

Leonardtowntown BEACON

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At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

The Clark Farm aka Clark's Rest

After years of idly awaiting a makeover, the former Clark Farm property on Point Lookout Road is now fully engaged in transitioning from grassy pastures to a neotraditional style community development. In 2006 this once viable farm was purchased by Marrick Homes. The land is now occupied by heavy earthmoving equipment signaling the launch of this much anticipated project. The 178-acre development will be called "Clark's Rest" and is proposed to contain 205 single family homes and 130 townhouse units over a span of 8 to 10 years. The first phase of development is currently underway.

There is a unique history about this property within Leonardtown. Patented as "Clarke's Rest" on August 21, 1674 by Edward Clarke, the estate encompassed 300 acres. (It's interesting to note that 100 acres of "Clarke's Rest" was sold to Richard Brown in 1676 and this particular tract, known today as the "Hayden Farm" property, is slated as the site for Leonardtown's new elementary school.) George Howell Leigh purchased "Clarke's Rest" in 1787. He gave the estate to his son and heir John Leigh in 1797 who renamed it "Woodbury". Subsequently, ownership of the property changed hands a number of times over the years. Then in 1956 the property was sold by Roger Richardson to Leonardtown resident George Clark, Jr. When conveyed to Clark, the property was called "Chestnut Hill Farm" symbolizing the beautiful chestnut trees that graced the estate before the chestnut blight wrought widespread devastation in the first half of the 20th century. The Clark family retained the "Chestnut Hill" name for a time but upon encountering an old map and learning that the estate was once part of the original "Clarke's Rest" plantation, felt it was only fitting to rename it "Clark's Rest". And so it was.

The two-story manor home, once curtained by large chestnut trees, was now framed by colorful



The original two-story manor home, built circa 1852, consisted of only the middle section. The East wing was added in 1872 and the west wing was added in 1924.

maple and oak trees as it sat atop the gentle knoll overlooking the land. For many travelers, this bucolic setting was a landmark that their entrance "into Town" was just around the corner. The home, listed on the inventory for state historic sites by the Maryland Historical Trust, was demolished in 2008.

The Clarks were well-known in Leonardtown for their ownership and operation of the Leonardtown Dairy. The dairy opened in 1945 on Pope Street and at that time the Clarks lived on Lawrence Avenue, just across from the dairy location. The dairy was a successful business that purchased milk from local cattle farms for pasteurizing, processing and bottling. Hosts of dairy products, including milk, ice cream, and cheese were then delivered throughout the tri-county area including the Cary Ice Cream Plant at the bottom of Leonardtown Wharf Hill, local schools, grocery stores, hospitals, nursing centers, the Navy Base and rural route customers. When glass bottles were switched to cardboard containers, every milk carton bore the slogan "Support Your Local Business".

But life changed with the move to the farm in 1956. Now the Clark family was actually raising dairy cattle for milking on their own farm while continuing to import milk from other farms to the Leonardtown Dairy. A modern, state-of-the-art milking facility

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Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY-EVERY MONTH
Celebration of "First Fridays"
Historic downtown and uptown
Leonardtowntown

4th SATURDAY, MAY-AUGUST
Downtown Tunes
Leonardtowntown Square

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

APRIL 28
Spring Fling Classic Car Show
Leonardtowntown Square

MAY 5
So. Md. Vol. Firemen's Assoc.
Convention Parade
Leonardtowntown Square

MAY 18
Cystic Fibrosis 5K Walk
Leonardtowntown Wharf Park

JUNE 2
Leonardtowntown Bicycle Criterium
Leonardtowntown Square

JUNE 8
SMC Crab Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

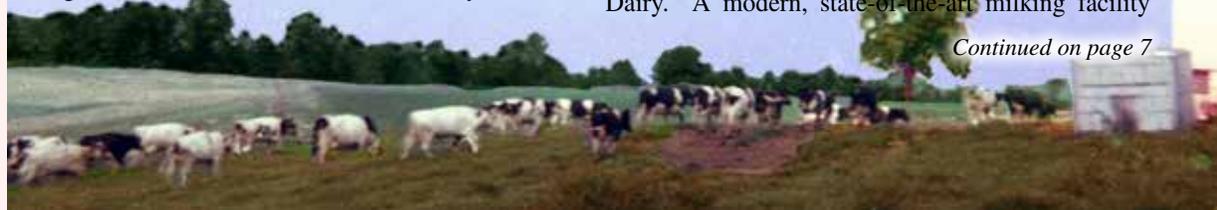
JUNE 14
Flag Day Celebration
Governmental Center

JULY 6
River Concert on the Square
Leonardtowntown Square

JULY 16, 23, 30
Twilight Performance Series
College of Southern Maryland

AUGUST 3
Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtowntown Square

AUGUST 10
U.S. Navy Band Cruisers Concert
Leonardtowntown Square



Come



Mayor's Message

While defining my priorities over the last year, I continue to stress the importance of Tudor Hall Farm and the Leonardtown Wharf projects to the future success of the Town. We recently worked through a visioning process, including public hearings, for the future development of those projects to ensure the connectivity to the existing town infrastructure and public access for all Leonardtown residents to these great assets.

The plan looks at adding a restaurant and a small amount of retail shops at Leonardtown Wharf. We will be putting out a Request for Proposals in the next couple of months to move this project forward.

As for the Tudor Hall Farm we have shown the continued gridding of the existing streets with higher density housing within walking distance to the downtown. We also show the retail expansion of the existing downtown core. We envision a small hotel and conference center that capitalizes on the scenic waterfront and many passive recreational opportunities for the residents of Leonardtown and St. Mary's County. This vision plan will give us a starting point for discussion when a developer shows an interest in the property; helping to ensure that the quality of life currently enjoyed by our residents will continue for many years to come.

Dan Burris
Daniel W. Burris, Mayor



Leonardtown Beacon

Leonardtown Celebrates "First Fridays"



Leonardtown First Fridays are exciting! Visit your favorite shops and eateries or try a new experience. Live music, food samplings, wine tastings, art exhibits, hand-crafted items and a variety of specials can be found at participating retailers located in downtown Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Arts Center, Breton Marketplace, the Maryland Antiques Center Complex, and the Port of Leonardtown Winery. Look for Info Share on the Square this spring and summer when various retailers housed outside of the Town Square will setup on the Square and tell you about their specialties.

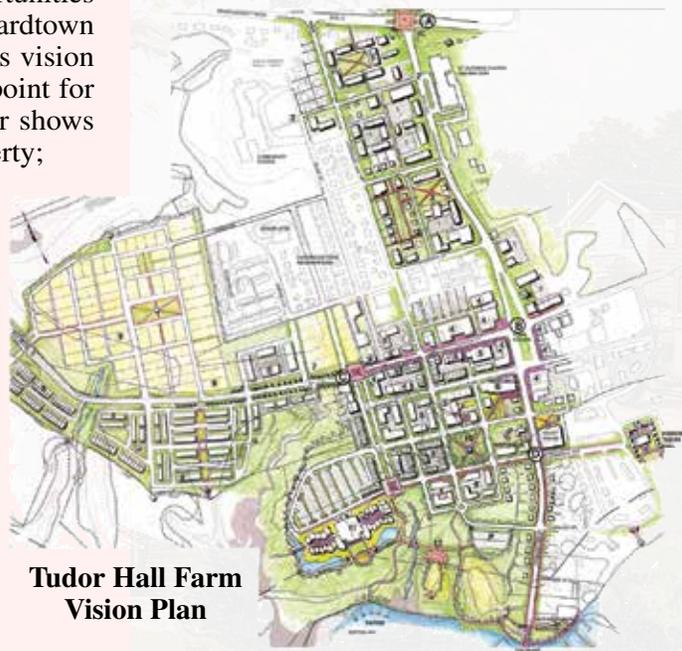


We would like to share a few comments received during February's "I Love Leonardtown" campaign:

"I love Leonardtown. Despite the growth that surrounds us, Leonardtown still has the small town feeling."

"Love all the unique stores!"
"I love being able to walk anywhere in town & feeling safe...I love saying Hi to people and getting a Hi back...Nothing can replace the small town feel. Go Leonardtown!"

Keep an eye on the *County Times* or visit the First Friday website at leonardtownfirstfridays.com to see what's happening. Oftentimes, you will find the First Friday Planning Committee organizing charity drives such as care packages for our Troops, Breast Cancer Walk team donations, and collection boxes for Hope Phones.



Tudor Hall Farm Vision Plan



Spring Fling XXVIII Classic Car Show

The St. Mary's Rod and Classic Car Club will exhibit over 300 classic and antique cars, trucks and hotrods around Leonardtown Square on Sunday, April 28th from 8 AM-4 PM. Entertainment includes music, crafts, a tractor pull for kids, games and prizes. Trophies will be awarded. A \$2 donation is requested to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. Visit stmarysrodandclassic.com or contact Bill Higgs at 301-994-9666 for details and registration. (Rain date: Sunday, May 5th).

Southern MD Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Parade

The 2013 newly-elected President of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association is Shirley Copado, a 25-year member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Significant of this new privilege, Shirley, along with the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department are honored to host this year's annual Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention and Parade right here in Leonardtown. The parade will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 1 PM in the Town Square. Come on out to watch an incredible pageant of fire engines, ambulances, emergency equipment and marching groups trek from St. Mary's Ryken into Town. After the parade, all are invited to stop by the Leonardtown Firehouse to watch firemen and EMS personnel compete in various games of skill and strength. Call 301-904-3680 or 301-475-5081 for details.



Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis

Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis

Take "Great Strides" in helping find a cure for cystic fibrosis during this 5K walk around historic Leonardtown. The walk begins at 10 AM at Leonardtown Wharf Park on Saturday, May 18th. Enjoy the healthy benefits of walking while having fun and supporting research to find a cure for this life-threatening disease. Invite your friends and family too! For details and online registration, visit cff.org/Chapters/metrodc or register on walk day beginning at 9 AM. 301-657-8444, ext. 204.

Downtown Tunes

The 2013 "Downtown Tunes" series is gearing up to provide great music in the Leonardtown Square on the 4th Saturdays of May, June, July and August, beginning at 6 PM. Mark your calendar now to bring your family, friends, and something to sit on.

- May 25: Hamm-It-Ups and The Eds perform contemporary and folk music with acoustics and vocal harmonies.
- June 22: Country Memories play popular Country tunes with a little rock and roll.
- July 27: The Piranhas play pop, rock and country hits.
- August 25: GeeZer rocks with classic rock favorites.

For more information, contact Robin Guyther at 301-904-4452. (Tunes Rain date: the next day, Sunday)



Leonardtown Criterium Bicycle Races

Enjoy the excitement of amateur and professional MABRA/USA Cycling sanctioned bicycle racing during the 16th annual Leonardtown Criterium on Sunday, June 2nd. Between 8 AM-5 PM, cyclists from all over the Mid-Atlantic region will race through the streets of town. Youngsters can participate in the noon-day kids races – just be sure to bring your own bike or trike and a helmet. Spectators are welcome. Visit www.paxvelo.com or call 301-904-1715 for details.

St. Mary's Crab Festival



The 2013 St. Mary's County Crab Festival is certain to be the best ever! The festival will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 11 AM-8 PM at the SMC Fairgrounds. Enjoy local crabs, seafood and non-seafood delicacies, entertainment, live music, dance performances, classic cars, local crafts, and much more! Admission is \$5 p/ person; ages 11 and under are free. (Cost of food is separate from admission.) The Leonardtown Lions Club sponsors this popular event. Volunteers are welcome! Check stmaryscrabfestival.com or call 240-577-1697 for details. Rain date: June 9

Flag Day Celebration

Join us as we celebrate our freedom and honor our Nation's flag on Friday, June 14th on the lawns of the Governmental Center in Leonardtown. Festivities begin at 6 PM. The formal ceremony starts at 7 PM with patriotic music, a parade, the Pause for the Pledge and raising of the American flag. Free handheld flags will be available for all! For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1340.

Did You Know? The 21-day period from Flag Day to Independence Day on July 4th is Honor America Days. During this period, many public gatherings and activities are held to celebrate and honor America. Show your American pride and display our Nation's flag at your home or business!

Sunrise Yoga Returns to Leonardtown Wharf

Enjoy scenic views of Breton Bay while stretching and toning with Sunrise Yoga. Mark your calendar now for Sunrise Yoga at Leonardtown Wharf Park on three Saturday mornings, June 15th, July 20th and August 17th from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM. Bring a friend and your mat. No fee, but you are requested to donate a canned good for local food banks. Contact Evolve Yoga at 301-862-1236 for details.



St. Mary's River Concert Series on Location in Leonardtown Square

The first-class sounds of the Chesapeake Orchestra Brass Ensemble will perform a variety of music in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, July 6th at 7 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. This event is held on location in Leonardtown as part of the River Concert Series performances at St. Mary's College. Visit leonardtown.somd.com for details or riverconcertseries.org for a complete listing of the River Concert Series performances held at St. Mary's College.



Twilight Performance Series CSM – Leonardtown Campus

Mingle about or just sit back and relax while musicians and actors entertain you on the lawn of the College of Southern Maryland-Leonardtown Campus. Mark your calendar now for free family fun that begins at 6:45 PM on the following Tuesdays: July 16th, 23rd and 30th. Check www.csmd.edu/arts for the latest entertainer listing and details.

Paddling McIntosh Run and Breton Bay

Launch your kayak or canoe at the Port of Leonardtown's kayak launch on McIntosh Run for a scenic 2 1/2 mile paddle that empties into the waters of beautiful Breton Bay at Leonardtown Wharf Public Park. The colorful spring scenery and unique wildlife is spectacular. Bring your own kayak or rent a kayak from the Patuxent Adventure Center online at paxadventure.com or call 410-394-2770.



A Public Hearing for Leonardtown's FY2014 Budget will be held on Monday, June 10th during the Town Council meeting, which begins at 4 PM. The public is welcomed.

Mayor

Daniel W. Burris

Town Council

Leslie E. Roberts, *Vice President*
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Hayden Hammett
Jay Mattingly
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Christy Sterling
Laura Schultz

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Darren Meyer
Joan Ritchie

Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 12*, December 9.
*Tuesday meeting due to Monday holiday.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

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Annual Veterans Day Parade



As the only officially designated Regional Site for the Celebration of Veterans Day in Maryland, Leonardtown was alive with patriotism during the 2012 St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade. Thousands of spectators lined the streets to cheer for our service men and women, marching bands, scouts, colorful floats, classic cars, horses and others. Edward Chow, Veterans Affairs Secretary for Maryland, Captain Ted Mills, Commanding Officer of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and other local dignitaries spoke during the memorial ceremony before laying wreaths on the Memorial Monuments. Leonardtown



Elementary School students Drew Weller, Riley Ferguson, Taylor Vaughn, and Rosemary Wild also recited their winning essays titled "What Veterans Day Means to Me". Thanks to all the many supporters and volunteers who make this event to honor our Veteran a success each and every year!

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

The unseasonably warm temperatures enticed a record crowd to come out and enjoy an exciting evening of holiday music and entertainment during Leonardtown's Christmas Tree Lighting event in the Town Square on Friday, November 23rd. The Town appreciates the many performers and volunteers, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department, the Leonardtown Business Association and the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department for their commitment in ensuring the success of this grand holiday event!



LVRSA Christmas Festival

Beautifully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, train displays and seasonal music captivated all who visited the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary's "Christmas Festival" held on November 23rd in the Winegardner Auto Showroom.



Shop Maryland Campaign

State Comptroller Peter Franchot visited the Leonardtown Square on December 10th as part of his Shop Maryland Campaign. Leonardtown was proud to showcase local businesses while the Comptroller enjoyed strolling around the Town Square, touring the Leonardtown Arts Center and visiting the Fuzzy Farmer's Market, Fenwick Street Used Books and Music, and The Hair Company.



Comptroller Franchot, accompanied by Mayor Burris, visits with Jackie Bailey, owner of the award-winning salon, The Hair Company.

Residents of Newtowne Village Are Community-Oriented

Residents of New Towne Village Apartments in Leonardtown enjoy giving back to their community. Thanks to Gail Austin, Jean Buckler, Anna B. Copsey, Pat Gardiner, Peggy Johnston, Sally Koenig, Mary Lender, Matt Mattingly, and Sara Jo Morgan who stuffed 500 Santa giveaway bags for children attending the Town's "Christmas on the Square" and "Santa on the Square" events.



In January, the residents collected \$250 which they donated to ACTS in appreciation of the group's mission of loaning medical equipment to those in need. To make a donation or inquire about the services of ACTS (A Community That Shares) call 301-769-4199.

Mayor Dan Burris enjoyed meeting with the residents in February and updating them on various projects, events and happenings in Leonardtown.



Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Square

Over 200 children, some with wish-lists in hand, were delighted to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Town Square on Saturday, December 15th. After hearing from all the children, Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoyed visiting several businesses around the Town Square.

Geocache Trail Includes Leonardtown

Leonardtown is one of 49 Maryland sites participating in the Maryland Municipal League's newest geocache trail launched in January. This free interactive treasure hunt is expected to boost tourism and promote awareness of Maryland's municipalities while providing a fun and educational adventure exploring our history via your smart phone or GPS. Geocachers can visit mdmunicipal.org/geocache to download an official passport and geocaching.com to access coordinates.



"Best Dressed Business Award"

Balbina Meyer, owner of Chez Nous, was excited to accept Leonardtown's 2012 "Best Dressed Business Award" from Mayor Burris. This award is given each year to a Leonardtown business for its charming holiday decorations. Chez Nous offers handcrafted one-of-a-kind gemstone jewelry and chocolates and is located at 41685 Fenwick Street. The Town appreciates all the many Leonardtown businesses that decorated their storefronts during the holiday season!

Highlights

Leonardtown Remembers Capt. Walter Francis Duke



On June 6, 1944, ace Army pilot Capt. Walter Francis Duke of Leonardtown was shot down in combat over Burma in World War II. He was the #1 flying Ace of the 459th Squadron, but when he turned back to look for his wing man, was ambushed by Japanese planes. Capt. Duke's body was never found and he was declared MIA at the age of 22.

This past December, Capt. Duke's family was notified that a P-38 aircraft with numbers that matched his plane had been discovered and that the remains of his body may have been located in a jungle in the country known today as Myanmar. His family and friends are now expecting that his remains will be coming home soon. Walter was the son of Mayor Roland B. and Lillian Duke, also of Leonardtown.

During the Leonardtown Council meeting of February 11th, former Mayor Chip Norris and local historian Al Gough presented a slide presentation on Capt. Duke. During the presentation, commemorative coins honoring Capt. Duke were



presented by Chip Forbes of C. Forbes, Inc. and Mr. Pete Wigginton. These coins will be available for purchase at the Town Hall beginning this summer. Also presented to the Town Council in honor of Captain Duke was a beautiful framed, signed print of the U.S. National World War II Memorial for display in the Town Hall.

Several friends and family members, along with the Leonardtown Town Council, also petitioned the School Board to name the new elementary school in Leonardtown for Capt. Duke. On April 10, 2013 the decision was made to do just that.

Visit the Leonardtown website at leonardtown.smd.com to view the documentary video about Capt. Walter Francis Duke.

Support Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulations to Gary Bell, President; Tommy Mattingly, Jr., Chief, and all the 2013 officers for the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations also to Dianne McWilliams, President of the Auxiliary, and all the 2013 Auxiliary officers. Log on to lvfdl.org for a complete listing of all the 2013 officers, check out LVFD news, stats and events, or apply for membership in the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department or the Auxiliary.



A New Directory Sign for Leonardtown

The Leonardtown Business Association proudly unveiled a new Directory Sign showing historic downtown Leonardtown and surrounding boundaries of the town during the First Friday celebration on April 5th. The new directory sign further strengthens Leonardtown as "A Most Convenient Place", as it helps residents and visitors discover arts and entertainment venues, dining establishments, shopping historic sites, and many private/professional services and facilities that are available throughout the town. It is the LBA's goal that the directory sign will assist you in finding your way by quickly locating or seeking out your places of need or interest. Look for the new directory sign situated in the grassy area on Washington Street next to Jeannies Flowers. The organization plans additional signs throughout the town in the future. Contact the LBA if you wish to be included on future revisions to the sign.



2013 LBA Officers

Congratulations to the 2013 LBA officers! President: Dan Norris, CEO, DRN Environmental Solutions, LLC; Vice-President: Joe Orlando, Owner, Fenwick Street Used Books & Music; Treasurer: Susan Kilroy, Loan Officer, Community Bank of Tri-County, and Secretary: Randy Richie, Breton Bay Enterprises.

Support Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad

Congratulations to Dean Gass, President; Amy Smith, Chief, and all the 2013 officers of the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Congratulations also to Candy Chesser, President of the Auxiliary and all the Auxiliary officers. Log on to lvrs.org for a complete listing of 2013 officers, check LVRS news, apply for membership in the Rescue Squad or Auxiliary, or to make a tax deductible donation for the Squad's current building fund.



State of the Town Breakfast

The Leonardtown Business Association's meeting of February 8, 2013 featured the annual State of the Town breakfast held in the auditorium of the College of Southern Maryland - Leonardtown Campus. The Town and the LBA were appreciative of CSM for hosting this year's breakfast which was catered by Olde Towne Cafe. LBA President Dan Norris gave a hearty welcome and brief introduction to all in attendance. Highlights included reports on LBA 2012 Accomplishments, the College of Southern Maryland, the future outlook for the LBA, a Spring Marketing Campaign focusing on Leonardtown as an exciting and inviting weekend destination, plans for commercial enhancement of the Leonardtown Wharf plan and the Tudor Hall Farm, and Leonardtown's Arts and Entertainment District Designation application.

For more information about the Leonardtown Business Association and member benefits visit the thelba.org or talk with any LBA member.

Steppin' Out in Leonardtown

Leonardtown is celebrating spring with a new marketing promotion that features five weekends of deals, discounts, festivals, and fun! Log on to visitstmarysmd.com/steppinout where you can see all the details, events and activities, download merchant deals and discount coupons, and link to the website of participating businesses.

Leonardtown "Steppin' Out Weekends:

April 19-21, April 26-28,
May 3-5, May 10-12
and May 17-19

Steppin' Out in Leonardtown weekends are sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Tourism, and the Port of Leonardtown Winery.



Leonardtown's "Finest"

Maryland Life Magazine has announced the Free State's Finest Winners for 2013 in the Southern Region of Maryland. Congratulations to the following Leonardtown and St. Mary's County winners:



- Leonardtown - *Finest Historic Downtown*
- Café des Artistes - *Finest Restaurant, Finest Fine Dining and Finest Dessert*
- Brewing Grounds - *Finest Coffeehouse*
- Christina Allen - *Finest Artist*
- Clarke's Landing - *Finest Crab House*
- Bruster's - *Finest Ice Cream*
- The Tides - *Finest Happy Hour*
- Slack - *Finest Winery*
- St. Mary's City - *Finest Historic Attraction*
- Newtowne Players/Three Notch Theatre - *Finest Theater*
- Breton Bay Golf & Country Club - *Finest Golf Course*
- St. Mary's County Oyster Festival - *Finest Festival*
- St. Mary's County Fair - *Finest Fair*
- Historic St. Mary's City - *Finest Family Fun, Finest Historic Attraction and Finest Place to get Married*
- Shop at Farthings Ordinary - *Finest Gift Shop*
- Dennis Point Marina - *Finest Marina*

Friends of Leonardtown Theater

The Friends of Leonardtown Theater held an inaugural reception and screening event on February 22nd at the Dorsey Law Center in Leonardtown to promote the restoration of the old theatre behind El Cerro Grande. Application has been made to the State of Maryland for recognition of Leonardtown as an arts and entertainment district, which would open up various funding and grants for renovating the theatre as well as other buildings in town to promote the performing arts and economic development.

To encourage awareness and strengthen the insight of the theater's progress, the Friends of Leonardtown Theater invite you to come out for film showings to be held in the Dorsey Law Center.

- "Cinema Saturdays"
- April 20th: "Silent Running"
- April 27th: "American Graffiti"
- May 4th: "Tortilla Soup"
- "Friday Film Nights"
- May 10th: "The Blind Side"
- May 17th: "'M*A*S*H'"

Doors open at 6 PM with the films starting at 7 PM. Concessions will be available. Anyone wishing to make reservations or who may otherwise be interested in this initiative should visit their Facebook page at folt@outlook.com or call 240-298-0183.



Leonardtown Beacon



Town Receives Star-Spangled 200 Bicentennial Grant

The Town of Leonardtown was presented with a \$16,000 Star-Spangled Bicentennial Grant by Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. and Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Secretary Dominick Murray on April 10th in Annapolis. This grant will support the Raiders and Invaders Weekend of events planned for June 2014 to commemorate the Invasion of Leonardtown that occurred in June 1814 during the War of 1812. The Town has five major partners in producing the event: the Leonardtown Business Association, St. Mary's County's Division of Tourism, The College of Southern Maryland, Historic Sotterley and the St. Mary's County Historical Society. Leonardtown will be the focal point for activities with a satellite site at Sotterley Plantation. More information on this exciting weekend filled with history-related events will be coming soon!



Mayor Dan Burris and Event Coordinator Maria Fleming attend the grant award ceremony at the State House in Annapolis.

The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of 2013 Holidays:

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| May 27 | Memorial Day |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| September 2 | Labor Day |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving Day |
| November 29 | Day after Thanksgiving |
| December 25 | Christmas Day |

Local Print Marketing Company Wins National Contest!

Heritage Printing & Graphics won the "Most Creative Marketing Idea" at the 2013 National Print Owners Association (NPOA) Convention for helping local business owners market their products and services to the communities around them. For more information contact Steve or Jerry at 301-475-1700.

Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday. **Residential recycling** is picked up on Wednesdays. The next quarterly **bulk trash** pickup date is Friday, June 7th. Toters should be set out before 6 AM on pick-up day.

Holiday Schedule: During the weeks of the Memorial Day holiday, and the Independence Day holiday, trash and recycling pick-ups will be made on the normally scheduled days.

For more information on Leonardtown's trash service, bulk trash, holiday pick-up schedule and acceptable recyclables, or to request a toter, contact the Town Office or visit leonardtown.somd.com/services



The Town applauds its residents and customers for their recycling awareness! Goode Trash Removal continues to see Leonardtown's recycling efforts climb.

Important Water Meter Information

Do you know where your water meter is located? If you live in a single family residence, your water meter is most likely located in a metal vault near your property line. It may have either a plastic or metal lid. Please take a moment to find it. The Town needs your help to keep this meter vault free of obstructions. Each quarter, your water meter is read using an automatic meter reading system. Town personnel drive by your residence and electronically capture the meter reading using radio frequencies. If your meter vault is covered by bushes, grass, rocks, etc., it is very difficult for the signal to reach the vehicle. If we are unable to capture the electronic reading, your meter is read manually. This does require extra time, but most importantly, a manual reading cannot tell us if there is a water leak on your property. Every quarter, customers experience water leaks. Timely detection and repair will minimize the financial impact to you.

If your meter vault has a metal lid, it may be soon replaced with a plastic lid. A plastic lid improves the chances that town personnel can capture the reading on the first pass by your property. It is much easier for the signal to pass through plastic than metal. If your meter vault is in your driveway, the plastic lid will be strong enough to drive on.

The Town appreciates your cooperation in keeping your meter vault and lid clear of obstructions. As the weather warms, please take a moment to ensure it is easily accessible.

Conserve water! You can easily reduce water usage by making simple changes in your daily routines.



The Clark Farm aka Clark's Rest

(Continued from cover)

with a unique Quonset-hut design was designed and constructed on "Clark's Rest" with a double four milking parlor and glazed block. Several barns were added to shelter the cattle, large silos were erected to store the crops of corn, hay, sorghum and small grains harvested on the farm, and essential farm machinery such as combines and tractors emerged. Twice a day, morning and noon, 80-100 head of Holstein dairy cattle were milked. Schools even made arrangements for their students to tour the milking facilities both on "Clarks' Rest" and the dairy operation on Pope Street. In 1973 the dairy business closed due to economics and competition of big dairy businesses. The herd of Holstein dairy cattle was sold in 1968 and replaced by Black Angus beef cattle that were brought in and raised on the farm until 2000. Ultimately, the milking parlor was converted to a butchering locker for the hogs. The Leonardtown Dairy was the last independent dairy in the State of Maryland.

In 1968 a new era of activity commenced on "Clark's Rest" when George Clark began breeding and raising thoroughbred race horses. Stables were built for the horses and a successful breeding, training and racing career ensued. Townspeople typically commented how they marveled at seeing the horses and yearlings running and playing in the open fields. Many may still recall such favorites as Miss



Miss Leonardtown, 1968

Leonardtown, Leonardtown Queen, Fun-N-Fancy and Son of Fancy. This venture reached its peak when Son of Fancy won the Senatorial Sweepstakes at Pimlico in 1973. Horses continued to graze the pastures of "Clark's Rest" until George Clark's death in 2003.

In addition to the enterprise of dairy cattle, beef cattle and racing horses, this viable working farm also raised hogs and chickens. Depending upon the season, fields



Silos stored corn and grain raised on the farm.

of tobacco, vegetable gardens and fruit trees all needed to be planted and harvested and the grass had to be mowed. Then there were the day-to-day tasks, such as housework, meals to prepare, school work, and taking care of pet dogs and cats. The family of nine children learned fast, worked hard, played hard, laughed and cried. The family home no longer exists, but memories of days on the farm at "Clark's Rest" will endure a lifetime.



This opulent property will now provide new homes for new families. The developer, Marrick Homes will model the neo-traditional neighborhood within the guidelines of Leonardtown's "Smart Growth" initiative. Homes and townhouses will possess architectural character, typify clearly designed streetscapes and grid patterns, demonstrate a sense of community, and be pedestrian-friendly. Connectivity and access will be accomplished by roads linking Hollywood-Leonardtown Road through the Leonard's Grant development and connecting to the Clark's Rest development back out to Point Lookout Road. This connection will continue through the proposed Tudor Hall Village development back into the Town Square. Town officials are confident that the new "Clark's Rest" development will enhance our community while at the same time, maintain Leonardtown's rich heritage and culture. With street names such as Clarks Rest Road, Chestnut Hill Lane and Dairy Barn Drive planned for the new neighborhood, there will always be a story of days gone by.



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"	Gt.	.12
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"	Gt.	.22
Chocolate Milk	Hpt.	.125
"	Gt.	.11
"	Hgl.	.70
Buttermilk	Gt.	.40
Light n' Lively	Hpt.	.35
"	Gt.	.38
Skim Milk	Hpt.	.22
Table Cream	Gt.	.59
"	Hpt.	4.14
Half & Half	Gal.	.58
"	Hpt.	.54
Whipping Cream	Hpt.	.75
Sour Cream	Gan	1.90
"	5 Lb.	.78
Zip Wip	2 Lb.	.11
Reddi Wip	12 Oz.	.38
Cottage Cheese	12 Oz.	.40
"	12 Oz.	.13
Flavored Cottage Cheese	Hgl.	.70
"	Gt.	2.70
L n' P	Hpt.	.39
Orange Drink	Box	.30
Orange Juice	Gt.	.30
Non-Dairy Creamers	Hpt.	.30
Yogurt		



Sorghum grew high on the Clark Farm, a bit tall for youngsters Dan and Barbara Clark.



Holstein dairy cows were often seen herding amongst the farm land.



Mementos from the Leonardtown Dairy: milk bottle cap and pricelist (top of page), milking can with milk bottle, orange juice drink carton and milk carton encouraging all to buy local.

Anyone interested in learning more about the new Clark's Rest community should visit www.marrickinc.com or contact Mike Jacques at mjacques@marrickinc.com or 443-994-3170.



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Town Tidbits

Emerging Artists' Internship Offered by North End Gallery

Looking to encourage a new generation of local artists, the North End Gallery recently spearheaded an Emerging Artists Internship Program. This is a great opportunity for a young developing artist to gain professional experience and exposure. Stop by the North End Gallery at 41652 Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown, visit northendgallery.org online, or contact Christina Allen at cornercribstudio@gmail.com for details on how this program can encourage your enthusiasm for fine art.

Opal Fine Art Gallery

Opal Fine Art Gallery is owned and operated by local artists Cynthia Rosenblatt, Angela Wathen and Jane Rowe. The gallery features original works of these artists for viewing in an intimate setting, as well as original and limited edition art for your personal collection or unique gifts. Opal Fine Art also provides a venue to showcase the juried work of guest artists from national and international regions as well as other special events at various times throughout the year. The gallery is open Thursday thru Saturday, 11 AM-5 PM and is located at 41625 Park Avenue in Leonardtown. Call 302-438-1629 for more information or follow the Gallery on Facebook.



Yellow Door Art Studios

Drawing, painting, mixed media, small sculpture and new media classes and workshops are enjoyed by both children and adults at the Yellow Door Art Studios. The curriculum builds technical art making skills, teaches visual literacy, and fosters individual expression. Find the Yellow Door Art Studios at 22760 Washington Street in the Montparnesse Building next to the Front Porch. Check yellowdoorartstudios.com or call Carrie Patterson at 240-925-1888 for details, classes and summer camps.

RCSM - Same Great Care in a New Location

The Rehabilitation Center of Southern Maryland (RCSM) is now located in the Blair Building on Leonardtown Square at the corner of Fenwick and Washington Streets. RCSM provides physical and occupational therapy while specializing in Orthopaedics, Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation, Aquatic Therapy, Neurorehabilitation and Sports Therapy. Whether recovering from a knee or hip replacement or looking to get rid of that lower back pain, the rehabilitation professionals at RCSM are committed to getting you back to the life you knew before your injury. For the full inside scoop on the services RCSM provides feel free to visit their website at rcsmd.com or call the Leonardtown office at 301-997-0172.



Bellarus Boutique

Bellarus Boutique is now open in Leonardtown and owners Susannah Kwon and Su Kwon are excited about the trendy spring styles for young ladies including apparel, contemporary looks, fashion jewelry and chic accessories. For a fun shopping experience bring a friend and visit Bellarus Boutique at 41665 Fenwick Street or check facebook.com/bellarusmd for the latest news.



Bella Music School Relocates

Bella Music School is now located at 41635 Fenwick Street. The owner and director, Sue Tayag, welcomes students ages four through adult who are interested in orchestral strings, woodwinds, brass, drums and piano studies. Call 301-247-2602 or check bellamusicsschool.com for more information and find out what makes learning music delightful.

Sharon's Dragonfly Design

Visit Sharon's Dragonfly Design for unique jewelry with a wide variety of natural stones, including amber and freshwater pearl. Purses, scarves, hair adornments and children's jewelry can be found too. The shop is open Thursdays and Fridays 10 AM-5 PM and is located in the Weiner Building on Courthouse Drive - it may be a little off the beaten path of the Town Square, but shop owner Sharon Weiner feels certain that your walk will be worth your time. For more details or to set up a special appointment, call 240-434-5495



Guenther's Bistro

Guenther's Bistro offers an innovative menu of continental cuisine, sandwiches, soups and seasonal specials by a chef whose culinary career has taken him to London, Jamaica and the White House. Located in the Breton Market Center, the family-owned Bistro is open for lunch Monday thru Saturday, and for dinner Friday and Saturday. Check guentherbistro.com to read more about the menu, fine wines, event catering and history. For reservations or carry out orders call 301-475-8989



Farmer's Market Returns

Spring is sprung and that means the Friday Farmer's Market returns to the Town Square with a cartload of fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers, and homemade jellies, jams and baked goods. This seasonal outdoor market is open on Fridays from mid-April through September, 11 AM-5 PM (weather permitting).

Staff Notes

Barbara Dotson, Grants Writer for the Town of Leonardtown, recently retired her post with ten years of service. Significant grant awards credited to Barbara include Leonardtown's Priority Places Designation, Community Legacy, Leonardtown Wharf Development, Port of Leonardtown Development, Historical Sites, Smart Growth Award and numerous grants for Leonardtown's events. Thank you Barbara!



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