

# Leonardtown BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**FIRST FRIDAY-EVERY MONTH**  
Celebration of "First Fridays"  
Downtown and Uptown Leonardtown

**JULY 16 & AUGUST 20**  
Sunrise Yoga  
Leonardtown Wharf

**JULY 23 & AUGUST 27**  
Downtown Tunes  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 2**  
National Night Out  
Leonardtown Village &  
Leonard's Freehold

**AUGUST 5**  
Special First Friday Celebration  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 6**  
Beach Party on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 11-13**  
Li'l Margaret's Bluegrass Festival  
Goddard Farm

**AUGUST 26**  
Blues Jazz  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
Fall Follies  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 18**  
Taste of St. Mary's  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 22-25**  
SMC Fair - Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 9**  
Antique Tractor Parade  
Leonardtown Square

**OCTOBER 15-16**  
SMC Oyster Festival  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 29**  
Scarecrow Making &  
Trick-or-Treat on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## REMEMBERING WHEN . . . The North End

As recalled by Ernie Bell, Bob Combs, and Al Gough

**I**n the Forties and Fifties of the past century for those living in or about Leonardtown, **The North End** was both a destination and a location. For those who lived and worked there, it was common-place to refer to one's home or store as being in **The North End**. Geographically, **The North End** is a half mile stretch lying between the intersection of Jefferson and Washington Streets (better known as Saunders's Corner) and Buena Vista (the Burch home running parallel with the main entrance to the present day St. Mary's Hospital).

Commerce was alive and well in **The North End** during those times. There was **North End General Store** located at Saunder's Corner. Further down the block there was **North End Esso**, **North End Motor Company**, and **North End Print Shop**. The former St. Mary's Hospital complex was situated in the midst of **The North End**. The hospital complex, along with the adjoining Ball and Gough home sites, are now occupied by the St. Mary's Nursing Center. About eleven homes were located along either side of Jefferson Street (known today as Point Lookout Road or Maryland Route 5) in **The North End** of Leonardtown.

Party line telephone eavesdropping and Leonardtown's WKIK Radio Station provided ample opportunity to keep up with daily happenings in the neighborhood. Nearby Breton Bay, accessible

through Maguire Mattingly's farm, provided the backdrop for a Tom Sawyer like boyhood. Baseball was central to growing up in **The North End**. There was no organized Little League. There was though,

**The North End Giants**, a rag tag team of seven or so pre-teenagers who, with one bat, one ball, a roll of tar tape, two dogs and no adult supervision defeated its "Wharf Hill" nemesis in the 1951 end of summer championship game by a score of 120 to 117 in a seven hour marathon that began at 0800 hours, and which was briefly interrupted by a lunch break and a parental imposed mandatory afternoon nap.

For the youngsters in the neighborhood one began their apprenticeship on life skills at **The North End Print Shop** which was operated by the late J. Frank "Donkey" Guy. Frank and his wife Madeline, though childless, treated **The North End** youngsters as their own. Madeline died in 1951. Frank was a one man employment agency for the youth of **The North End**. The summer's big project for Frank was printing and collating the St. Mary's County Fair Book. Print type was set by hand, one letter at a

time. Printing presses were hand fed one page at a time. A misspelled word was not tolerated. An hour long debate over whether a certain phrase should be followed by a comma or semicolon was frequent. Frank was a pioneer in mixing colors and bringing forth unique quality and style of print. He was a man of many talents. An accomplished sign



The North End General Store at Saunders Corner, circa 1963.



In the early 1980's, the North End Print Shop building was purchased by Sally Carter for her pottery and music studio business called Leonardtown Pottery. In 1986, the building became home to the North End Gallery. The Gallery later relocated to downtown Leonardtown on Fenwick Street, but retained its North End Gallery name. This year, the North End Gallery celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



## Mayor's Message

Late spring is always a busy time around Town. Many spring cleanup projects are taking place and we prepare for a busy summer season. I would like to extend appreciation for a job well done by lifelong resident and former councilmember, Bob Combs for completion of the Port of Leonardtown Park project. Residents can now enjoy another beautiful passive park that takes advantage of our valuable water assets.

As you drive through Town you will also notice striking banners on the decorative light poles displaying the new Town logo. This logo was created by the Leonardtown Business Association in an ongoing effort to market the Town. The efforts of the LBA Marketing Committee are really paying off for everyone.

We also adopt a budget for the Town at this time every year. These are tough economic times for all and preparing the Town budget was no exception. The Council held the current tax rate and passed a very bare bones budget that will help to weather the tough economic times.

Finally, in wrapping up the Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by the Town last year, we recently completed a review of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and made revisions to better meet the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The goal of the Council is stated best in the purpose statement of the Comprehensive Plan, "to protect and perpetuate the Town's unique atmosphere and small town character while enhancing its role as the historic and governmental center of St. Mary's County as a vibrant residential and business center".

*J. Harry Norris*  
J. Harry Norris, III,  
Mayor



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## "First Fridays" Celebrated in Leonardtown

Rediscover the treasures of Leonardtown! On the first Friday evening of each month, 5 PM-8 PM, many Town businesses come together to offer shopping and dining specials, gallery receptions, live music, wine tastings, cooking classes, and more! Check [www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com) regularly for monthly updates and a list of participating businesses in Downtown Leonardtown, Uptown Leonardtown, Breton Marketplace, the Maryland Antiques Center Complex, the Port of Leonardtown Winery, and the new Leonardtown Arts Center. "First Fridays" are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association.



## Twilight Performance Series

Enjoy the melodic sounds of CSM's Twilight Performance Series at the Leonardtown Campus. Bring the family and a lawn chair or blanket. The concerts are free and begin at 6:45 PM on the following Tuesdays in July:  
July 12: Fitzmaurice Band  
July 19: Adrian Duke's Jazztet  
July 26: Another Level

Log on to [www.csm.edu/Arts/TwilightSeries/index.html](http://www.csm.edu/Arts/TwilightSeries/index.html) for performance highlights.

## Sunrise YOGA at the Wharf

Connect with Saturday morning Yoga, waterside at Leonardtown Wharf on July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM-8:30 AM, weather permitting. Bring a mat, water, hand towel, and a non-perishable food donation for local soup kitchens and food banks. For more information visit [www.somd.somdyoga.com](http://www.somd.somdyoga.com) or contact Pat Whitmer at 301-373-8850.



## "The Music Man"

Local youth will charm you as they perform the Summerstock musical "The Music Man". This entertaining show will be presented the weekends of July 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at Great Mills High School. Contact Recreation and Parks at 301-475-4200, ext. 1800 for show times and to purchase tickets.

## Downtown Tunes

Gary Rue and Dance Hall Ghost will perform old rock-n-roll and a country mix in the Town Square on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. GeeZer and The 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band will team up on August 27<sup>th</sup> to wind-down the 2011 series with classic rock favorites. Downtown Tunes begins at 6 PM. For more information, contact Robin Guyther at 301-904-4452.



Sounds by Country Memories were enjoyed during the 2011 Downtown Tunes series opener on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## National Night Out

The Leonardtown Village and Leonard's Freehold communities will celebrate National Night Out with a cookout and block party on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> between 5 PM-9 PM. This nationwide event is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness while strengthening police-community partnerships. For details visit [www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp](http://www.firstsheriff.com/nationalnightout.asp) or call 301-475-9005.

## Special August 5<sup>th</sup> "First Friday" Celebration

The August 5<sup>th</sup> "First Friday" will kick-off Leonardtown's Beach Party on the Square event. Music in the Square will feature the Yeh Jazz Trio and the Pax Rats.

Visit any participating "First Friday" business between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> to get your ticket to win a Fuji Crosstown Comfort Bicycle or a Longaberger Summer Lovin' Village Basket filled with gifts and gift certificates donated by the LBA and Leonardtown businesses and restaurants. Two winning tickets will be drawn at 7:30 PM in the Town Square on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. A purchase is not necessary, but you must be present to win!



## Beach Party on the Square



It's summer and that means it's time for Leonardtown's annual "Beach Party on the Square" on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM - 9 PM. Live music by St. Mary's County's dynamic 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band will get you up and dancing in the streets! There's fun around every corner with Mr. Magic, dance performers, sand volleyball play, fire truck hose downs, kids sand play, waterslide, moon bounce, face-painting, balloon twisting, jump rope, hula hoop, and limbo contests, classic cars, arts, crafts, food and more! Stroll to Leonardtown Wharf Park for more activities and kayaking on Breton Bay! Check the Town website or contact the Town Office for details and a performance schedule.

New this year! The Leonardtown and Lexington Park Rotary Clubs have joined together to present the exciting *Running of the Balls* at 7 PM! The first 30 balls in the chute win a prize - the grand prize is \$1,500. Will your golf ball be the first to roll into the chute at the bottom of Fenwick Street Hill? You can adopt your golf ball by visiting [www.runningoftheballs.org](http://www.runningoftheballs.org) or at the Beach Party event. Proceeds will benefit local charities.



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

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *L'il Margaret's Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival* will be held August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Come on down to the Goddard Farm off Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown. For tickets, performance schedule, directions, overnight camping, and other details visit [www.lilmargaretsbluegrass.com](http://www.lilmargaretsbluegrass.com) or call 301-475-8191.

## Walk a Mile in My Shoes

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Friends of the Poor Walk" to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society begins at 9 AM on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Father Andrew White School and proceeds into downtown Historic Leonardtown. Contact Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or visit [www.walkforthe poor.com](http://www.walkforthe poor.com) to register or make a pledge. Registration on walk day begins at 7:30 AM.

## Blues Jam

Bob Schaller will host the 2nd Quinquennial (happening every 5 years) *Blues Jam* on the Square in Leonardtown on Friday evening, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM-8:30 PM. Bob and friends will showcase a true American roots art form – the blues, which brought us jazz, swing, country, and ultimately rock and roll. The first blues jam held in August, 2006 was the precursor to Downtown Tunes. Much has happened since. The following evening, Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, GeeZer and the 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band wrap up the 2011 Downtown Tunes season at 6 PM.



## "Fall Follies" Crafts Fair

Check out *Fall Follies* on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-3 PM in downtown Leonardtown for a great selection of local art, crafts, pottery, ceramics, baskets, paintings, woodwork, stained glass, jewelry, quilts, needlework, and more handcrafts. A perfect time to shop for yourself or a special gift! For more information call 301-997-1644 or visit the Crafts Guild of St. Mary's at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, behind the Maryland Antiques Center. *Rain date: Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## A Taste of St. Mary's



*A Taste of St. Mary's* returns to the Leonardtown Square on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 5 PM. Get to know some of St. Mary's County restaurants and caterers as they offer sample-sized portions of their scrumptious specialties for a nominal \$1-\$3. A relaxing afternoon of fine food, friends and music! This event is sponsored by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce. Go to [www.smcchamber.com](http://www.smcchamber.com) or call 301-737-3001 for more details.

## St. Mary's County Fair

You know the fall season has arrived when the gates open for the *St. Mary's County Fair!* Come to the County Fairgrounds and be a part of the 65<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of St. Mary's rural life and heritage Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>-Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Fair Parade on Saturday starts at 10:30 AM! Exhibit entry details, entertainment schedule, and other useful information can be found in the 2011 Fair Catalog, [www.smcfair.somd.com](http://www.smcfair.somd.com) or by calling 301-475-2256.

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## Mayor

J. Harry Norris, III

## Town Council

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Kyle Shepherd, *Operator Trainee*

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Jean Moulds, *Chair*  
John "Jack" Candela  
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Glen Mattingly

## Board of Appeals

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

## Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19.

## Contact the Town:

Commissioners of Leonardtown  
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41660 Courthouse Drive  
P.O. Box 1  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Phone: 301-475-9791  
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E-Mail: [Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net](mailto:Leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net)  
Website: [Leonardtown.somd.com](http://Leonardtown.somd.com)

# Come On Out!

## Leonardtown Arts Center

Have you seen the newly inspired *Leonardtown Arts Center*? Adults and children can watch brilliant artists as they work on their creations and get an opportunity to participate in everything from painting to acting classes. Artworks are also available for purchase from each studio. "Second Sundays" at the Arts Center are special, where you will find a reception, refreshments and featured artists anxious to tell you about their work. The Arts Center is located on the upper floor of the Court Square building at 22660 Washington Street. Contact Joe Orlando at 301-475-2859 for details.



With a little coaching by artist Pamela Callen, 5-year-old Ava Jones enjoys adding her personal touch to this landscape oil painting during her recent visit to the Leonardtown Arts Center.

## Antique Tractor Parade

The 2011 *Antique Tractor Parade* will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Town Square. Take a close look at these incredible machines during the tractor display around the Town Square immediately following the parade. The Southern Maryland Antique Power Association sponsors the parade to benefit the Christmas in April Foundation. To enter your tractor, contact Walter Neal at 301-904-3491.

## Kayaking and Canoeing

The Patuxent Adventure Center makes it easy for you to embrace the scenery and summer sunsets on the waters of Breton Bay at Leonardtown Wharf Park and McIntosh Run at the Port of Leonardtown. Two-hour rentals are available for a single kayak, a tandem kayak, a canoe, and a stand up



paddleboard. Hours are Wednesdays-Fridays 3 PM-7 PM, Saturdays 11 AM-7 PM, and Sundays 11 AM-5 PM. Reservations are recommended, but not required. Contact the Patuxent Adventure Center at 410-394-2770 or go online to [www.paxadventure.com](http://www.paxadventure.com) for your day of paddling and seeing the sights. You can also launch your own kayak or canoe!

## St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

Experience the excitement of the National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook-off at the *St. Mary's County Oyster Festival*! The festival will be held Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM-6 PM at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. For more information visit [www.usoysterfest.com](http://www.usoysterfest.com) or call 301-863-5015.



## Make-Your-Own Scarecrow

Create your life-sized scarecrow with the St. Mary's Crafts Guild in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. All supplies needed are included with your \$8 fee. Those amazing scarecrows look absolutely perfect on a front porch! For all ages. Call 301-997-1644 for details.

## Trick-or-Treat on the Square

Hey kids! Slip into your favorite Halloween costume and promenade around Leonardtown Square to collect treats from participating merchants on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> between 3 PM and 4 PM! Bring a goodie bag! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information call 301-475-9791.

## Veterans Day Parade Now Forming

It's time to get your marching groups, floats, cars and clubs registered for the 2011 annual *Veterans Day Parade*! Parade entry forms must be received by October 15<sup>th</sup>. To request a parade entry form or to volunteer with parade line-up, contact Tom Warren, Parade Organizer at [tom\\_warren55@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_warren55@hotmail.com) or the Town Office at 301-475-9791. The annual *Veterans Day Parade* in Leonardtown begins at 10 AM on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM-9 PM for Leonardtown's Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting event! Enjoy seasonal music, holiday entertainment, and Santa's arrival! Watch the Town website at [www.leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com) for further details.

## LVRSA Christmas Festival

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary is planning its 2011 "*Christmas Festival*" for Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Winegardner Auto showroom. Contact Ricky Chesser at [rchesser@milcorp.com](mailto:rchesser@milcorp.com) if you would like to donate a decorated Christmas tree or wreath for display and auction.

## Seeking Performers and Volunteers!

The Town is always seeking new entertainment and talent to perform during Leonardtown events! It's a win-win effort! We can help you by giving you the opportunity to perform – you can help us by donating your performance! We would like to hear from interested performers, musicians, dancers, jugglers, clowns or other family-oriented artists. We also welcome volunteers at our many events! Contact Linda Shepherd, PR and Event Coordinator, at 301-475-9791 or [leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net](mailto:leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net) for performance and volunteer opportunities with the Town.



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## Park Reservations

During the May 2011 Town Council meeting, a reservation fee for use of the Town Square and Leonardtown parks, including Leonardtown Wharf Park and the Port of Leonardtown, was established for all events that are not sponsored by the Town or the Leonardtown Business Association. The fee structure of \$75 for events with less than 75 people and \$150 for events with more than 75 people is effective immediately, and was put into place to help offset rising costs of hosting events.

## Leonardtown on the Web

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

# Community Highlights

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice



Despite threatening weather, over 2,500 participants turned out for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual 10-K Run and 5-K Run/Walk for Hospice on April 16, 2011. The participants, along with dozens of civic groups and hundreds of volunteers, raised more than \$55,000 to support Hospice of St. Mary's County. Visit [www.runforhospice.org](http://www.runforhospice.org) for information, race details and photos.

## Earth Day Celebration

Leonardtown's 2011 Earth Day celebration saw its largest attendance ever, with over 2,500 people strolling throughout the Town Square and Leonardtown Wharf Park. Entertainment throughout the day included live music, dance performances, a puppet show, seated massage, face painting, nature crafts, kayak rides on Breton Bay and more! Exhibitors were on sight to answer questions



and provide facts about animal rescue, wildlife protection, organic gardening, recycling, land and water conservation and preservation of our environment. Many thanks to Valerie Deptula for chairing and organizing this event for the past 12 years!



## March of Dimes Walk



The March of Dimes Annual Southern Maryland "March for Babies" walk saw over 350 walkers in the streets of downtown Leonardtown on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Working together for the cause, walkers and sponsors raised over \$94,000 to support the March of Dimes and healthy babies.

## Spring Fling XXVI Classic Car Show

Hot rods, trendy cars, and fancy trucks lined the Town Square during the May 1<sup>st</sup> "Spring Fling" Classic Car Show in Leonardtown. Over 2,500 spectators spent a leisurely day enjoying the sunshine and



checking out the 315 classic and antique beauties on display. The St. Mary's Rod & Classic Club sponsors this event to benefit several St. Mary's County charities.

## Leonardtown Criterium Bicycle Races



What a thrill it was to watch cyclists race through Town at speeds up to 30 mph during the 14<sup>th</sup> running of the Leonardtown Criterium bicycle races on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Patuxent Velo Bicycle Racing Club sponsored this cycling event to support St. Mary's Special Olympics, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Visit [www.paxvelo.com](http://www.paxvelo.com) for more information.

## Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis



Over \$40,000 was raised during the Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Leonardtown. Organizers were overcome with emotion when Australian music artist Lee Collier, made a surprise visit at Leonardtown Wharf Park to sing her original "65 Roses" song, about a little girl's pronunciation of her sister's Cystic Fibrosis. Visit [www.cff.org/Chapters/metrodc](http://www.cff.org/Chapters/metrodc) for details.

## Annual SMC Crab Festival

Festival-goers enjoyed tasty crabs, music, entertainment and shopping for local crafts during the St. Mary's County Crab Festival on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This annual festival is sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club.



## Flying the Red, White and Blue



On June 14<sup>th</sup>, patriotic music, a flag-raising, color guard pass, and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance highlighted the 2011 celebration of *Flag Day* on the Governmental Center lawns. Students of Piney Point Elementary and Ridge Schools performed a tribute of patriotic songs, while dignitaries and grateful people gathered together to reflect on our freedom and our Nation's Flag.

## River Concert Series on Location in Leonardtown Square

A great crowd came out to enjoy Bach and rock performed by the St. Mary's College Jazz Band during the July 9<sup>th</sup> River Concert Series in the Town Square.



## Leonardtown Businesses Receive Chamber Business Awards

Congratulations to the following Leonardtown Businesses, who were recognized at the 2011 Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase:

*Olde Town Pub*, recipient of the Emerging Award recognizing a new business that has demonstrated growth and is committed to establishing a quality product and service.

*Olde Towne Insurance Agency, Inc.*, recipient of the Beacon Award recognizing a small business for excellence in its industry, growth, service and involvement in the community.

*St. Mary's Hospital*, recipient of the Lighthouse Award recognizing the hospital's remarkable history of addressing the health care needs of our community. St. Mary's Hospital will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012.



From left: Chris Longmore, Chamber Board Chair; Christine Wray, St. Mary's Hospital; John MacDonald, Olde Town Pub; Dan Burris, Olde Towne Insurance Agency, Inc. and Loretta & Frank Taylor, Taylor Gas Co., of Lexington Park (Community Service Award)

## "A Big Thank You!"

Over the last several months, former councilmember Bob Combs has given countless hours of creativity, oversight and hard work to construct the new Port of Leonardtown Park. This labor of love has resulted in a beautiful passive park with walking paths, stream overlooks, benches and beautiful landscaping for all Leonardtown residents to enjoy. A new canoe/kayak launch was also constructed for experienced paddlers and newcomers alike. The



park is a perfect accent to the Port of Leonardtown Winery which opened in May of 2010. Funding for the park was made possible by a Community Parks and Playground grant from the Dept. of Natural Resources and matching funding from the Commissioners of Leonardtown. Stop by and

wander along McIntosh Run or enjoy a relaxing picnic and be sure to give Bob a big thank you the next time you see him.

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## News from the Leonardtown Business Association

Do you enjoy showcasing your business, networking with other business men and women, finding new advertising opportunities, participating in "First Friday" activities, and keeping current on Leonardtown projects? If yes, then the LBA is your source! Visit the LBA website at [www.thelba.org](http://www.thelba.org) or contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at [dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com](mailto:dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com) for membership details.

## Update Regarding Change to Residential Water and Sewer Rate Structure

Effective October 1, 2011, the rate structure for all residential water and sewer customers will change from a flat rate to one based on metered water consumption. Over the last nine months, individual consumption data has been collected from residential water meters and will be used to develop a new rate structure over the next three months. The rate structure is likely to include a fixed customer charge plus a tiered consumption charge. The primary objective of this new rate structure is to tie customers' charges to their usage so everyone pays their "fair share". A bonus result from adopting this type of rate structure should be a reduction in water use for Leonardtown as a whole as customers are more apt to recognize wasteful practices. Reduction in water volume extends the life expectancy of existing infrastructure and delays the need to build additional wells or water towers. Adding new infrastructure ultimately affects customer charges, so maximizing existing system resources is for the benefit of all customers. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Sothoron at the Town Office.



Reduce water usage and contribute to protecting this precious resource for future generations!

## Trash Pickup and Recycling Reminders

**Residential trash** is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash totes should be set out the night before or by 6 AM on the day of pick-up.

The next quarterly **bulk trash** pickup date is Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bulk trash items will be collected at the same time as your regular trash on this day.

**Residential recycling** is picked up on Wednesdays. Recycling totes should be set out the night before or by 6 AM the day of pick-up. Please recycle, and teach your children the importance of recycling too!

Log on to [www.leonardtown.somd.com/services](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com/services) for more information on Leonardtown's trash service, bulk trash, holiday pickup, and acceptable recyclables.

Goode Trash Removal will operate on its regular Tuesday and Friday trash pick-up day, and Wednesday recycling day during the weeks containing Labor Day, Veterans Day, and Christmas holidays.

Look for the Recycling emblem on all your disposables!  
It's easy to recycle with single stream recycling!

## Commercial Customer Recycling

Commercial customers interested in comingled recycling service should contact Jackie Post at 301-475-9791 for more information and to schedule your recycling service needs.



## "GOING GREEN" IN LEONARDTOWN

### Have You Considered Installing a Rain Barrel?

Rain barrels have become increasingly popular these days. An environmentally friendly choice, rain barrels store and use rainwater that is typically lost during runoff to water garden plants and wash cars. They save money, too, considering that we use 40% of our water caring for plants and lawns during the summer months. With the new meter usage rate structure going into effect in October here in Leonardtown this is a great time to install a rain barrel and keep your water usage to a minimum while still having a green lawn and lush flower beds.

Decorative rain barrels prevent polluted water from entering streams and other natural water resources. The first few inches of rain runoff are the most polluted - stormwater carries whatever pollutants (herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste, etc.) it picks up along the way and deposits them into our streams and eventually the Bay.

How much water can you collect? Typically, for every inch of rain received, about 600 gallons of water can drain from every 1,000 square foot of roof area.

Rain barrels are usually placed under downspouts and homeowners may choose to link several rain barrels together to increase storage capacity. More information can be easily found on the internet and a large variety of styles and sizes of rain barrels can be ordered online or purchased locally.



## REMEMBERING WHEN . . . *The North End*

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painter and boat builder, he built one of the first hydro-plane type speed boats in the county and christened it "The Mad Guy". He and "The Mad Guy" could be seen and heard racing up and down Breton Bay on those long ago summer evenings of the early 50's; in fact we sometimes still see him when we look over Breton Bay, even through the mist of all those years.

A project of which Frank was especially proud was printing of the West Point Graduation Class of 1915 thirty-fifth reunion book. He took on the project at the request of Hume C. Peabody, a resident of St. Mary's County and retired USAF Brigadier General and a member of the Class of 1915. Due to the number of graduates who achieved the rank of General, the class of 1915 became known as "the class the stars fell on" and included Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Omar Bradley. When General Peabody received kudos from his classmates for the quality of the year book, he informed them that it had been done by a friend of his, an "old country printer". Frank was especially proud of the old country printer label.

It was at *The North End Print Shop* that we learned oral history with topics ranging from baseball to fires in and about town, harboring neighborhood skeletons long in the closet but not forgotten. Frank was also a Charter Member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. For many, it was Frank who took us to our first major league baseball game at Griffith Stadium in the Nation's Capitol, taught us to fish or use a push net in an attempt to snag a soft crab at Foxwell's Point. Lunch time often extended several hours at the *The North End Print Shop* on a summer afternoon as we regaled in listening to Frank's recitation of his favorite trilogy: "The Cremation of Sam McGee", "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and "Casey At The Bat".

When the spirits really moved him, Frank would throw in that ode to the drinking man's favorite Mona Lisa, "The Face On the Bar Room Floor". The luncheon menu varied and frog legs were not unusual.

Baseball was big in the early part of the last century. Leonardtown's men's baseball team was among the best. Weekend games were played on the Leonard Hall Field. Teams

came from as far away as the Northern Neck of Virginia and Washington, D.C. to do battle with the Leonardtown nine. For many years Frank was the hometown umpire. His letter of resignation as head umpire was of local news when he wrote that for the benefit and advancement of local baseball he was resigning because "a large percentage of the fans, as well as a few players, possess a perfect optical view at all times and so thoroughly familiar with baseball rules and regulations that to satisfy all is utterly impossible".

Frank Guy died on July 23, 1981 at the age of 77 and was laid to rest at St. Aloysius Cemetery here in Leonardtown.

Thanks for the Memories . . .

*Second in a Series submitted by Ernie Bell*

## Leonardtown's Valerie Deptula attends An Herb Pharm Experience 2011 Summer Education Summit in Oregon

In recognition of the growth and success of her Leonardtown business, the *Good Earth Natural Foods Company*, Valerie Deptula was honored as one of the ten retailers nationwide selected to join Herb Pharm in Williams, Oregon, June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. This all-expense paid excursion and herbally rich event allowed Valerie to experience first-hand, the harvesting of herbs on the 85 acre Oregon Tilth certified organic farm, to tour the Botanical Sciences Laboratory, and to gain further insight about herbal extracts, oils, and more. Visit the Good Earth Natural Foods Company on the web at [www.goodearthnaturals.com](http://www.goodearthnaturals.com) or on location at 41675 Park Avenue in Leonardtown.



## Leonardtown's Park Avenue Executive Inn and Suites hosts the U19 Scottish National Women's Lacrosse Team

While on their Pre-World Championship Tour in April 2011, Scotland's U19 National Squad enjoyed a week of hospitality and much needed slumber at Leonardtown's Park Avenue Executive Inn and Suites. The team's stick skills held on for a victory over the local Southern Maryland Jets with a game played at Dorsey Park. The team also travelled to Baltimore and Annapolis for scheduled lacrosse competitions. For your stay in Leonardtown, contact the Executive Inn & Suites at [www.execinnparkave.com](http://www.execinnparkave.com) or 301-475-3000.



Scotland's U19 National Squad gathered for a photo before leaving Leonardtown and returning to Scotland, with sights on winning the 2011 World Cup in August.

## The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of 2011 Holidays:

September 5  
November 11  
November 24  
November 25  
December 26

Labor Day  
Veteran's Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Holiday

Summer 2011





# Town Tidbits

## The North End Gallery is Celebrating!

Twenty-five years ago a group of talented artists got together with an idea. That idea grew into the *North End Gallery*, and this September is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Gallery.



The May 6<sup>th</sup> show "From the Hands of Babes" featured artwork by Ann Crain, Mickey Kunkle and Diana Manchak.

The September 2nd *First Friday* will highlight this year of celebrating. The Gallery will hold an extra special reception featuring food, wine and special gifts for our patrons. Gallery members know that the longevity of the North End Gallery wouldn't have been possible without the support of the community and at this event the gallery wants to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the wonderful people that have come out repeatedly to receptions and purchased art for themselves and their friends over the years.

## Town Square Farmer's Market

Find farm fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, jams and home baked pastries at the Town Square Farmer's Market, open every Friday from 11 AM – 5 PM through the fall, weather permitting.



## Where Art & Agriculture Meet

What happens when a group of local sheep, goat, alpaca, and rabbit farmers, plus a few fiber artists gather together? Well, they become Fuzzy Farmers, of course, and they can't wait to show you their handcrafted fiber art, jewelry, shawls, bags, baskets, snow-dyed silk scarves, rag rugs, blankets, kitchen towels, home accents, figurines, goats milk soap and much more! There's also handspun yarn and dyed fiber ready to knit, crochet, spin, and felt. You will find the Fuzzy Farmers Market located at 22696 Washington Street on the Town Square, or check [fuzzyfarmersmarket.com](http://fuzzyfarmersmarket.com) online. If you're looking for unique, high quality items to give or to keep, visit the Fuzzy Farmers today! 301-475-FUZZ (3899)



Meet the Fuzzy Farmers: Pictured left to right: Misti Dayton, Barbara Ferrante, Annette Samouris, Rosemary Bailey, Arlene Dodson, Lyn Wescoe, Dee Anderson. Not pictured are Sara Lasher and Sue Sloan.

## Unique Designs – Event Decorations

You're ready for a celebration, and Unique Designs is eager to assist you in planning your special event! Select from handcrafted table centerpieces, arches, columns, backdrops and more to enhance your special occasion. Call 240-561-5347 or stop by Unique Designs, Monday-Saturday, at 41635 Fenwick Street. Owner, Stacie Baker is anxious to show you around and offer her decorating ideas!



## Summer Reading Programs at the Leonardtown Library



Babies through teens can participate in the summer reading programs at the Leonardtown Library and earn prizes for completing fun activities. The summer programs end August 13<sup>th</sup>, but you can always stop by the Library or visit the library's website at [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) for a complete list of programs being offered for the fall.

## Get your Leonardtown Tote Bag!

Your Leonardtown pride will show when sporting our new, exclusive tote bag! Imprinted with Leonardtown's new logo, the tote is great for errands around Town, shopping, gift-giving, and many other functions! Get your tote for only \$5 at various Leonardtown businesses and LBA-sponsored events.



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