

## **NOTICE REGARDING BAY RESTORATION FEE**

Residential customers are considered to have only one equivalent dwelling unit and; therefore, will pay \$15 per quarter. The charge for commercial customers will vary according to the number of equivalent dwelling units allocated to their account. This fee is collected by Leonardtown but immediately remitted to the State of Maryland. You may refer to <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/BayRestorationFund/Pages/index.aspx> for additional information about this fee.

The Town Council approved a Bay Restoration Hardship Exemption Plan on February 11, 2013. In order to qualify for this exemption, you must have been approved for the Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit. You may find out more about the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program at <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html>. Once you have been approved to receive the property tax credit, please complete the Town's Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption Application at [http://leonardtown.somd.com/services/Bay Fee Exemption application.pdf](http://leonardtown.somd.com/services/Bay_Fee_Exemption_application.pdf). Each of these applications must be completed every year in order to be eligible for credits.

Questions about the Bay Fee or Hardship Exemption should be directed to Rebecca Sothoron, Leonardtown Treasurer, at 301-475-9791.