown's 2010 Earth Day

Celebration. It was a delightful day with flowering cherry trees setting the stage for live music, dance performances and earth friendly initiatives in the Town Square, and canoeing and kayaking on Breton Bay at Leonardtown Wharf. Congratulations to Scott Hymes, recipient of the 2010 Potomac River Association Award! Thanks to Valerie Deptula, chairperson and all the performers, volunteers, sponsors and participants supporting this "earth-while" event!



## Spring Fling XXV Classic Car Show

The May 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Fling rain date, and the unseasonal hot, humid weather didn't deter spectators from enjoying over 220 classic and antique cars and trucks displayed around the Town Square and listening to the Bluegrass Gospel Express. Hospice of St. Mary's received a \$6,000 donation from the St. Mary's Rod & Classic Club, and \$2,000 in gate donations was collected by Hospice volunteers.



## The Leonardtown Criterium

"The Bikes Are Back"™ was the theme for the May 16<sup>th</sup> Leonardtown Bicycle Criterium. The last Criterium hosted in Leonardtown was 2007. Spectators enjoyed the excitement and could hear the whirr of over 240 racers throughout the day-long competition. Local youngsters also enjoyed pedaling in the Kids Races! The Patuxent Velo Bicycle Racing Club sponsors this cycling event to support St. Mary's Special Olympics, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Visit [www.paxvelo.com](http://www.paxvelo.com) for additional information.



## Annual SMC Crab Festival

The Leonardtown Lions Club is happy to report a very successful Crab Festival on June 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition to tasty crabs and other food dishes, festival-goers enjoyed live country music by Southbound, line dancing with the Chesapeake Country Cruisers, and shopping for local crafts.

## Pause for the Pledge

A patriotic atmosphere and grateful hearts were experienced by those attending the annual St. Mary's County Flag Day celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Governmental Center. Event highlights included patriotic music, a parade, flag-raising, and recitation of the pledge of allegiance. Students of Leonardtown Elementary School performed selections of patriotic songs just before a cloudburst made for a rain-soaked official ceremony.



Town Council members Roger Mattingly and Leslie Roberts enjoy the 2010 Flag Day activities.

## LVRS Members Receive Awards During the June 15<sup>th</sup> MSFA Ocean City Convention

Congratulations to Shirley Copado, who was awarded the Maryland State Fireman's Association Hall of Fame; Assistant Chief Amy Smith, who was awarded the Josiah Hunt Emergency Medical Services Person of the Year; and the Borland Family - Robert, Mary Ellen, & John, who received The Family Award. The exemplary service displayed by these committed volunteers to help others is outstanding! To read more on this story, go online to [www.lvrs.org/](http://www.lvrs.org/) where you can also express your interest to volunteer with the LVRS, or donate to their current building fund program.

## Health Freedom Walk

Beginning and ending on the grounds of Historic Tudor Hall on June 18<sup>th</sup>, organizers and walkers set out to walk for Health Freedom: A Path to Wellness. The 2-K walk targeted 16 historical sites in downtown Leonardtown. Health Freedom combines history awareness of slaves seeking freedom, and health for today by promoting an active lifestyle.



Participants stopped at the Old Jail which was recognized in 2004 by the National Park Service as an Underground Railroad site. Many in the group also participated in Juneteeth the following day. For more information, visit [www.healthfreedominc.com](http://www.healthfreedominc.com) or call 410-669-6340.

# Highlights

## **New! Floating Kayak Launch**

The Commissioners of Leonardtown recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to install a floating kayak ramp at the Leonardtown Wharf Public Park. Kayakers are excited that this new addition will make entrance and exit from the Breton Bay water much easier!



## **Discover Leonardtown in 2010 St. Mary's County Visitor Guide**

Discover Leonardtown . . . a Most Convenient Place!!! This recently released destination guide lets you discover places to dine and shop, events and festivals to attend, recreation and water related fun, overnight accommodations and more in Leonardtown and throughout St. Mary's

County! It's all here! Tourists and residents will agree, we boast a beautiful, diverse area with an amazing history. Be sure to get your copy, available in Leonardtown shops and other businesses around the County. For more highlights of Leonardtown, look for the July/August issue of *Maryland Life* magazine.

## **2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

The Leonardtown Town Council adopted the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan during their regularly scheduled May 2010 meeting. New State requirements are reflected in the plan, which includes guidelines for zoning, provisions of water and sewer, and other local development actions as required. Visit the town's website at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) to review the plan.

## **2010 Leonardtown Election Results**

Congratulations to Leslie Roberts and Tom Collier on their re-election to serve another term on the Leonardtown Council! Congratulations also to Roger Mattingly for winning a seat on the Town Council. Roger is well-known for his long-standing volunteerism in the Leonardtown Volunteer Department and Town events. Roger recently retired from Frito Lay and resides in the Foxwell Condominiums with his wife Julie.

## **The Passing of Former Leonardtown Commissioner Tub Delahay**

The Town expresses its deepest condolences to the family of Bernard Y. "Tub" Delahay who passed away on June 4, 2010. A life-long resident of Leonardtown and an active businessman,



Tub also served as a member on the Town Council from 1994-1998. Tub enjoyed promoting Leonardtown and was highly instrumental in establishing the All American Soap Box Derby Program in Leonardtown.

## **Leonardtown's Al Famoso Will be Missed**

Charles "Al" Famoso often referred to himself as the "real" Santa. He was "Santa on the Square" for the Town of Leonardtown and an annual holiday visitor to local schools and community events for many years. Mr. Famoso passed away on February 25, 2010. The Town expresses its sincere sympathy to his family.

## **Leonardtown's TV Debut Fox 5 Hometown Fridays**



Leonardtown bustled with excitement on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, when the Fox 5 TV Morning News team relocated its studio to both Leonardtown Square and Leonardtown Wharf! Many residents, friends, and business people shared Leonardtown pride as

they cheered for their Town, while others were interviewed by the visiting news reporters. Segment highlights included kayaking and yoga at Leonardtown Wharf, tasty bison burgers with Chef Loic Jaffres' of Café des Artistes, a cooking demonstration with Steve McKeown of Quality Street Kitchen & Catering, local artist and author Christina

Allen of the North End Gallery, historic facts and memories of Leonardtown with Kennedy Abell and Ernie Bell, tourism in St. Mary's County with Commissioner President Jack Russell, a speed segment featuring junior dragsters from MIR,



National Lawn Mower racers from Bowles Farm, redevelopment of the Leonardtown Wharf and environmental benefits of the cleanup with Town Administrator, Laschelle McKay at the Wharf, revitalization of the Town with Mayor Norris, boating on local waters with Jim Beasley and Francis Guy, buying local benefits with Valerie Deptula of the Good Earth and members of the Port of Leonardtown Winery, the St. Mary's River Concert Series on location with Jeffrey

Silberschlag, visits to local shops, and so much more in the Town Square! The news crew also enjoyed dinner at Kevin Thompson's Corner Café and hotel accommodations at Leonardtown's new Executive Inn & Suites on Thursday evening,



and ending the show with a toast to Leonardtown using local wine from the new Port of Leonardtown Winery.

The Town of Leonardtown is delighted to have been selected by Fox 5 News for this live broadcast, aired as part of its July Hometown Series. Go to [www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/mornings/hometowns/hometown-fridays-leonardstown-070810](http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/mornings/hometowns/hometown-fridays-leonardstown-070810) to see the coverage. A Maryland destination location, Leonardtown and St. Mary's County welcomes your visit!

## LBA Receives Small Business Award



Joe Orlando, LBA Vice President and owner of Fenwick Street Used Books & Music, proudly accepts the *Small Business Award* presented to the Leonardtown Business Association by Bob Schaller, Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic & Community Development. The LBA was one of nine recipients recognized for their ongoing connections and contributions to support and advance small businesses in St. Mary's County during DECD's "Spotlight on Small Business" event, held on May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Small Business Month.

## LBA "First Fridays" are Special in Leonardtown!

Experience Leonardtown! "First Fridays" are celebrated in Leonardtown the first Friday evening of every month, year round, 5 PM-8 PM. Visit Downtown and Uptown Leonardtown, Breton Marketplace, the Maryland Antiques Center Complex and the Port of Leonardtown to enjoy restaurant specials, poetry readings, book signings, cooking classes, jewelry making, art gallery receptions, wine tastings, live music and more! "First Fridays" are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association. Check [www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com) for photos, a list of participants and specials. Read about the special August 6th First Friday event on page 2.



## LBA Membership

The Leonardtown Business Association welcomes new members: American Service Technology, Inc., Big Larry's Comic Book Café, Breton Bay Enterprises, Brinsfield Funeral Home, College of Southern Maryland, The Front Porch, Full Stride Communications, On a Roll, Rustic River, Papa John's Pizza, and The Printing Press.

As an LBA member, you can enjoy showcasing your business, networking with other business men and women, advertising opportunities, participating in Leonardtown *First Fridays*, keeping up-to-date on Leonardtown projects, and receiving news from County representatives and businesses. Visit the LBA's new website at [www.thelba.org](http://www.thelba.org) or contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at [dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com](mailto:dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com) to join the LBA today!



Get a copy of the new and exciting LBA brochure at the Town Office!

## LBA to Establish Marketing Plan

The Leonardtown Business Association recently sponsored a marketing survey in an effort to improve the benefits and services to LBA members and other Town businesses.

While the survey indicates the vast majority was very satisfied or satisfied with the LBA and its benefits, the LBA would like to create a brand experience for the people who make Leonardtown, Maryland a destination of choice for shopping, dining, and family fun. Marketing efforts will be centered on raising the awareness of LBA businesses and the events that support those businesses.

65% of those completing the survey would like to see marketing dollars to be spent toward recruiting or business development efforts. Close seconds were streetscape initiatives including banners, parking signage, welcoming information, and branding or image building. The top five events that were considered valuable to business were Christmas on the Square, First Fridays, Earth Day, Beach Party, and Concerts/Downtown Tunes.

As a result of the survey, the LBA has established several goals. The first goal is to create marketing support materials that will assist the LBA in its efforts to increase membership and fulfill member benefits, including a mass-distribution e-newsletter and welcome kit for new members and businesses.

The second goal would create a marketing strategy for the summer of 2010. Work on this goal has already begun with promotional opportunities submitted for publication in the July issue of *Maryland Life* magazine.

The third goal is to create a comprehensive brand identity and event strategy for Leonardtown that integrates with the Town of Leonardtown, Economic Development, Tourism, and LBA initiatives. This would entail messaging and visual identity, such as developing a slogan, logo, and advertising, and an event strategy and marketing tool.

Visit the LBA website at [www.thelba.org](http://www.thelba.org) to view the entire survey and find out more about the Leonardtown Business Association.

## A Fond Farewell to Jeannine

The Town's receptionist, Jeannine Peele, is retiring to enjoy her family and travel around the country. The Town, her colleagues, and the many visitors and business people appreciate this amazing lady, and will miss her friendly smile and helpful nature. Come by and see us, Jeannine!



## Town Deputy, Cpl. Peg Smolarsky Advises "Lock Your Vehicle"

Thieves love to target unlocked vehicles. To deter would-be thieves, please be sure to lock your vehicles both at home and out-and-about. Remember to remove all valuable items and do not store them in your vehicle. Big favorites of burglars include valuable electronics such as cameras, MP-3 players, GPS's and radios. Any suspicious activity or persons seen should be reported through the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 301-475-8008. If you observe a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

## Water Meter Update

Over the last several months, Town staff has worked diligently toward completing the installation of new residential water meters. At this time, the majority of the meters have been installed. We will not have full quarter readings for the September billing cycle, but we will be analyzing the data for problem areas, such as possible leaks. If a concern or potential problem is detected, individual residents will be contacted by the Town. The December billing will include sample readings for a full quarter so that residents may begin to gauge their water usage. The new rate structure, based on actual water consumption, is still expected to be in place in March 2011, and will replace the current flat rate structure. Residents are encouraged to continue looking for ways to reduce their water usage and conserve this precious resource. Please monitor the Town website for additional information or call the Town Office with specific questions regarding this initiative.

## Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

**Residential trash** is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Toters should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

The next quarterly **bulk trash** pickup dates are Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bulk trash items are collected at the same time as your regular trash on these days.

**Residential recycling** is picked up on Wednesdays. Toters should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

Log on to <http://leonardtown.somd.com/services> for more information on Leonardtown's trash service, bulk trash, holiday pick-up, and acceptable recyclables.

## Leonardtwn Winery

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a beautiful scenic, serene two and a half mile water trail and disembark at Leonardtown Wharf Public Park.

The design and construction of the Winery was managed by the Town with the services of Chris Bologna and Stephanie Evans of CSBI Construction Management. Local subcontractors were used to complete the construction and the team recycled wood and metal from the existing building throughout the project. The facility maintains the industrial feel of the building



*Production Room*



*Tasting Room*

in the production area while offering a warm and inviting tasting room. For visiting locals, the tasting room will also hold many memories. When Wayne Davis generously donated the old bar from the former Pennies' building, the team refurbished the bar and added memorabilia signifying the many years of friendships and good times at Pennies imbedded in the surface.

While all Councilmembers were in full support of the Winery, a special thank you is due late Councilmember Bernard "Tub" Delahay for his unending dedication to preservation of the existing buildings on this parcel so that they would be available

for this incredible project. In addition, special thanks are extended to former Councilmember Robert Combs for his work to proceed with the public park design and construction, and for his commitment to complete the landscaping in time for the grand opening. Mr. Combs also helped to coordinate the generous donation of plants and trees from the St. Mary's County Garden Club for the landscaping surrounding the Winery.

Now that the facility is complete, operation of the Winery has been turned over to the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative. The Cooperative presently consists of fifteen local grape growers. The Cooperative model is rare for a Winery, but provides an advantage for smaller vineyards that might not be able to bring wine to market on their own says Kevin Atticks, Executive Director of the Maryland Wineries Association, who has played an active role in the formation of the cooperative along with MARBIDCO.

The Wine Growers Cooperative is proud of the new wines and the Port of Leonardtown Winery. "This Winery is a result of much hard work and focus on quality" said Caroline Baldwin, President, Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative. "Our members have sought out expert consultants and contributed many hours to produce our first production of wines and open the doors of the Port of Leonardtown Winery." These many hours have paid off as the 2010 Maryland Winemasters Choice Competition yielded Port of Leonardtown Winery's Autumn Frost Vidal Blanc 2009 the Best of Class Dessert wine award and the McIntosh Run 2009 apple wine the Best of Class Fruit wine award, along with two gold, three silver and a bronze medal for their delightful wines.

If you haven't yet visited this impressive new facility, the doors are open Wednesday through Sunday from noon until 6:00 PM. The Winery also participates in Leonardtown "First Fridays", staying open till 9:00 PM for those events. Many great things are yet to come at Port of Leonardtown Winery; so let's all join in the toast to Leonardtown's newest attraction!

For more information visit:  
[www.portofleonardtwn.com](http://www.portofleonardtwn.com) or  
<http://twitter.com/portofltownwine> or  
[www.facebook.com/pages/port-of-leonardtwn-winery/108408175848012](http://www.facebook.com/pages/port-of-leonardtwn-winery/108408175848012).



*Donna Norris and Andy Pennisi enjoy Pennies' memorabilia displayed in the refurbished bar with Mary Wood of the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative.*



*Tasting Room*



*Frontage from Rt. 5*



*The Port of Leonardtown Winery and The Good Earth teamed together for their "Buy Local" display during Fox 5's Hometown Friday in Leonardtown.*





# Town Tidbits

## Rustic River Bar & Grille

Celebrating a ribbon cutting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the new *Rustic River Bar & Grille* features special creole dishes, hand-cut steaks, seafood, salads, po-boys, ribs, calzones, and brick oven pizza, with inside or outside patio dining. There's also full service catering for your special event. Open daily, *Rustic River* is located at 40874 Merchants Lane in the Breton Bay Shopping Center and is operated by partners Matt Kulp, Dina Kulp, and Rick Stommel. Visit [www.rusticriver.net](http://www.rusticriver.net) or call 301-997-1700.



## Amish Farmer's Market

Be sure to stop by the *Amish Farmer's Market* for hand-picked, farm fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, and home baked pastries and jams! The market is open 11 AM-5 PM each Friday on the Square through the fall, weather permitting.



## Heavenly Presents now in Town Square

*Heavenly Presents* is a non-profit ministry-based gift shop managed by Pat Copsey and operated by volunteers offering a variety of inspirational religious goods for over 15 years. Come see their new and expanded inventory at 22697 Washington Street! While the gift shop supports the Catholic community, all faiths are welcome! 301-475-9770.



## The Front Porch

*The Front Porch*, operated by Managing Partner Brad Brown, invites you to dine and unwind. Menu features include steaks, prime rib, seafood, sandwiches, salads, soups and signature cocktails. Seating is available upstairs, downstairs, and of course, outside on the porch. Located in the Sterling House, you will find *The Front Porch* on 22770 Washington Street just as you enter downtown Leonardtown. Visit [www.thefrontporchsomd.com](http://www.thefrontporchsomd.com) or call 301-997-1009 for reservations or to arrange your catered event.



## Leonardtown Grille

The *Leonardtown Grille* is located in Breton Market Place and is now open for business! Robyn Brown, Manager, and Owner Michael Hicks invite you to try their signature crab cake and specialty ribs, steaks, seafood, sandwiches, and drinks. The friendly staff is ready to serve you and can't



wait to show you the new *Leonardtown Grille* Mural! The *Leonardtown Grille* is open Wednesday-Sunday, and offers lunch and dinner specials. (Closed Monday & Tuesday) 301-690-2113.

## Big Larry's Comic Book Café

Stop by *Big Larry's Comic Book Café* at 22745 Washington Street to get your comic books, gaming supplies, and action figures. You can also sign up to participate in games workshops and tournaments. Top off your day with a lip-smacking ice cream cone, fruit smoothie or hotdog. A fun and unique family atmosphere. Visit [www.aardvarkreturns.com](http://www.aardvarkreturns.com) for the latest in comics.



## King of Tees

*KingofTees.com* is a veteran-owned full production custom apparel and specialty merchandise

shop - best known as the home of the legendary *NavyChief.com*. All products are designed by retired U.S. Navy Chief, Jeff Hobrath. Services include custom screen-printed apparel, specialty merchandise, graphics design, technical illustrations, and logos/insignias for business, schools, events, government and more! Stop by *King of Tees* on 41665 Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown, visit online at *KingofTees.com* or call 301-475-0437 to discuss your next art project.

## Care Net Pregnancy Center

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland celebrated the opening of their Leonardtown Branch Office in the Breton Market Place business condos on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The new Leonardtown center is open Wednesday through Friday from 9AM - 5 PM, and offers services that include, free of charge, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, peer counseling, education on fetal development, pregnancy and parenting, clothing, formula, diapers, and numerous support groups. Visit [www.carenetsomd.org](http://www.carenetsomd.org) or call 301-475-5333 for more information.

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