

# Leonardtown BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**OCTOBER 28**

**LHS Homecoming Parade**

*Leonardtown Square*

**OCTOBER 29**

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*Leonardtown Square*

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*Leonardtown Square*

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& Annual Tree Lighting**

*Leonardtown Square*

**NOVEMBER 25-27**

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*Bell Motor Co. Showroom*

**DECEMBER 17**

**Santa & Mrs. Claus**

*Leonardtown Square*

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

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## Veterans Remembered in Leonardtown

The Town of Leonardtown takes great pride in paying tribute to all our Veterans, and remembering those who lost their lives to defend this great country. On the Square, in the heart of downtown Leonardtown, are two War Memorials in honor of deceased Veterans of St. Mary's County.

The upper Town Square is often referred to as the War Memorials Garden.

### World War I Memorial

The World War I Memorial contains four bronze plaques that list the names of 27 St. Mary's County servicemen who died in World War I. History notes that the monument was erected by citizens of St. Mary's County through a memorial committee in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The memorial was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, with a ceremony that included a mass, a parade complete with a brass band, ex-servicemen in uniform, the Red Cross, and participants from schools and churches. November 11<sup>th</sup> was then known as Armistice Day, when at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup>



*The World War I Memorial in the Leonardtown Square.*

day in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year 1918 the struggle of World War I was declared to have reached its end. In 1954, the holiday was changed to Veterans Day to honor American Veterans of all wars. This memorial was rededicated on May 31, 1986, following repairs due to vandalism earlier that

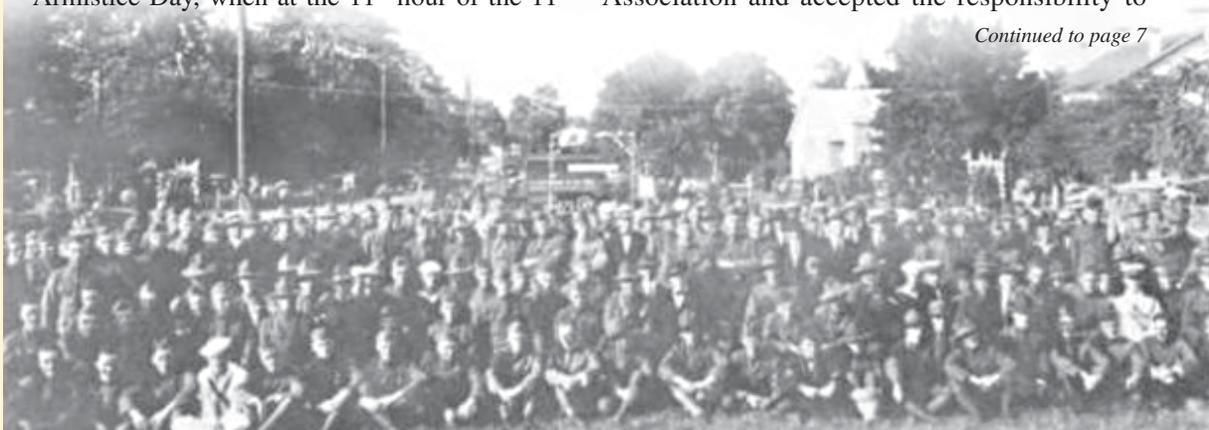
year. The guest speaker at the rededication ceremony was Delegate Ernie Bell, a native son and resident of Leonardtown. His great grandfather, Judge B. Harris Camalier, played a prominent role in the 1921 memorial dedication ceremonies.

This past summer, the Leonardtown Lions Club and the St. Mary's County Memorials Association refurbished the World War I Memorial. This project included removing the name plaques and shipping them to Pennsylvania for cleaning, placing them back on the memorial, power washing the stone, and installing lights.

### WW II, Korean & Vietnam Memorial

In early 2000, the Leonardtown Lions Club formed the St. Mary's County Memorials Association and accepted the responsibility to

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*Approximately 170 World War I Veterans from St. Mary's County joined a homecoming celebration in the Leonardtown Square on September 11, 1919.*

# Come on Out!



## Mayor's Message

The ability to host events and showcase our Town is a great asset! We can offer a variety of downtown functions by closing segments of the streets on the Square or re-directing traffic. While each event creates its own temporary challenges and inconveniences, they draw many diverse groups and attract visitors from around the region. Many times these visitors are seeing our Town for the first time, or perhaps the first time in years.

On numerous occasions lately, I have been greeted by comments about "how wonderful the Town looks". Non-residents are often amazed at the "gem" we have been able to hold onto with our downtown Square. We forget that the Square was the original village green, and, during colonial times, was used for militia training and activities. Leonardtown is fortunate to be one of the few towns in the State that has this unique feature still intact. Most old towns lost their village greens to downtown construction and road improvements. Great effort has gone into rebuilding our downtown. Council members, boards, citizens, volunteers and staff members have all made a difference in laying the groundwork for our success over the last decade.

Stand and look around the Square today; you can't miss the signs of success. For years the Council and I have worked on plans and guidelines to encourage just the changes we are seeing; re-use of older buildings, second and third story additions, and complete renovations of existing buildings. While growth will continue to present challenges, we have laid the groundwork and are prepared to successfully meet those challenges. The Council and I are committed to maintaining the old fashioned charm of Leonardtown as we move forward with new and exciting projects.

J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor

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## LHS Homecoming Parade

Catch the Raider spirit! See Leonardtown High School's Homecoming Parade in the Town Square on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The homecoming football game kicks-off at 7 p.m. at the Leonardtown High School football field, with the Raiders tackling the Thomas Stone Cougars

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



Create your own life-like scarecrow on the Town Square with the Old Towne Crafters from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All ages. Cost is \$5 and includes supplies. For more information call 301-997-1644.

From 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., kids can sport their favorite costume and walk around the Town Square, accompanied by a parent or guardian, to collect treats from participating Leonardtown Square merchants. Bring a goodie bag! Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.



## Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony

Salute America's Veterans on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>! The Veterans Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Washington Street in Leonardtown. An added attraction at this year's parade will be a special appearance by an 8-hitch team of Clydesdales provided by Anheuser-Busch! This colossal parade consists of Veterans, dignitaries, elected officials, military units, color guards, Native American Dancers, bagpipers, school bands, beauty queens, community organizations, classic and antique cars, boy and girl scouts, cheerleaders, Arabian horses, motorcycles, emergency equipment, and much more! Immediately following the parade, a Veterans memorial ceremony with speakers, taps, and laying of wreaths will be held in the Town Square. Students from Leonardtown Elementary School will also deliver their winning essays "What Veterans Day Means To Me". This year's parade and ceremony honors wounded soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital who fought in Iraqi Wars. The Veterans Day Parade and Memorial is sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commissioners, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and American Legion Post 2632.

## The Clydesdales are coming to Leonardtown!



Thanks to Julie Trask of Esperanza Farms who won a "Hometown Heroes" celebration sweepstakes sponsored by Anheuser-Busch! Julie's winnings included a visit by the Clydesdales to her hometown. Having previously attended the Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown, Julie requested their appearance at the 2005 Veterans Day Parade. In addition to participating in the Veterans Day Parade on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Clydesdales will be accessible for public viewing at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Other plans include delivering fresh ale at selected locations on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and making a special appearance at the Patuxent Naval Air Station on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. This particular team of Clydesdales will be traveling from New Hampshire, and their next event will be the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

## Antique Show & Sale

Antique furniture, jewelry, books, artwork, toys, door prizes, and more can be found at the Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy's Annual Antique Show. This year's show will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$5 admission. For details, call the school at 301-475-8029, or visit their web site at [www.lhjna.org](http://www.lhjna.org).





## Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

The holiday season officially begins in the Leonardtown Square on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> with an evening of entertainment from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. *Plus...* Santa arrives to light the Town Christmas tree! Entertainment includes Christmas carols, holiday performances, horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, hayrides, and train rides. There will also be a live nativity, petting zoo, face painting, children's crafts, hot drinks and food. Joining the festivities will be Mrs. Claus, Frosty the Snowman, the Jolly Juggler, and Snowflake the Christmas Elf! You can also shop for Christmas gifts around the Town Square, as many of our downtown merchants will be open! The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Leonardtown Business Association, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown sponsor this annual holiday event. *(The rain date is November 26<sup>th</sup>).*

We hope you enjoy the addition of illuminated stars and garland that will adorn our Town Square lampposts and complement our Town Christmas Tree during the holidays!

## SMC Festival of Trees

Cast a vote for your favorite decorated tree and wreath at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's County Festival of Trees! The Festival is held in the Bell Motor Company Showroom and will be open Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Noon-6:00 p.m. Silent bids are taken on the trees and wreaths, and will be auctioned on Sunday. Activities include an "old days" photo exhibit and a "wagon of toys" raffle. For details or to register a decorated entry, call 301-373-2551. Admission is \$1 for adults, children under 12 free. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, Inc., with proceeds benefiting the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad.



## Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square

Bring your Christmas list and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring your camera! *(In the event of inclement weather, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be in the Bell Motor Co. Showroom.)*



## Hospice Tree of Light

Hospice of St. Mary's will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree of Light Ceremony on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Hospice office at 22699 Washington Street. If you would like to honor a loved one by purchasing a light on the tree, or for more information, call Hospice at 301-475-6438.

## Need Information on Town Events?

To request a Leonardtown event brochure, volunteer or perform at Leonardtown events, be added to the "Beacon" mailing list, or if you need additional information on Leonardtown events, contact Linda Shepherd in the Town Office at 301-475-9791 or [linda.shepherd@verizon.net](mailto:linda.shepherd@verizon.net).

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

- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 24 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 25 - Day after Thanksgiving
- December 26 - Christmas Holiday
- January 2 - New Year's Holiday
- January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 20 - Presidents' Day

### Town Council

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J. Maguire "Mock" Mattingly III  
Leslie E. Roberts  
Walter Wise

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*Vice-Chair*  
Massey Connelly  
Dr. William Icenhower  
Kristin Kraus

### Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Upcoming meetings: Nov.14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13

**Planning Commission** - 3rd Monday of each month @ 3:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Upcoming meetings: Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Tues., Jan. 17 *(In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday)*, Tues., Feb. 21 *(In observance of Presidents' Day)*, Mar. 20

**Leonardtown Business Association** - 2nd Wednesday of each month @ either 8:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. @ various business locations. Upcoming meetings: Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8

### Town E-Mail:

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# Community Highlights

## National Night Out

Residents of Leonard's Freehold and the Leonardtown Village neighborhood joined with local law enforcement officers to enjoy an evening of tasty food and meeting neighbors during National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to provide hose-downs for the kids, and the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad provided children's activities and a tour of their rescue vehicle. National Night Out is an annual program designed to promote neighborhood anti-crime and drug prevention awareness through police-community partnerships.

## The "Reading Room"

Youth of the Leonard's Freehold and Leonardtown Village enjoy their "Reading Room"! The "Reading Room" is a great place to check out books to read and obtain references to assist with school assignments. In addition to reading and educational opportunities, the program also encourages activities to heighten social skills and games to promote sportsmanship.

The "Reading Room" was initiated in 2000 by the Town, in cooperation with the management of Leonard's Freehold and Leonardtown Village, to provide a library for the children in the neighborhood. Laschelle Miller, Town Administrator, was instrumental in cleaning the room, providing carpet, shelves, paint, and book donations. Members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Leonardtown then began volunteering by reading to the children and operating the "Reading Room".



*Lexy Eberhart, Darnika Woodland, Shelby Thompson, Brandy Borchert, Darissa Woodland, and Sherita Maddox enjoy the "Reading Room" with St. Paul's volunteers Wendy Headrick and Sylvia Gibson.*

Today, five years later, the Church continues this outreach project. Donations of new encyclopedias and supplies, such as paper, pencils,

crayons, board games and sporting goods are needed. To make a donation for the "Reading Room", contact the St. Paul's U.M. Church office at 301-475-7200. For additional information and ministry opportunities, visit their web site at <http://stpauls-umc.com>

## Priority Places Committee Visits Leonardtown

On September 14, 2005 a group of representatives from many State agencies toured the Town and got a first hand look at the many exciting projects coming to Leonardtown. This group has been working with the Town, as the Priority Places Committee, since the designation of Leonardtown Wharf as Maryland's first Priority Place by Governor Ehrlich in February 2005. Committee members were thrilled with the small town charm that the Town has been able to maintain. One member stated, "You are so far ahead of your planning efforts compared to so many of the jurisdictions that we meet with; you should be proud of that!"

One of the many benefits of the designation is the elevated attention to Leonardtown by the various State agencies.

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## "Beach Party on the Square"

Despite the near 100-degree temperature, all in attendance enjoyed great entertainment and had loads of fun during Leonardtown's 2005 "Beach Party on the Square" on August 13<sup>th</sup>! Many thanks to all of our Beach Party sponsors, supporters, entertainers, participants, and volunteers who made this event successful and something to look forward to in the dog days of summer!



*Councilman Mock Mattingly enjoys jumping rope with youth of the championship double-dutchers "Greenbelt City Stars"!*

*Hula dancers of The Island Dance Company perform for the crowd!*



*A friendly game of sand volleyball is enjoyed in the Town streets!*



*"Cooling off" during the sweltering day with a hose-down by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department!*



*Sounds of beachy-fun music were enjoyed throughout the evening by the "25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band". Tunes by "Blonde Ambition" opened the 2005 "Beach Party".*



## Crafts Galore at Fall Follies!



*Brenda Wise, owner of Wise Consulting, and LBA Secretary, enjoyed browsing for jewelry and crafts at "Fall Follies" on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The St. Mary's Crafts Guild and Old Towne Crafters sponsor this annual event.*

*Janice Crager and her grandsons Cameron and Cody Crager, of Gautier, Mississippi, check out wooden creations by Capt. Bill Sonntag during "Fall Follies". The boys were in Town visiting their grandparents, while repairs were made to their Gautier home damaged by Hurricane Katrina.*



## St. Mary's County Fair Parade



*Mayor Harry Norris and Council members Leslie Roberts and Mock Mattingly, joined by the Mayor's son Jay, wave to the crowd during the 2005 St. Mary's County Fair Parade on September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

## "Candela Building" Dedication

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank dedicated its new building on Washington Street to Leonardtown resident John A. "Jack" Candela. Jack was a former president, chief executive, board member, and board chairman of Mercantile's predecessor institution, the First National Bank of St. Mary's. Jack began his banking career over 40 years ago, retired from his bank management positions in 2000, and from the Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank's board in 2005. He was instrumental in acquiring the building, formerly home to a retail business, to expand the bank's headquarters. The John A. Candela Building will now serve as the bank's management services and credit administration divisions. Jack also serves as a member on the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Board.



*Jack Candela and Lloyd Harrison, President/CEO of Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank share smiles and a handshake, as the plaque dedicating the Candela Building is revealed.*

## Leonardtown Welcomes Rev. John Dakes

Reverend John Dakes has been assigned as the pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown. Fr. Dakes comes to Leonardtown from St. Mark the Evangelist parish in Hyattsville, and replaces Reverend Rory Conley, who was transferred to St. John Neumann parish in Gaithersburg. The Town is grateful to Fr. Conley for his leadership and friendship during his six-year tenure at St. Aloysius. Best wishes are extended to both Fr. Dakes and Fr. Conley. For more information, visit <http://saintaloyuschurch.org>

## Councilman Walt Gillette Says "Farewell", But Promises Return Visits!

At the September 12<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, Walt Gillette announced that he and his wife Cindy had purchased a home outside the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, and per the Town Charter, must retire his position on the Leonardtown Council. Walt served on the Town Council from 1998-2005. His accomplishments included representing Leonardtown and serving as Vice-President of the Southern Maryland Municipal Association (SMMA), serving on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Municipal League, and supporting the Mayor and Leonardtown Council on the Town's historical significance, planning efforts, and promotion of events and businesses. The Town Council, staff, LBA members, and residents of Leonardtown will certainly miss Walt! Thanks for a job well done!



*Councilman Walt Gillette, commenting that this is a "bitter sweet" moment, is presented with a plaque by Mayor Norris at the SMMA meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>, thanking him for his eight years of service on the Leonardtown Council.*

## SMMA Meets in Leonardtown

The Town of Leonardtown hosted the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League at Nook & Monks Restaurant. In addition to Leonardtown, officials representing the Townships of LaPlata, Chesapeake Beach, Indian Head, and Brentwood were present. Linda Shepherd, Event Coordinator for Leonardtown, made a presentation on the Town's special events. Gratitude and best wishes were extended to Walt Gillette, following an announcement that he was rescinding his position on the Leonardtown Council and SMMA.

## Leonardtown Welcomes "FJ" Talley, Dean of CSM, Leonardtown Campus

The College of Southern Maryland recently announced the appointment of Dr. Frederico "FJ" Talley as the new dean of the college's Leonardtown Campus. Dr. Talley fills the position vacated by Jane Sypher, who retired earlier this year. The Town extends its best wishes to Dr. Talley in continuing CSM's commitment to academic excellence. CSM is a regionally accredited community college that is committed to preparing its students and community to meet the challenges of individual, social and global changes. For more information about the College of Southern Maryland, call 301-933-7766 or visit [www.csm.edu](http://www.csm.edu).

## Leonardtown Welcomes Michael Martirano as Superintendent of SMCPS

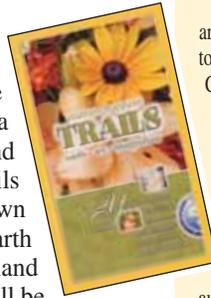
The St. Mary's County Board of Education recently announced the appointment of Dr. Michael Martirano as the new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Martirano replaces Dr. Patricia Richardson, who retired from her position as Superintendent earlier this year. Town officials wish their best to Dr. Martirano as he develops his vision plan for learning and safety for over 16,500 St. Mary's County school students. Information about SMCPS may be found by visiting [www.smcps.k12.md.us](http://www.smcps.k12.md.us).

## “Walk Your Child Home From School”

Town officials, local law enforcement representatives, and school staff teamed up with students of Leonardtown Elementary School as they walked to their homes in Leonard’s Freehold and Leonardtown Village on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This annual walk is designed to provide adult support for neighborhood walking safety.

## Southern Maryland Trails Brochure Now Available

The “Southern Maryland Trails” is a colorful and informative guidebook to make it easy for visitors to plan a “trail trip” for a day or a weekend. Trails include sites that celebrate our area’s natural culture and heritage, with an emphasis on quality and authenticity. The first two Trails will be based predominantly in Calvert and St. Mary’s counties. Leonardtown attractions include the North End Gallery, Café des Artistes, the Good Earth Natural Foods Company, Crazy for Ewe, the Tea Room and the Maryland Antiques Center. Anne Arundel, Charles, and Prince Georges counties will be added in 2006. The guidebook is produced by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Look for the Trails guidebooks in area visitors’ centers, libraries, at partner sites, and at the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission in Hughesville. For more information call 301-274-1922 or visit the web at [www.somdtrails.com](http://www.somdtrails.com).



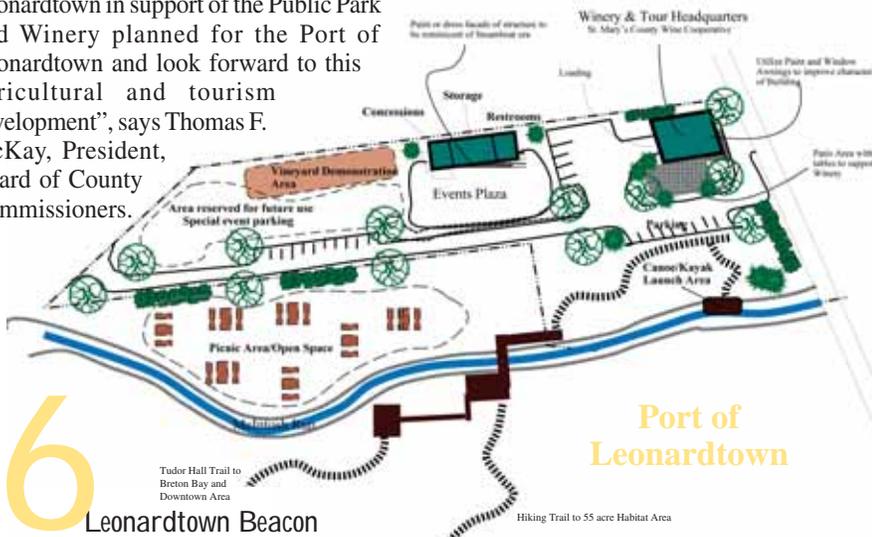
## New Shopping Center and Hotel Planned for Pennie’s Property

W.M. Davis, Inc. has another exciting project planned in Leonardtown at the old Pennie’s bar/ballfield property. At the April 2005 Planning and Zoning meeting, Wayne Davis presented the plan for

McIntosh Run Center and received concept approval for the 6.3 acre site. The Shopping Center will include a 60 room hotel, 31,000 s.f. of retail space, 11,000 s.f. of office space and a restaurant and bank pad site. This project is another sign of the increasing interest in the small town appeal of Leonardtown.

## Public Park and Winery Planned for Port of Leonardtown

Leonardtown, in conjunction with the St. Mary’s County Commissioners, are currently working on a plan for a public park and winery at the old State Highway property located along Rt. 5. This property, known as The Port of Leonardtown, is slated to be transformed into a public park with picnic facilities, hiking trails and a canoe/kayak launch, as well as a winery that would produce wine made from local grapes. The winery would not only be a tremendous tourism draw for St. Mary’s County but also would provide an expanded market for the local farmers who are interested in growing grapes. Grape growing and wine making has become increasingly popular in recent years. “As grapes become an alternative crop in our community, we are committed to our partnership with the Town of Leonardtown in support of the Public Park and Winery planned for the Port of Leonardtown and look forward to this agricultural and tourism development”, says Thomas F. McKay, President, Board of County Commissioners.



## What Are Our Residents Asking?

### What does the Leonardtown Mural represent?

The Leonardtown Mural, located on the Olde Towne Properties building at 22720 Washington Street and on the cover of the *Beacon*, depicts various time periods in Leonardtown’s history.

In general, the left side of the painting presents an older time period, around the turn of the century. As you move to the right, the chronology advances to a point in the mid 1950’s. The timeframe then drops back to a scene where Congressman Benjamin Gwinn Harris is being arrested on the porch of the Fenwick Hotel, on April 26, 1865, for his opposition to the Civil War.

Initial financial support for the mural project was received from the St. Mary’s Arts Council, the Maryland State Arts Council, and the Leonardtown Commissioners. A benefit banquet and art auction was held for the mural project on October 5, 1997. John Nucci of the Willows Restaurant and John Spinnicchia of Spinnakers, supplied and prepared the dinner, artists of the North End Gallery contributed art for the auction, and Randy Richie and Gretchen Luttrell provided the music. The mural scene was designed and painted by Tim Scheirer, Carla Tomaszewski and Clarence Schumaker.

## Increase in Utility Charges

The most recent utility bill you received from Leonardtown reflects a moderate increase in the rate for trash collection and disposal. With the exception of an increase in March 2004 to cover an unexpected increase in per ton tip fee at the landfill, the per unit charge has remained the same for the last three years. This increase does not include fuel surcharges that are billed by Waste Management in proportion to the average price per gallon for diesel fuel. For July, August and September, the fuel surcharges will be paid for by the Town out of its operating reserves. This pricing policy will be reevaluated on a quarterly basis. It may be necessary to pass some of the fuel surcharge on to customers if the price of diesel fuel does not decline. The water and sewer portions of your bill reflect an annual 2% increase.

## Coming Soon - New Utility Billing System

Residents should be on the lookout for a new utility bill in the coming quarters. Town staff members are making the transition to a new utility billing system. Utility bills will remain in a postcard format, and contain much of the same information. The transition should be seamless for customers, as we will keep the same billing cycle. Our current system has done very well for the past 13 years, however, our new system should allow us to provide better customer service, as it will enable us to track customer requests for changes in service or problems with service. If you think there may be an error in your first new utility bill, please contact the Town office at 301-475-9791.

## Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

**Residential trash** pickups are scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. In the event of a Waste Management holiday, pickups will be deferred to Wednesday and Saturday for that week. Please have your trash in acceptable 30-gallon cans with lids, or cans on wheels. Bagged trash set on the ground is also acceptable. To guarantee collection, trash should be set out by 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

The next **quarterly bulk trash** pickup is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

### Upcoming Holiday Trash Pick-Up

Waste Management will pick up on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, rather than Friday, following the Thanksgiving holiday. The weeks of Christmas and New Year’s will be under normal service operation.

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

### Fall Leaf Pick-Up

As part of its trash collection service, Waste Management will pick up bagged leaves set out by Town residents on regularly scheduled collection days. This service is limited to 5 bags of leaves per household per collection day. Any remaining bags may be set out for pickup on the next trash collection day, but still observing the 5-bag limit. Please do not place piles of loose leaves in the street, as this is not part of the trash disposal service.

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design, build, coordinate and procure funds to install a memorial to honor St. Mary's County Veterans who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives for us during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Referred to as the Deceased Veterans Memorial, this monument honors and bears the names of 79 St. Mary's County servicemen killed or missing in action: 61 in World War II, 5 in the Korean War, and 13 in the Vietnam War. All six branches of service, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Merchant Marines, are represented on this memorial. Dedication of the memorial was held following the annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown on November 11, 2001. The success of this project was attributed to the efforts and coordination of the Leonardtown Lions Club and the St. Mary's County Memorials Association, with support and donations from the Town of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Government, residents, businesses, civic and community groups. The Leonardtown Lions Club and the St. Mary's



*Patrick Kelly and Jamie Mattingly of Charles Memorial Gardens volunteered alongside Kirk Sterling of the Leonardtown Lions Club and the St. Mary's County Memorials Association, to refurbish the WW I Monument.*

County Memorials Association illuminated the monument in 2003, and members continue to maintain the monument today.

**Annual Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony**

Throughout history, Veterans Day has inspired parades and celebrations to honor Veterans nationally. An annual Veterans Day Parade to honor all men and women of the military has been a tradition of St. Mary's County for 30 years. From the mid-1970's to 1992, the annual Veterans Day Parade formed in Lexington Park and marched into the Naval Air Station for ceremonies. In 1993, the Parade was shifted to the Town of Leonardtown. With a spirit of honoring Veterans, Clancy Lyall, himself a Veteran of WW II, has been the dynamic authority in coordinating the Veterans Day Parade over all these years. Veterans Day activities in Leonardtown begin with the annual Veterans Day Parade on Washington Street at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Memorial Ceremony at 11:00 a.m., concluding with laying of wreaths on both war memorials in the Town Square.

Veterans Day is a day to recognize and express our gratitude to all men and women who serve in the military to protect our Nation and our freedom. Many citizens show their patriotism by flying the United States flag. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11 regardless of what day of the week it falls. The observance of Veterans Day on November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day - a celebration to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

*(Read more about the 2005 Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony in Leonardtown on page 2)*



*Congressman Steny Hoyer addressing the crowd before unveiling the Deceased Veterans Memorial on November 11, 2001.*



*The Deceased Veterans Memorial in the Leonardtown Square.*



*Marching and performing in the annual Veterans Day Parade is a tradition of Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy, as well as many of our St. Mary's County Schools.*



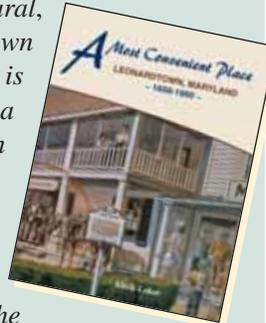
*The USO (United Service Organizations) are among the many groups participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown.*

**Leonardtown Fact - Did You Know?**

1839 - the first newspaper was published in Leonardtown, the *Leonardtown Herald*, which later became the *St. Mary's Beacon*.

**Leonardtown History Keepsakes!**

A color print of the Leonardtown Mural, depicting a progression of life in the Town during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, is eye-catching on any wall. Capturing a comprehensive history of Leonardtown between 1650-1950, is Aleck Loker's book "A Most Convenient Place". Great as gifts, copies of the mural and book are available in the Town Office or at several local businesses. Call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 for details.





# Town Tidbits

## Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screenings

Free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings are provided by the Health Connections Outreach Center in the Town Square every second Wednesday of the month, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are Nov. 9, Dec. 14, 2005 and Jan. 11, Feb. 8, and Mar. 8, 2006. For more information, call Health Connections at 301-475-6019.

## North End Gallery Celebrates the Holidays and 20 Years in Leonardtown

Artists of the North End Gallery will present its "19th Annual Holiday Show" November 21st through December 31st. A reception for the Holiday Show will be held on December 3rd from 5:00 pm.-8:00 p.m. at the Gallery.

"Celebrating 20 Years in Leonardtown" will be featured at the Gallery from January 31st through March 5th, 2006. This is an invitational show, featuring the works of North End Gallery members plus invited artists who are not members of the Gallery. A reception for this show will be held on February 4th, 2006 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The North End Gallery is located at 41652 Fenwick Street in Leonardtown, and can be reached at 301-475-3130 or on the web <http://northendgallery.org>.

## Interested in Your Family Tree?

Three genealogy classes are being offered at the Leonardtown Library. Where to start a search and resources available will be covered on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Searching your roots using the Internet is the focus on Friday, November 4th at 9:00 a.m., and Census research will be discussed on Friday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Register for these free classes by calling 301-475-2846 or e-mailing [stmaps@stmalib.org](mailto:stmaps@stmalib.org).

When visiting the library, sample a taste of St. Mary's County history with *300 Years of Black Cooking in St. Mary's County*. The cookbook features more than 240 African-American recipes and is available for \$15 at all three Library locations, Leonardtown, Charlotte Hall and Lexington Park. For information about downloadable audio books and other services provided by the St. Mary's County Library, check out their website at [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

## Women's Wellness Day

The St. Mary's Delicados, Inc. and St. Mary's Hospital are planning an exciting program focusing on "Women and Heart Disease" on Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Leonardtown. The morning session will include an overview of heart disease in women, diabetes, and healthy life styles. The afternoon session will feature a heart healthy cooking demonstration and tasting. Lunch will be served. Free. Call 301-475-6019 to register.

## "Police Tips" Line open at Leonardtown MSP Barrack

Anyone with information about a crime that has occurred, or they expect may occur, are invited to call the Maryland State Police, Leonardtown Barracks "Tips Line" at 301-475-2936. Citizens may anonymously report this information to authorities 24 hours a day. This number may also be used to report concerns to police that do not involve criminal activity.

## Put the Brakes on Aggressive Driving Habits

The highways today are more crowded than ever, people are busier, and motorists are expressing frustration, especially when they are running late or delayed in traffic. This creates a recipe for aggressive driving, which is a threat to the safety of those traveling on our roadways. Examples of aggressive driving include speeding, tailgating, whipping in and out of lanes, red light running, failing to signal when turning or switching lanes, failure to yield the right of way, disregarding traffic controls or signs, driving while intoxicated or impaired, making hand and facial gestures, and cell phone distractions. Let's make our roads safer for everyone by buckling up and curtailing any aggressive driving habits! Report aggressive drivers to the police by calling 911 or 301-475-8008. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

## Leonardtown Welcomes New Deputy

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department has assigned Deputy Gray Maloy as the Town's Deputy. Deputy Maloy will be patrolling throughout the Town, concentrating on providing safety and security for our citizens. He hopes to become familiar with many of our Town businesspersons with an upcoming visit to discuss any issues you may be experiencing.



## Leonardtown Business Association

It's never too late to join the Leonardtown Business Association (LBA)! With a membership of over 50 businesses, the LBA promotes business, projects, and special events in Leonardtown. Members and interested persons are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, held every second Wednesday at either 8:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m., hosted by various members and businesses. LBA membership dues are \$100 per year. Dues for 2006 are due on January 1st. To join LBA, contact Dan Burris, President, at 301-475-3151 or e-mail [danburris@danburris.com](mailto:danburris@danburris.com).

The LBA welcomes its newest members: Alfred A. Lacer, PA., Bell Motor Co. Inc., Marrick Homes, Inc., Millennium Partners, The County Seat, Tracy Laigle, Dean's Okinawan Martial Art & Self Defense, and My Pest Control Company.



Members and friends of LBA at the October 12, 2005 meeting, hosted by Askey, Askey & Associates.

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