

Leonardtowntown BEACON

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Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY-EVERY MONTH

Celebration of "First Fridays"
Historic downtown and uptown
Leonardtowntown

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Leonardtowntown Square

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Leonardtowntown Square

NOVEMBER 23

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Leonardtowntown Square

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Leonardtowntown Square

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Earth Day Celebration
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Father Andrew White School Recognized as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School

Father Andrew White School was among the 269 schools nationwide recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School on September 7, 2012. The announcement was made to the students that same day, just after the first Mass of the school year.

The National Blue Ribbon School award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where the performance by students are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Father Andrew White School was honored for its academic excellence in the category of "Exemplary High Performing". This high achieving category is measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests, meaning that the students either scored in the top 10 percent of schools nationally in both reading and math or in the top 10 percent on assessments for the highest grade in the school compared to the national norms.

A celebration to uncover the "Blue Ribbon Award Banner" was held at the school on Wednesday, September 26th. Students acknowledged the award by wearing "blue ribbon" tee shirts, cheering and sporting blue pom poms. The festivities concluded with a blue and white balloon release that embellished the gymnasium. Many former teachers came out

to rejoice with the students and faculty in this exciting occasion. Deacon Bert L'Homme, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Washington, was in attendance and read a congratulatory letter from Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington.

Leonardtowntown's Mayor Dan Burris, along with County Commissioner President Jack Russell and Delegate John Bohanan were also present to deliver proclamations. A United States Flag that had flown over the U. S. Capitol was sent by Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senator Roy Dyson sent his congratulations.

Mrs. Linda Maloney, Principal of the school, commented that she is "very proud of this award and that it really is an honor to receive it." She also stated that "this is a team award representing the hard work of our staff, faculty, priests, and

families that sacrifice for the quality education of their children at Father Andrew White School." Mrs. Maloney added that "Father John Dakes, who has wonderfully supported the school over the past 7 years, is thrilled with the award."

Mrs. Maloney, Ms. Chas Johnson and Ms. Heather Francisco, teachers at the school, spent many hours completing the Blue Ribbon School application. These ladies will attend a recognition ceremony in Washington, DC on

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Mayor's Message



There are many things that make Leonardtown a wonderful place to live, work and play. One of the distinguishing assets of the Town is its two plus miles of pristine waterfront. This property is known as the Leonardtown Wharf and the Tudor Hall Farm. This resource is the most valued real estate in the Town's control and will, through its sensitive development for public use, be a major town asset for the future. As waterfront property has become increasingly attractive to development, the Town needs to establish guidelines that direct and define appropriate use, location, access and design of improvements.



In 2006 the Town hired a consultant, Crozier Associates, to prepare phase one of the Leonardtown Waterfront Plan. Since that time the Leonardtown Wharf Public Park has successfully opened. The funding commitment for that project included economic development as a vital part of the future plan. As we start the planning for the balance of that property and the larger Tudor Hall Farm development we have once again enlisted the help of Crozier Associates to develop phase two of this important plan.

As we work through the completion of this process over the next couple of months we will hold public meetings to review the draft and receive input on the plan. This plan is vitally important to the future of the Town and its residents. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dan Burris
Daniel W. Burris, Mayor



Leonardtown Beacon

What Treasure Will You Discover During Leonardtown "First Fridays"?



Each month, many Leonardtown shops, art galleries, and restaurants celebrate "First Fridays" by staying open later and offering customer discounts, live music, gallery receptions, dining specials, wine-tastings, book signings, cooking classes and more! Check leonardtownfirstfridays.com regularly for "First Fridays" events 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 Leonardtown Arts Center. "First Fridays" are sponsored in cooperation with the Leonardtown Business Association.

Trick-or-Treat Fun on the Square

Enjoy family fun in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 27th from 1 PM-3 PM. Kids can dress in their favorite costume and enjoy trick-or-treating our downtown merchants, making a life-size scarecrow with the St. Mary's Craft Guild, and voting for their favorite pet in SMAWL's pet costume contest.

Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while trick-or-treating around the Square. An \$8 fee to cover materials is requested for each scarecrow.



Meet the Mayor

Share your stories, comments, suggestions, concerns, or just about anything you would like to discuss with Leonardtown's Mayor, Dan Burris.

Mayor Burris says that communication is key to keeping Leonardtown an attractive, busy and viable town and he would like to hear from you on ideas to continue positive growth in a fashion that fits our community's needs. The best part of living in a small town is the opportunity to work toward enriching each other's lives and to strengthen the connections of our community.

Schedules can be hectic, so Mayor Burris has established a set time immediately following the regular Town Council meetings (held on the second Monday of every month at 4 PM) to be available for a half-hour after the meeting. This is your time to meet the Mayor.

Salute America's Veterans! Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Ceremony

Join us on Sunday, November 11th in the Leonardtown Square to celebrate and recognize generations of bravery and dedication to our Country during the 37th Annual St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade! The parade begins at 10 AM on Fenwick Street, proceeds to the Town Square on Washington Street and ends at Courthouse Drive. Free hand-held American flags will be dispersed among the crowd. Wave your flag high as the many Veterans, school bands, bagpipers, youth and civic organizations, cheerleaders, dance troupes, motorcycles, antique cars, horses, and others pass by!



Following the parade, all are encouraged to linger in the Town Square for a poignant Memorial Ceremony in honor of our Veterans, featuring patriotic music, guest speakers, a fly-over and laying of wreaths on the war monuments.

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

If You Are Watching the Parade:

This popular event draws thousands of spectators. Parade organizers are asking the public and participants to help with organization and traffic flow as follows:

- + **Spectators** are encouraged to park at the SMC Fairgrounds and take the free round-trip shuttle buses into the downtown. Thanks to generous sponsors such as the St. Mary's County Public Schools, St. Mary's County Department of Public Works, Computer Science Corporation (CSC-Lexington Park), and Millison Management Company, we are able to provide more shuttles this year.
- + **If You Are in the Parade:**
- + **Parade vehicles** (fire trucks, floats, classic cars, etc.) horses, groups with large props or instruments (such as bagpipers) and groups arriving by bus (such as marching bands) should report directly to the staging area at St. Mary's Ryken High School. Drivers attempting to drop off parade walkers at this location will be redirected to Leonardtown Middle School to board the shuttle buses to St. Mary's Ryken.
- + **All other walkers or participants** who are arriving by individual vehicles (such as dance troupes, boy scouts, girl scouts, non-profit organizations, individual walkers, etc.) should meet up with their group leader at Leonardtown Middle School to board the shuttle buses to St. Mary's Ryken High School.

Antique Show & Sale

Leonard Hall Jr. Naval Academy will hold its annual Antique Show & Sale on Saturday, November 17th, 9 AM-5 PM and Sunday, November 18th, 10 AM-3 PM in the Leonard Hall Recreation Center located at 23115 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. \$5 admission. This annual fundraiser helps to support LHJNA. Visit lhjna.com or call LHJNA at 301-475-8029 for details.

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

The holiday season begins in Leonardtown when Santa arrives for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, November 23rd in the Town Square. The festivities begin at 5 PM with holiday music, entertainment, horse and carriage rides, sleigh rides, train rides, hayrides, live nativity, petting zoo, face painting, children's crafts, hot drinks, fresh kettle corn and other fun activities! Many downtown restaurants and shops around the Town Square will be open and decorated for your holiday enjoyment. For easier access into the downtown, park at the College of Southern Maryland and take the free, round-trip shuttle bus service.



The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Leonardtown Business Association, and the Commissioners of Leonardtown sponsor this exciting holiday event. Check leonardtown.somd.com to watch for details. (Raindate: Saturday, November 24th at 7 PM – Tree Lighting only.)

LVRSA Christmas Festival

Stop by the annual Christmas Festival sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary on Friday, November 23rd at the Winegardner Auto showroom on the Square in Leonardtown. Activities include decorated Christmas trees and wreaths, a holiday train display, face painting, a silent auction and a wagon of toys raffle. Donations accepted. For more information, contact Ricky Chesser at rchesser@milcorp.com or 240-298-5310.



Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square

Kids of all ages! Santa and Mrs. Claus return to the Town Square on Saturday, December 15th from 11 AM-1 PM. Grab your wish list and stop by for a visit. Bring your own camera for photos. (In the event of inclement weather, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be in the Winegardner Auto showroom.)

North End Gallery Annual All-Member Holiday Show

The "26th Annual Holiday Show" will be on display from November 20th through December 31st at the **North End Gallery**. Many of the talented artists will attend the Holiday Reception on Friday, December 7th from 5 PM-8 PM. Meet the artists, hear about their artistic inspiration and see fascinating artwork. Oftentimes, you can meet the artists on weekends and during monthly First Fridays receptions held throughout the year. The **North End Gallery** is Leonardtown's oldest art gallery. For special holiday hours, a monthly show schedule, and a list of member artists, visit the Gallery at 41652 Fenwick Street in downtown Leonardtown, go online to northendgallery.org or call 301-475-3130.



Katy Boyd enjoyed hearing about painting techniques and meeting tidewater artist Jim Kinnett during a recent visit to the North End Gallery.

Showcase Saturdays at Maryland Antiques Center

The **Maryland Antiques Center** invites you to a "Holiday Open House" on Saturday, December 1st, 10 AM-5 PM. Enjoy seasonal music, refreshments and a visit with Santa while browsing a variety of antiques and local art. The Tea Room will be open for lunch. Be sure to check out the neighboring Craft Guild Shop and Shelby's Custom Framing & Art to find more handcrafted items and original artworks.

On the third Saturday of each month, the shops will host "Showcase Saturdays", highlighting different time periods and interests. The **Maryland Antiques Center** complex is located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown. Check marylandantiquescenter.com or call 301-475-1960.

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Daniel W. Burris

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. Oct. 8, Nov. 13*, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11. *Tuesday meeting due to Monday holiday.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 22*, Feb 19*, Mar. 18. *Tuesday meeting due to Monday holiday.

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Leonardtown "First Fridays"

The First Fridays Committee was busy hosting special events all summer, including live bands, a special raffle drawing, a Hope Phones charity drive, and Info Share on the Square. New activities kicking off the fall season included carriage rides by Suttler Post Farms and a Pink Friday theme in October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to benefit the "Sisters with Bracatude": three local breast cancer survivors raising money for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The theme for November and December is Festive First Fridays!



Pink flamingoes flocked the Town for the October 5th Pink Friday.

River Concert Series on Location

A "River Concert Series on Location" in the Leonardtown Square was presented by the St. Mary's River Concert Brass Ensemble on Saturday, July 7th. These talented musicians performed a variety of popular selections throughout the evening. Maestro Jeff Silberschlag joined the group to play lead trumpet during the selection of "Maria" from the musical *West Side Story*.



Tuning in to Downtown Tunes

Much needed rain postponed the August 25th "Downtown Tunes" into the Labor Day weekend, but that little delay didn't hinder the turnout or the rock-n-roll tunes by GeeZer. Many thanks to Downtown Tunes coordinator, Robin Guyther, who is already planning great outdoor music for the summer of 2013.

Beach Party on the Square

"Beach Party on the Square" was celebrated all over town on Saturday, August 4th. The Town Square crowd enjoyed cooling off with hose downs provided by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, looking up to stilt-walker Philip DePalo, experimenting with Mad Science, and line dancing with our emcee, Pam Veitch. The scenic view, water slide and waterman's demonstration were popular attractions at Leonardtown Wharf Park, while 1812 re-enactors drew others to Tudor Hall, adding some local history to the day. Many thanks to all our Beach Party on the Square participants, sponsors, vendors and performers!



Rally to Leonardtown

The first "Rally to Leonardtown" walking poker run to support Vacations for Vets was held in the Town Square on Friday, August 17th. ABATE and several other organizations provided volunteers to operate playing tables sponsored by downtown businesses, while participants enjoyed prizes and music by *The Rum Runners*. Proceeds were shared between the Southern Maryland Vacations for Vets and the Greenwell Foundation to provide wounded troops and their families a fun, relaxing vacation at Greenwell State Park.



Fall Follies

"Fall Follies on the Square" is known for its annual showing of art, crafts and skilled artisans. Browsers enjoyed shopping for gifts, talking with friends, listening to music by GeeZer, and just being outside on the warm, sunny day of September 8th. Fall Follies is sponsored by the St. Mary's Craft Guild. The craft shop is located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, where you can find specialty and handcrafted items and craft classes throughout the year. Check craftguildshop.com or call 301-997-1644.



A Taste of St. Mary's

Delicious food samples were offered by local restaurants partaking in the annual Taste of St. Mary's around the Town Square on September 16th. The event sponsor, St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, estimates that 3,000 people were in attendance for this savory and entertaining event. smcchamber.com

The Island Bar & Crab House won Best Entrée for their famous crab cakes and Best Dessert for their pirate's pie; *Stoney's Seafood House* won Best Appetizer (crab cake slider) and Best Specialty Item (mini rockfish gyro); and *The Tides Restaurant* won the People's Choice award.



St. Mary's County Fair

Leonardtown Commissioners Leslie Roberts, Hayden Hammett and Jay Mattingly, followed by Mayor Dan Burris, delighted the kids with candy during the 2012 Fair Parade on September 22nd. Contact John Richards at info@smcfair.somd.com if you would like to volunteer at the SMC Fair.



Antique Tractor Parade

A parade of antique tractors in the Town Square on Sunday, October 14th, brought the sights, sounds, and to some, memories of earlier days. This event was sponsored by the Southern Maryland Antique Power Association to benefit the Christmas in April Foundation.



Highlights

Cart Cruz at Leonardtown

A pageant of decorated golf carts followed behind the Antique Tractor Parade for the Cart Cruz sponsored by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. Many spectators strolled over to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire House for an oyster scald after the parade.



Leonardtown Business Association News

The Leonardtown Business Association welcomes the following new members: Bellarus Boutique; Hamilton Acupuncture & Chinese Herbal Center; Olde Towne Stitchery; Salsa's Mexican Café; The Hair Company; and True Value.

Current LBA members: it's time to renew your LBA membership, due on January 1, 2013

LBA members can showcase their business, network with others, take advantage of cooperative advertising opportunities and participate in monthly First Fridays. Informational updates include Town Council news, Leonardtown projects, and reports from County representatives, businesses and guests.

Visit thelba.org or contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com for details or to join the LBA.

A Fond Farewell to Church Street Water Tower

The Church Street water tower, originally constructed around 1924, was the oldest storage tower in the Leonardtown water system. After much consideration by the Town Council over the last several years it was recently decided to demolish the tower, which was in need of thousands of dollars of repairs. The tower had a capacity of 100,000 gallons of water versus the newer towers in the system; Greenbrier Tower, a 300,000 gallon tank built in 1969 and Tudor Hall Tower, a 500,000 gallon tank built in 1991. The project began with installation of a 16 inch water line from Church Street to the Tudor Hall tower which would give the system better distribution and fire flow within the Town. A contract was awarded to a Michigan company, Kosinski Demolition, to demolish the Church Street tower in July. The rare occurrence was watched by many residents.



Awarding Winning News from the Port of Leonardtown Winery

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) has once again provided a much needed grant in support of the Port of Leonardtown Winery. The grant of \$27,000 will fund improvements to a storage building adjacent to the winery that will help with the overcrowding in the winery production area.

Since its opening in 2010, the winery's success continues to thrive. Recently, Port of Leonardtown's Chambourcin 2010 received a gold medal and Best in Class award for red wine in the Maryland 2012 WineMasters Choice Award wine competition. This Best in Class award is the third for the Port of Leonardtown Winery's 2010 vintage wines. Additionally, the Port of Leonardtown was awarded three Best in Class awards at the 2012 Maryland Governor's Cup competition, including Best Red: Chambourcin 2010, Best Dessert: Autumn Frost 2010, and Best Fruit: McIntosh Run 2011.

The award-winning Port of Leonardtown Winery, located at 23190 Newtowne Neck Road, is open Wednesday thru Sunday, Noon to 6 PM. For more information, check portofleonardtownwinery.com or call 301-690-2192.



Leonardtown Designated as a National Veterans Day Regional Site by the Veterans Day National Committee

President Eisenhower formed the Veterans Day National Committee in 1954 to plan and promote Veterans Day observances nationally. Today the committee is administered by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, is chaired by Secretary Eric Shinseki, and is comprised of representatives from 44 Veterans organizations who recognize select Veterans Day observances throughout the country that represent fitting tributes to America's heroes.

This past spring, Edward Chow, Jr., Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, encouraged the Town to make application to the Veterans Day National Committee to recognize the annual St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown as a Veterans Day Regional Site.

We are proud to announce that the Annual St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony event has been designated as a National Veterans Day Regional Site by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, there are only 62 such designations in the Country from 36 states, and the Veterans Day observance in Leonardtown is the only event in Maryland to receive this designation. Benefits of this appellation could bring ceremonial support from the Department of Defense and a heightened awareness of our event.

Initially, the parade was held in Lexington Park and relocated to Leonardtown in 1993. Clancy Lyall, (WWII and Korean War hero, deceased March 19, 2012) organized the first St. Mary's County Veterans Day Parade, maintaining the post until 2005 when he relinquished the charge to his assistant, Tom Warren. Today,

Tom carries on as parade coordinator, assisted by Connie Pennington. Expressions of gratitude and special thanks are extended to Clancy Lyall, Tom Warren, Connie Pennington, the St. Mary's County Sheriff Office, the St. Mary's County Commissioners, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and countless others who have worked so hard over the years to uphold this significant tradition of honoring our Veterans in such a manner worthy of National recognition! Visit www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/regsites.asp to see a complete list of the 2012 National designees.



Come On Out!

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Leonardtown Arts Center presents Children's Art Exhibition by Students from Yellow Door Art Studios

Yellow Door Art Studios offers art classes for children ages 5 to 17 to encourage the artistic development of each child through building technical drawing skills, teaching visual literacy and fostering individual expression. Classes include drawing, painting, mixed media, small sculpture and new media. Join us for an Opening Reception on Friday, November 2nd from 5 PM-8 PM at the Leonardtown Arts Center. The Exhibition will run from November 2nd to Sunday, November 25th. Come see what the studios and students do in this after school art program! Watch printmaking demonstrations, drawing demonstrations, painting demonstrations and others. The Leonardtown Arts Center is located at 22660 Washington Street, Second Floor, in downtown Leonardtown. For more information call 301-475-2859.



Open Skate Night at Leonard Hall

Looking for a fun indoor activity for the whole family? Check out Open Skate Night at the Leonard Hall Recreation Center every Saturday evening, year round, from 6 PM-9 PM. Admission is \$5 per person. You can rent roller skates for \$2.50, or bring your own skates. Contact Recreation and Parks at 301-475-4200 ext. 1800 for more information.

Leonardtown Library

Storytimes, book discussions and a variety of computer classes are offered at your Leonardtown Library. The library also has various eReaders for your use. If you're thinking of buying an eReader for yourself or to give as a gift, stop by the library to see which one best fits your needs. Visit the library's webpage at stmalib.org for a complete listing of classes, events, and other services.

Seeking Performers and Volunteers!

The Town would like to hear from interested performers, musicians, dancers, jugglers, clowns and other family-oriented artists and volunteers. Contact Maria Fleming, PR and Event Coordinator, at leonardtown.commissioners@verizon.net or 301-475-9791.

Historical Society Opens Two Commemorative Exhibits



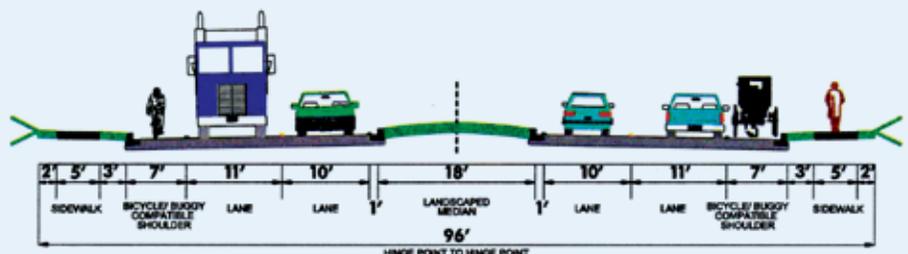
The St. Mary's County Historical Society recently opened two exhibits: one on the War of 1812 and one on the plan to rescue the prisoners held at Point Lookout Prison Camp during the Civil War.

Commemorations for the War of 1812 will be held in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain from 2012 through 2015. The Star-Spangled Banner Trails in the United States and Maryland guide heritage tourists to important sites of this conflict. The Historical Society's exhibit, located in the old kitchen at Tudor Hall, features interpretive signage provided by the County's Office on Tourism, on the war and its impact on Leonardtown and the surrounding areas. Additionally, the National Park Service has provided outdoor signage on the impact of the war in the mid-county region.

The second exhibit, funded by a grant from Leonardtown Rotary, highlights the bold plan developed by General Robert Lee in the last year of the Civil War to free the 15,000 prisoners held at Point Lookout Prison Camp and return them to service in the military or send them to hospitals, or even home. Great finds include Edwin Beitzell's The Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederates; a map of the prisoner of war camp; Rob Long's Valor in a Border State: Confederate Soldiers of St. Mary's County; and Jack Shairer's Lee's Bold Plan for Point Lookout: the rescue of Confederate prisoners that never happened, and others.

Rt. 5 Widening Project

The State Highway Administration has wrapped up its Project Planning Study initiated in January 2007. This study included potential transportation and safety improvements along Rt. 5 between MD 243 and MD 245. The Town Council was asked to weigh in on the options presented and support the option they felt offered the best solution. At their October 8th Town Council meeting the Council voted to support Alternative 4 which is a four-lane divided highway with a raised median and left-turn lanes at appropriate intersections. The Council added to their letter of support a request that as the design and engineering is done for the project, the locations of breaks in the median be reevaluated to ensure that safety is accomplished with the minimum negative effect on property owners. The State will then choose an alternative later this month based on public comment and recommendations received. This exercise will ensure that the project is ready to move forward with the design, engineering and construction once funding becomes available. At this time there is no further funding in place for the project.



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Father Andrew White School Recognized as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School

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Photos courtesy of Father Andrew White School.

November 12th and 13th. They will be joined by representatives from schools across the country, for the honor of receiving a plaque and flag signifying Father Andrew White's status as a National Blue Ribbon School.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown extend their congratulations to Father Andrew White School on this tremendous achievement!

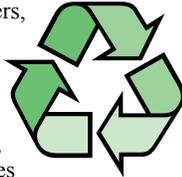
Father Andrew White School is a Pre-K through eighth grade Catholic Elementary School located on Washington Street in Leonardtown. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. The School is a regional school supported St. Aloysius, St. Francis Xavier, and Our Lady's Medley's Neck parishes. Visit fatherandrewwhite.org for more information about the school.

Trash and Recycling Reminders

Residential trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash should be set out the night before or by 6 AM the morning of pickup. Trash is accepted in 30-gallon cans with lids, cans on wheels, or totes issued by Goode Trash Removal.

Bulk trash is scheduled for quarterly pickup. The next two pickup dates are Friday, December 7, 2012 and Friday, March 1, 2013. Bulk trash is collected with your regular trash and should be placed at the curb together.

Residential recycling collection is made on Wednesdays. Your recycling tote should be set out the night before, or by 6 AM the morning of pickup. With streamlined recycling, it's easy to recycle your newspapers, paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles, jars, metal and aluminum cans, and other approved items. To make room for more recyclables, break down cardboard boxes before placing in your recycling tote.



Holiday trash and recycling pickup will be as follows:

Week of Thanksgiving:

- Trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday.
- Recyclables will be collected on Wednesday.

Weeks of Christmas and New Year's:

- Trash will be picked up on Wednesday and Friday.
- Recyclables will be collected on Thursday.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

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.

Snow Removal

Before you know it, winter snows may be upon us. The Town will plow neighborhoods and side streets when accumulations reach over two inches (2") while main routes will be kept plowed through the nighttime hours. Citizen safety is our utmost concern, and the Town will make every effort to ensure the quality service that our residents are accustomed to while retaining our efforts to trim snow removal costs.

Leonardtown's Quarterly Utility Bills Now Reflect Bay Restoration Fee Increase

The State mandated Bay Restoration Fee has increased from \$7.50 to \$15.00 per quarter per equivalent dwelling unit. Residential customers are considered to have only one equivalent dwelling unit and; therefore, will pay \$15 per quarter. The charge for commercial customers will vary according to the number of equivalent dwelling units allocated to their account. This fee is collected by Leonardtown but immediately remitted to the State of Maryland. Refer to <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/BayRestorationFund/Pages/index.aspx> for additional information about this fee.

Flushing of Fire Hydrants

Flushing of fire hydrants in the Town limits will take place over the next few months. A notice will be posted at the beginning of each street indicating the date(s) your street's lines are being flushed. Please become familiar with the sign shown here to know that your street's waterline is being flushed. To relieve air or possible discoloration, you should run the water in your bathtub for two to three minutes after the flushing is complete. It is important to use the bathtub as o t h e r household faucets have screens in them and could clog with particles from the flushing process. Call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 if you have any questions.



WINTER-GREEN FUN!

Outdoor activities can make winter fun and exciting, but oftentimes we find ourselves asking what's fun and exciting about being indoors? Well, ponder no longer ...recycling can be both fun and exciting! There are so many ways to reuse and repurpose recyclables. A few fun ideas would include making craft projects with the kids, such as paper snowflakes, ornaments, sock/can snowmen/snowladies and more. With the upcoming holiday season, consider adding a compost bin and rain barrel to your Christmas wish list, recycle your live Christmas tree and save wrapping paper and gift bags for future reuse. It's also a perfect



time of year to start using those recyclable bags for holiday shopping. During those housebound days, consider cutting off the address label on that pile of old magazines and taking them to doctor's offices, hospitals, nursing homes and the like. A snowy day is a great time for cleaning out your closets and donating unused or unwanted gifts, household and clothing items to charity. Whenever you're looking for a little something to do, think meaningful, think fun, think recycle. With a little surfing on the web or by visiting your local library or craft shop, your inspirations could be endless and your recycle projects can be fun, exciting and rewarding!

Deputy's Corner

To help prevent a potential burglary, especially during the holiday season, store your gifts and packages out of view, secure your home, keep your garage door closed, and lock your vehicles. Be a watchful neighbor and report any suspicious activity to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department by calling 301-475-8008.

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Town Tidbits

A Most Caring Place ... Leonardtown is That and More! Extending Holiday Cheer to Others

Hats, Scarves, Gloves and Mittens Drive

The Leonardtown First Fridays Committee will be accepting donations of new hats, scarves, gloves and mittens at various Leonardtown businesses during the months of November and December to benefit the Three Oaks Center. The Center provides a men's shelter as well as housing for women and children and meals for those in need in our local area.

Local Food and Toy Drive

Kevin's Corner Kafe is accepting donations of canned food items, grocery store gift cards and new, unwrapped toys to benefit needy families in St. Mary's County. Your donation can be brought to Kevin's from November 1st through Christmas Eve, or during the "Christmas on the Square" event on Friday, November 23rd. Kevin's Corner Kafe is located at 41565 Park Avenue, just off the Town Square. 301-997-1260.

Toys for Tots

Winegardner Auto Group, located on Washington Street in the Town Square is a collection site for donations of new, unwrapped toys to support Toys for Tots. You can bring your donation to Winegardner's from November 1st through December 19th, or during Leonardtown's "Christmas on the Square" event on Friday, November 23rd.

Community Christmas Dinner

A free Community Christmas Dinner sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Church will be held on Tuesday, December 25th from 2 PM-6 PM at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown. All are invited to share a good meal and the spirit of Christmas with others. Requests for meal deliveries to the homebound in our community must be made before Friday, December 14th. For more information or to volunteer, call 301-481-2942.



Going Local in Lovely Leonardtown

Thanks to writer Beth Rubin and photographer Joe Bissett of the Shore Life Magazine for the excellent article depicting their recent visit to Leonardtown. The article is very complimentary and the photos are beautiful. Visit shorelife.com to check it out online.

Leonardtown Keepsakes

Leonardtown boasts several keepsakes of history. The book "A Most Convenient Place" written by Leonardtown native and author, Aleck Loker, recaptures the History of our Town between 1650-1950. For a scenic print depicting the Town 1850-1960, there's the Leonardtown Mural - it will look perfect on any wall. Enjoy cooking? Consider Leonardtown's 300th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook with its collection of family recipes shared by many Leonardtown residents and friends. Contact the Town Office to request your favorite keepsake today. These keepsakes are great for gift-giving too!



Pet Valu Store Opens at the Shops at Breton Bay

The new Pet Valu store, nestled between Papa Johns and McKays Foods at 40845 Merchant Lane, is all set to help you find food, treats, toys, and accessories for your furry and feathery friends. Specialty items include holistic and dietary pet food, supplements, and apparel for fall and winter warmth. Come on in, check petvalu.com or call 301-475-6980.

The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of upcoming holidays:

November 12	Veterans Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
November 23	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 21	Martin Luther King
February 18	President's Day

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