

Leonardtowntown BEACON

A Publication for the Community of Historic Leonardtown ~ Est. 1660

Calendar of Events

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Leonardtowntown Square

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Leonardtowntown Celebrates
300 Years

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

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At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

LEONARDTOWN LIBRARY

On an average day, more than 700 citizens walk through the doors of the Leonardtown Library, taking for granted what a small group of citizens only dreamed about nearly 60 years ago - a public library for everyone to use and enjoy. Thanks to the determination of these dedicated citizens and a gift from Mary Patterson Davidson of Mechanicsville, their dream was realized when the Leonardtown Library celebrated its opening on October 15, 1950 in the historic Tudor Hall Mansion, which today serves as the home for the St. Mary's County Historical Society. During its tenure at Tudor Hall, the Leonardtown Library saw an increasing popularity and need for space as it strived to serve the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Now, many will remember that the old Leonardtown Armory was located on Leonardtown-Hollywood Road. This Armory was one of three constructed in Southern Maryland during the Cold War era. Built in 1953, it opened in 1954, housing Company "B" 121 Battalion (C) of the Maryland National Guard.

Due to the dwindling number of guardsmen, the Armory was decommissioned as a National Guard Armory in 1979. The building was then leased to St. Mary's County by the Maryland Military Department. In the early 1980's, the first floor was used as county office space and included an office for the Motor Vehicle Administration, while the second floor served as a dormitory for work release prisoners.

From 1950 into the 1980's, the Leonardtown Library found itself outgrowing their accommodations in the Tudor Hall building, with congested office areas, crammed books, and overcrowded reading rooms. They desperately needed more space. The wheels were in motion - where can Leonardtown's Library "branch out"?

When the MVA vacated the Armory building, arrangements were made to

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Today, the former Armory building serves as home for the Leonardtown Library. With more than 1,000 people utilizing the Library on peak days, the need for space and future expansion becomes a thought turned into reality.



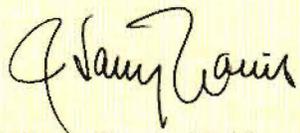
Reading enjoyment! The Leonardtown Library's first "children's room" was located on the 2nd floor of Tudor Hall. The youngsters in this early 1950's Library photo are from the Leonardtown Public School. In (front) are William Goodman, James Guy, Patsy Clark and Donna Jean Mann and (back) Ethel Callis and Freddie Burris.

Mayor's Message

I am proud to feature the Leonardtown Library in this Beacon issue. I grew up in Leonardtown in the 1950's, and going to the library at Tudor Hall was almost a daily event. The first and second stories were separated into various categories of books from juvenile to best sellers. The kitchen area was used as a weekly story hour for children of all ages, and the basement was the meeting room for a number of groups, including the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Ms. Eloise Pickrell was the first librarian, followed by Ms. Frances Wiggington. Both ladies knew all the town children and monitored their reading habits, as well as their behavior.

My wife Jan also has fond memories of the library when it was housed at Tudor Hall. She and her friends would walk to the Library from Duke Street, in her case, for Brownie and Girl Scout activities. In fact, I first met Jan at the Leonardtown Library. I still visit quite often with my son Jay and my grandsons Will and Logan.

The Leonardtown Library location has changed, computers are now a focal point, and the staff has grown under the direction of Kathleen Reif and Mary Lee Russell. But it's nice to see that many things at the Library are the same as I remember years ago - the building is full of children, there are daily activities, and the librarians are always courteous and helpful. In fact, it's obvious that they truly love their work and take pride in directing youngsters toward an appreciation of books and computer skills.



J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor
Leonardtown Beacon



Make-Your-Own Scarecrow

Members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild will be in the Town Square on Saturday, October 27th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. to help you create your very own life-sized scarecrow! Cost is \$5 per scarecrow and includes supplies. All ages. Call 301-997-1644 for details.

Trick or Treat on the Square

Hey kids! Dress up in your favorite costume and collect treats from participating merchants around the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 27th from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your goodie bag! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.

Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony

Salute America's Veterans on Sunday, November 11th! The annual St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Washington Street, and will proceed through the Town Square to the Courthouse. Event attendants will be distributing hand-held American flags throughout the parade route - be sure to get yours and wave it proudly as the many Veterans, reenactors, marching bands, cheerleaders, bagpipers, scouts, dancers, motorcycles, antique cars, horses, floats and more pass by! Baltimore Orioles Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson will be attending this year's Veteran's Day Parade - come on out and welcome him to Leonardtown!

Spectators are encouraged to remain in the Town Square following the parade for a ceremony in honor of our Veterans, to include patriotic music, guest speakers, laying of wreaths, and release of peace doves. Maryland's Lt. Governor Anthony Brown will address the crowd with a Veterans Day message.

The annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony in Leonardtown is sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commissioners, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and VFW Post 2632. Call 301-475-9791 for more information.

Antique Show & Sale

Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy will be holding its annual Antique Show & Sale on Saturday, November 10th, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 11th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Leonard Hall Recreation Center located at 23115 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. \$5 admission. For details, call the school at 301-475-8029, or visit www.lhjna.org.

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

The holiday season begins with a little "jingle-jingle" in the Leonardtown Square on Friday, November 23rd! Enjoy a host of entertainment from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., with stage performers, carolers, horse and carriage rides, sleigh, train and hayrides, live nativity, petting zoo, face painting, children's crafts, hot drinks, fresh kettle corn, and Santa's arrival to spark our

traditional Christmas tree lighting! Kids will want to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, the Jolly Juggler, and Snowflake! Many of our downtown restaurants and specialty shops will be open for holiday gift giving ideas!

The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Leonardtown Business Association, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown sponsor this popular holiday event. (The rain date is Saturday, November 24th).



Ms. Eloise Pickrell, Leonardtown's first librarian, on Tudor Hall's hanging stairway.



St. Mary's County Festival of Trees

The St. Mary's County Festival of Trees will be held November 23rd - November 25th in the Bell Motor Company Showroom on Washington Street. Show times are Friday, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sunday, Noon-5:00 p.m. Cast a vote for your favorite decorated tree and wreath and place your silent bid for Sunday's auction. Bids will be accepted on entered exhibits the week beginning Monday, Nov. 19th. Entertainment over the weekend includes holiday music, an "old days" photo exhibit, a "wagon of toys" raffle, and a historic walk around the Town Square. For details or to enter a decorated tree or wreath, call 301-373-2551. Admission is \$1 for adults, children under 12 free. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary, Inc.

Celebrating the Holidays at the Maryland Antiques Center and Herons Way Gallery

A Christmas Show and Party will be held at the MD Antiques Center on Saturday, December 1st with antiques, art galleries, and gift shops celebrating the season! The Tea Room will also be open! In addition, the day features artists of the Herons Way Gallery holding their Christmas Art Show and Reception from Noon-4:00 p.m. "The Santa Claus Art Show" will be on display from December 1st through the 30th. The MD Antiques Center, The Tea Room, and Herons Way Gallery are located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown. For details, call 301-475-1960, or visit <http://www.paxp.com/mac> or www.heronswaygallery.com.

The North End Gallery "22nd Annual Holiday Show"

The North End Gallery will be celebrating the holidays during their "22nd Annual Holiday Show" held throughout the month of December. This all-members holiday show will feature original and limited edition artwork. You are also invited to the Gallery's First Friday Gala Holiday Reception on December 7th from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m at the Gallery.

Winter shows include "East Meets West:

The Eastern Shore Meets the Western Shore" in January, "Historic Churches: Architectural Heritage of Southern Maryland" in February, and *Youth Art Month* in March. The North End Gallery is located in the heart of "old downtown" Leonardtown at 41652 Fenwick Street. For more information call 301-475-3130, or visit www.northendgallery.org.

St. Mary's Ballet Presents "The Nutcracker"

Come enjoy one of the world's most beloved holiday classics! The St. Mary's Ballet will perform "The Nutcracker" at the College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus. Three shows only. Friday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 15th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 and seating is limited. Advance tickets may be purchased at Fenwick Street Used Bookstore in Leonardtown or Nanbo's Guitar Emporium in the Wildewood Shopping Center. Call 301-884-8601 for further details.



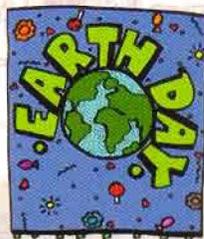
Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square

Kids of all ages! Bring your Christmas wish list and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Town Square on Saturday, December 15th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Don't forget 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 10th annual Tree of Light Ceremony on Sunday, December 16th between 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the J. T. Daugherty Center. For more information, or if you would like to honor a loved one by purchasing a light on the tree, call Hospice at 301-475-2023

Earth Day Celebration 2008



Be sure to mark your calendar for Leonardtown's 2008 Earth Day Celebration, which will be held in the Town Square on Sunday, April 20th, 12:30 PM - 4:30 p.m.

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J. Harry Norris, III

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Nov. 13*, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10 (*Tuesday in lieu of Monday holiday)

Planning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 2:30 p.m. in the Town Office. Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 22*, Feb. 19*, Mar. 17 (*Tuesday in lieu of Monday holiday)

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Former Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby Champion Wins National Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio

Congratulations to Kacie Rader, winner of the 70th Annual All-American Soap Box Derby, held on July 21, 2007 in Akron, Ohio! 16-year-old Kacie lives in Mechanicsville, MD, and began her soap box racing career at the age of 7, participating in the first local Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby in Leonardtown.



All American Soap Box Derby winner Kacie Rader, was recognized for her 2007 national derby achievement and years of local derby commitment during the August Town Council meeting. Pictured with Kacie, are her parents Jim and Ann Rader, Mayor Norris, Councilman Mock Mattingly and former Town Councilman Tub Delahay, who was very instrumental in securing Leonardtown as home for the Southern Maryland Soap Box Derby.

Lunchtime Concerts on the Square

Despite the July heat and humidity, over 100 spectators came out to enjoy Leonardtown's "Lunchtime Concerts on the Square". The first concert, on July 11th, featured the "River Concert Series Brass Ensemble", and the following Wednesday the "Francis Bridge Jazz Quartet" performed. The St. Mary's College and the Commissioners of Leonardtown hosted the concerts.



Beach Party on the Square

Saturday, August 11th marked Leonardtown's 6th Annual "Beach Party on the Square", and what a day it was! Thanks to the weekend's cooler temperatures, a wealth of folks came out to enjoy music by the "Beach Bumz" and have fun participating in the jump rope, hula-hoop and limbo contests, sand volleyball play, and being sprayed by the LVFD fire truck hose down! Sounds of laughter were heard as kids enjoyed the juggling, magic, and comedy acts, as well as the bounce houses and

water slide. A hearty "thank you" to our many volunteers and sponsors who helped make Leonardtown's 2007 "Beach Party on the Square" such a huge success!



"Fall Follies" Crafts Event



Over 50 artisan/vendors displayed their goods while craft enthusiasts enjoyed great outdoor shopping and music in the Town Square during the September 8th "Fall Follies" event! The St. Mary's Crafts Guild sponsors this annual craft fair. Be sure to visit their shop at the Old Towne Crafters, located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, behind the MD Antiques Center. For details call 301-997-1644.

North End Gallery Presents Donation for Hospice House of St. Mary's

Judith Conrad, President of the North End Gallery in Leonardtown (left) presented Kathy Franzen, Hospice Director, checks totaling \$1170.00 from Member Artists to benefit the new Hospice House of St. Mary's. The North End Gallery featured the new Hospice House during their "Fair Winds" show in June and July.

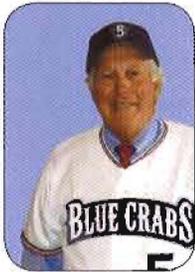


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Leonardtown Welcomes Brooks Robinson on Veterans Day!

The Town of Leonardtown invites you to come on out and join us as we welcome Baltimore Orioles Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson to this year's Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday, November 11th! Mr. Robinson's visit is courtesy of Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball. Stay tuned to the Leonardtown website and local news media for any additional activities with Brooks Robinson!

"Be A Part Of The Crustacean Nation With Blue Crabs Baseball" - Coming In 2008!! www.somdbluecrabs.com



Leonardtown Featured in the Municipal Maryland Magazine

Leonardtown's Town Council and Staff are proud to announce that "Our Town" was featured in the September/October 2007 edition of the Maryland Municipal League's official publication. This interesting expose summarizes Leonardtown's economic success over the years. You can read the entire article on line by going to Leonardtown.somd.com and clicking on "Read the feature on Leonardtown in Maryland Municipal League magazine".



Town of Leonardtown Receives Banner City Award

The Town Council and Staff is happy to announce that the Town of Leonardtown was recognized as one of 14 Maryland towns receiving the 2007 Maryland Municipal League's "Banner City Award". This prestigious award is given as formal recognition to those cities and towns that demonstrate outstanding commitment to MML activities. Requirements include continuing education and municipal government operations, quality of life in the community and efforts to educate citizens, particularly students, about municipal government.



Scott Hancock, Executive Director for MML, Laschelle Miller, Town Administrator, Leslie Roberts, Town Council Member, Leonardtown's Mayor Chip Norris, and Stuart Cumbo, President of MML, gathered during the presentation of the "Banner City Award".



Leonardtown Lions Club Seeks New Members

Members of the Leonardtown Lions Club attended the August Town Council meeting to seek support from the Town and launch their drive for new members that are needed to keep their Club active and strong. The Leonardtown Lions Club formed in 1940, and in peak years, saw over 100 members. Today's members, older and tiring, number only 42, and they would like to invite some young, energetic men and women with new ideas and talents to join them.

The Club's major event and fund-raiser is the Annual St. Mary's Crab Festival. This festival is in its 21st year and is traditionally held on the second Sunday in June. In addition to District and International programs, the Leonardtown Lions Club supports many local community functions and charitable actions and projects. This includes the War Memorials in the Town Square, the annual Christmas Gifts for the Needy program, local student scholarships, White Cane donations for vision needs and services, as well as leader eye dogs for the visually handicapped, Lions Camp Merrick for Handicapped Children, and many others.

Anyone with a heart for volunteer service to their community that is interested in membership and finding out more about the Leonardtown Lions Club should contact Kennedy Abell, Treasurer and Membership Committee Member, at 301-475-9319 for details.

Mayor Norris Joins CSM Foundation Board of Directors

The College of Southern Maryland recently named Mayor J. Harry Norris to serve as a member on the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Foundation's efforts aid the college by raising and managing funds, and by providing support to strengthen the college. For information on the CSM Foundation, call 240-725-5499, ext. 7649 or visit www.csmd.edu/alumni_foundation/.

Town Office - Holiday Closings

The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed for the following holidays:

November 12	Veteran's Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
November 23	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
January 21	Martin Luther King Day
February 18	President's Day

Leonardtown on the Web

For current news, happenings and special events in and around Town, be sure to check the official Leonardtown web site at Leonardtown.somd.com.

Leonardtown Cookbook Update

The Town thanks all those who submitted recipes for the "Taste of Leonardtown Cookbook". At this time, a sufficient number of responses and recipes have not been received to generate the cookbook in conjunction with the Town's 2008 Celebration. However, the Town believes the cookbook is a great idea and will continue to collect recipes, with the hope that enough recipes are received to publish the cookbook sometime in the near future. If anyone would like to volunteer their time and expertise by taking on the Leonardtown Cookbook project and seeing it to completion, please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

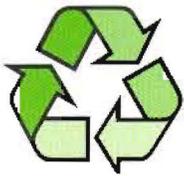


Leonardtown Recycles to Help Save Our Planet!

Recycling for Residential Customers

Goode Trash Removal is providing significant assistance to help Leonardtown residents promote recycling and improve recycling participation. Town officials hope that residents are using their new, wheeled recycling container. The larger tote is designed so that all acceptable recycling items can be "single streamed" (inter-mixed) in one container, making it easier for residents and customers to recycle. In other words, "no more sorting"! The new tote is also a breeze to wheel to the curb for pickup. Residential recycling pickup is made on Thursdays. To guarantee collection, your recycling tote should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. the day of pick-up.

Town residents wishing to receive a recycling tote or needing more information should contact the Town Office. To read more about recycling, check our web site at Leonardtown.somd.com or visit the web sites of the St. Mary's County Department of Public Works at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/dpw/index.asp> or the Maryland Department of the Environment at <http://www.mde.state.md.us/Land/index.asp>.



Look for the International Recycling Symbol - - - then Recycle it! Make recycling a part of your daily routine! In addition to your residence, be sure to use recycling containers at businesses and events where publicly placed!

A Few Recycling DO's and DON'TS

DO recycle these items:

- glass bottles and jars
- plastic bottles and containers, such as water and soda bottles, milk and juice jugs, detergent, soap and shampoo containers
- empty aerosol cans
- aluminum, tin, and steel cans
- newspapers, magazines, telephone books, junk mail, envelopes, white, color, and computer paper
- cardboard such as cereal, food and shoe boxes and corrugated cardboard
- brown paper bags

DO before placing item in recycling tote:

- drain and rinse jars, bottles and cans

- discard caps and lids
- remove plastic liner in cereal and food boxes
- flatten milk jugs and cardboard boxes

DON'T place these unacceptable items in recycling tote:

- bottle caps and tops
- dishes, ceramics, porcelain
- auto glass, window glass
- plastic wrap, plastic foam containers
- plastic grocery bags (return to supermarket)
- aluminum foil, aluminum siding
- scrap metal
- light bulbs, batteries, film canisters
- painted or treated wood

Recycling for Commercial Customers

Currently, only cardboard recycling is available to commercial customers. In the coming months, the Town will be working with Goode Trash Removal to offer single stream recycling to commercial customers just as it does to residential customers. This would obviously keep refuse out of the waste stream, and has the potential to save customers money.

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Trash Collection

The Leonardtown Council recently awarded the Town's residential and commercial trash collection contract to Goode Trash Removal. The new rates were reflected on the bill you received at the end of September.

Residential trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash is accepted in 30-gallon cans with lids, cans on wheels, or totes issued by Goode Trash Removal. To guarantee collection, trash should be set out the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

Bulk trash pickup will be made on Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

For further information on Leonardtown trash service, or to obtain a container, contact the Town Office.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

As part of its trash collection service, Goode Trash Service will pick up bagged leaves set out by Town residents on regularly scheduled trash 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.



Make Note of Upcoming Holiday Trash and Recycling Pick-Up Days!

Goode Trash Service will adjust their pick-up schedule as follows for the upcoming holidays:

Week of Thanksgiving: Trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday. Recyclables will be collected on Friday.

Weeks of Christmas and New Year's: Trash will be picked up on Wednesday and Friday. Recyclables will be collected on Thursday.

Without Significant Rainfall, The Drought Continues...

Increases in water demand from the public water system, the on going drought and a delay in receiving the permanent water appropriations permit for the newly constructed well in Leonardtown have prompted the Commissioners of Leonardtown to temporarily ban outdoor water use by all Leonardtown residents. Outdoor watering can only be done by a handheld hose and not an automatic sprinkler. Residents are urged to use water wisely and to utilize other water conservation measures as well. Water is a precious resource that is often unnecessarily wasted.

A few water saving suggestions are:

- Repair leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, hoses, nozzles, etc.
- Replace old fixtures, install water-saving devices
- Take shorter showers
- Place a bucket in the shower to collect the start-up cold water, then recycle it to water plants
- Turn off water while shaving and brushing teeth
- Run only full dishwasher loads
- Mulch around plants and shrubs

For water conservation tips please see the Town website at Leonardtown.somd.com or check www.epa.gov/safewater/publicoutreach/index.html.

relocate the Library to the first floor of the Armory building in 1984. Amazingly enough during the Library's first few years in the Armory, the upstairs continued to house the work release prisoners until 1989 when St. Mary's County Archives moved in. Archives was relocated in 2004, and the second floor was then renovated to serve as administrative space for the Leonardtown Library.

The building is now recognized as home for the Leonardtown Library, but a few signs of its life as an Armory still exist. The original vault, used to store the ammunition, today serves as storage space for the Library. The once indoor shooting range for the National Guard, located off the back entrance to the Library, is currently utilized by the Friends of the Library to store book donations for their annual book sale. Before that it was used to store Archives records and for a few years, the County's voting machines.

The Leonardtown Library is one of three branches of the St. Mary's County Library, and is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Library cards are free. The Library has more than 73,000 books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and musical recordings. Computers, high speed Internet including Wireless, laptops, a scanner, a copier/fax machine and a self-check-out machine are available for public use. A meeting room with an LCD projector is also available, and can be reserved by organizations.

Various children's programs and special events are available throughout the year. Story times are offered for babies through pre-school, and a TAG (Teen Advisory Group) meets monthly to plan teen programs and services. Adults can also participate in monthly book discussions.

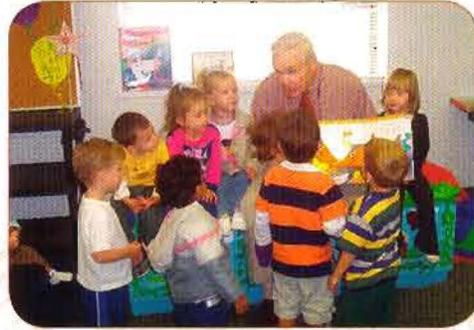
Services are no longer confined to the walls of the Library. The library catalog, free online databases, free downloadable books and movies, and even a reference service, AskUsNow! are available 24/7 through the Library's Internet branch. There's also a WoW! van service (Words on Wheels) that visits more than 50 child care providers each month. For details on the Library's services, special programs and events, call 301-475-2846, or go to their web site at www.stmalib.org.

It's no surprise that the Leonardtown Library has once again outgrown its space. According to a recently conducted library services and facilities study, county residents need, and want, more library space. In the study, a 40,000 sq. ft. library in Leonardtown is recommended to accommodate current and projected population growth. The Board of County Commissioners has included the Leonardtown Library renovation and expansion in their Recommended Capital Projects: \$180,000 in Fiscal Year 2009 and \$8.1 million in Fiscal Year 2013.

Bearing in mind Leonardtown Library's future renovation and expansion needs, we are now left to wonder....what will be the next chapter in the history of the Leonardtown Armory building and the Leonardtown Library?



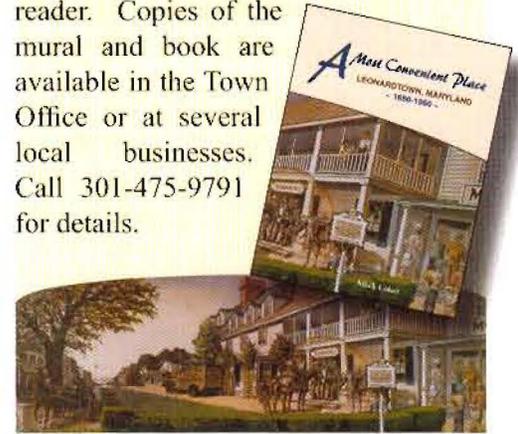
The Leonardtown Library has undergone interior renovations in an effort to accommodate the Library's ever growing collection, as well as incorporating computers and high speed internet to meet the growing technology needs of the community.



Mayor Norris enthusiastically "shows and tells" colorful animal tales to a group of youngsters during Leonardtown Library's Toddler Storytime.

Leonardtown History Keepsakes!

Looking for a memento or gift for a special occasion? Beautiful on any wall, is a color print of the **Leonardtown Mural**, which depicts the progression of life in the Town during the first half of the 20th Century. A copy of Aleck Loker's book "**A Most Convenient Place**", captures a comprehensive history of Leonardtown between 1650-1950, and is certain to hold the attention of any reader. Copies of the mural and book are available in the Town Office or at several local businesses. Call 301-475-9791 for details.



Keeping History Alive! Leonardtown to Celebrate 300 Years in 2008

The Town is currently making plans to incorporate added attractions and events in 2008 as part of its 300th Anniversary! Announcements will be made through the Beacon newsletter, on the Town's web site, and through local media. So keep a watchful eye and plan to celebrate with us!

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Town Tidbits

Help Keep Our Town Safe and Secure!

On September 13th, a suspect on a bicycle did a quick "grab and run" robbing a bank deposit in front of the Mercantile Bank (now PNC Bank). The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office quickly solved the case. Town officials ask that you remain aware of your personal items as you are out and about, especially during the holiday season. If you do see actions of a suspicious nature, you are asked to report them to the Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008.

"Hilltop Graphics" of Leonardtown Receives Business Awards

Congratulations to Tom and Carol Davis of Hilltop Graphics, who were recently selected both by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce to receive the 2007 Beacon Award, and by the Small Business Development Center to receive the 2007 Small Business of the Year Award. Hilltop Graphics provides custom printing, design art, logos, murals, and is happy to assist other businesses with start-up needs. Visit their shop on Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown or check their web site at www.hilltopgraphics.com/.

Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screenings

For free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, look for the Health Connections Van in the Town Square every second Wednesday of the month, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th, Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, and Mar. 12th. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 for details and other services.

Groovy! "Do Dah Deli" Returns to Leonardtown!



The Do Dah Gals, Nicole Wolfe, Diane Battaglia, and Maria Perrygo invite you to try their signature sandwiches and thank you for your patronage!

Back by popular demand is the "Do Dah Deli"! The Battaglia family and their loyal patrons are enjoying a larger menu selection, featuring a variety of sandwiches, homemade soups, salad bar, desserts, ice cream, deli-meats, and the new and roomier "Do Dah" location at 25470 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown's Breton Market Shopping Center. Hungry? You will want to treat your taste buds to this classic! Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed Sundays. In a hurry? Place your order to go by calling 301-475-3354 or by fax 301-475-7169. You can also check them on the web at Dodahdeli.com.

"Seascapes" Gift Shop Now Open!

Find a variety of unique gifts, home accents, furnishings and art at "Seascapes at Leonardtown Landing". The shop is located at 22525 Washington Street, overlooking Breton Bay at Leonardtown Landing. Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Call 301-997-0379, or visit on line at Seascapesleonardtown.com.

"Breton Bay Fine Wine and Spirits" Now Open!

Located in The Shops at Breton Bay next to the McKay's Food Store in Leonardtown, "Breton Bay Fine Wine and Spirits" is a brand new wine and spirits shop featuring an enormous selection of wines from all over the world, as well as a large selection of beer, spirits and fine cigars. To check out the superb variety, stop by during business hours Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. 301-997-1828.

Community Christmas Dinner

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Church of Leonardtown is sponsoring its 4th Community Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 25th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Father Andrew White School. This Christmas dinner is FREE and for anyone desiring a good meal and/or wanting to share the spirit of Christmas with others within our community. All are welcome. For more information or to request transportation to and from dinner, call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 301-481-2942. Transportation requests must be made by Friday, December 14th.

"1st Fridays" are Special in Leonardtown

Downtown Leonardtown is known for its unique shopping, gifts and cuisine, and that sparks "1st Fridays" as very special days! Many of the downtown shops, galleries, and restaurants celebrate "1st Fridays" with discounts and special events.

"1st Fridays" are also celebrated at the MD Antiques Center and the Old Towne Crafters, which are located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown.

Public Meeting: Progress of Project Planning Initiative for MD Route 5

An informative public meeting on the Planning Initiative for MD Route 5 (Point Lookout Road) from MD Route 243 (Newtowne Neck Road) to MD Route 245 (Hollywood Road) will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Leonardtown Middle School cafeteria. Contact the Town Office for further details.

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