

Leonardtown BEACON

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



Calendar of Events

FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH

Historic downtown and
uptown Leonardtown

4th SATURDAY, MAY-AUGUST

Downtown Tunes
Leonardtown Square

3rd SATURDAY, JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Sunrise Yoga
Leonardtown Wharf Park

APRIL 12

Hospice 10K & 5K Run/Fun Walk
Governmental Center

APRIL 12

Easter Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

APRIL 13

Earth Day Celebration
Leonardtown Square

APRIL 20

Community Easter Egg Hunt
The Sterling House

APRIL 27

Spring Fling Classic Car Show
Leonardtown Square

MAY 10

The Commodores, U.S. Navy Jazz Band
Leonardtown Square

MAY 17

Cystic Fibrosis 5K Walk
Leonardtown Wharf Park

JUNE 1

Leonardtown Bicycle Criterium
Leonardtown Square

JUNE 6, 7, & 8

Raiders & Invaders Weekend
Town Square, Leonardtown Wharf
Participating Sites County-wide

JUNE 14

SMC Crab Festival
SMC Fairgrounds

Flag Day Celebration
Governmental Center

JUNE 17 & 24; JULY 15 & 22

Twilight Performance Series
College of Southern Maryland

AUGUST 2

Beach Party on the Square
Leonardtown Square

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .



The War of 1812 was an armed conflict between the United States and Great Britain that officially began on June 18, 1812. Though there were few battles in Southern Maryland, the British continually harassed coastline residents. On July 19, 1814 British forces sailed into Breton Bay, landing on what is believed to be the area known today as Leonardtown Wharf. They marched on the tiny town of Leonardtown (population 300) and plantations to the east and west, invading buildings and stores, raiding firearms, tobacco, flour, and other provisions. But victory was not as easy as it seemed. Town residents convinced the British commander with his force of 1,500 not to burn the courthouse since it was sometimes used as a place of worship, and to move on out of town. And that, say event organizers, is worth commemorating!

While Leonardtown evaded burning of the courthouse, you and your family will not want to pass up all the excitement of "Raiders & Invaders" Weekend, June 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2014. This history-filled event is part of the State of Maryland's War of 1812 Chesapeake Campaign – a year of bicentennial events and activities that follow the 1814 British push up the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River to Washington D.C. and Baltimore. Leonardtown will be the focal point for activities, with a satellite site at Sotterley Plantation. We've come a long way over the past 200 years, and these three days of excitement and celebration are your one chance to relive local history!

The weekend of fun kicks off at 5 PM on June 6th with a Raiders & Invaders *First Friday* celebration, which builds upon Leonardtown's established and thriving First Fridays tradition. Highlights include *1812, Tide of War Concert Project*: a music and history concert performance where musician Gary Rue will team-up with historian Don Shomette to create a blend of music and narrative that brings the War of 1812 life in the Chesapeake to you can also see the *Theater*, featuring the *Newtowne Players*, conjuring up British soldiers and townsfolk alike in a recipe that mixes history with a splash (or two) of revisionist fun.



A "Raiders & Invaders" War of 1812 Weekend

The North End Gallery will host an opening reception and present *War of 1812 Revisited...Through the Artist's Eyes*, with exhibits reflecting on the War of 1812 in Southern Maryland and featuring work by some of our finest regional artists. More original artworks and exhibits will be displayed at Walters Art Gallery, where the Color and Light Society host "*Salute to Our History*". The St. Mary's County Historical Society in Tudor Hall Mansion will host an opening reception for *People and Events of the War of 1812*, an exhibit that features a series of period-style portraits by artist Nicole Stewart and educational displays about the people and events of the War of 1812. As you take to the streets, keep an eye out for actors from Sotterley's "The Choice" and a variety of 1812-themed activities offered by Leonardtown shops and restaurants.

The Port of Leonardtown Winery will unveil a special souvenir bottle and release its limited edition Raider's Red Wine, vinted specifically for this event.

On Saturday, June 7th, the past comes to life at 12 Noon with the main festival in downtown Leonardtown. Visitors will delight in a wide range of live music and musical styles, from the maritime sounds of the

Ship's Company Chanteymen to the folk(ish) sounds of *ilyAIMY*, humorous sounds of *Matthew Dodd* taking listeners back in time, the rich vocals and harmonies of *Harmony Grit*, original sea songs with *Calico Jenny*, and R & B and signature patriotic arrangements with the *Downrange U. S. Army Band*.

Entertainment around Town includes story-telling by Ming Diaz, traditional circus arts and juggling by *Old Bay Circus*, street theater by the *Newtowne Players*, and more. Visitors will also find arts and crafts activities, 1812-related exhibits, costumed re-enactors, lectures and historical demonstrations such as spinning, lace-making, blacksmithing, open-fire cooking, pastimes and artillery drills. At historic Tudor Hall, enjoy live entertainment and drift back into history with 1812 exhibits and genealogy studies, and stroll over to the Town Hall for lectures focusing on 1812. Visit the Old Jail Museum to see a display of clothing styles of the era, including a British naval officer's uniform. The Food Court near Tudor Hall will feature local favorites such as seafood and stuffed ham, while the Tavern Tent in the Town Square will offer craft beer and award-winning local wines from local vines.

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Mayor's Message

The feature article in this edition of the Leonardtown Beacon highlights the action-packed "Raiders and Invaders" Weekend coming to our Town June 6th–June 8th. The planning for this event began more than a year ago, and is a shining example of partnerships at their best. The efforts and ideas by staff from St. Mary's County Tourism, the Town Office, St. Mary's County Historical Society, Historic Sotterley, the College of Southern Maryland and the Leonardtown Business Association, have orchestrated an event unlike any other local event.

This three-day, multi-component experience for all ages takes place in Leonardtown and throughout St. Mary's County as part of the State of Maryland's War of 1812 Chesapeake Campaign. With so much planned to see and do, everyone attending will have a lot of fun, and learn about our region's rich history, too!

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend all aspects of this grand event! If you, or an organization you belong to, are interested in participating as a volunteer and being a part of history in the making, we would love to hear from you. My family and I are especially excited about the water-related activities and waterside concerts to be held at Leonardtown Wharf – it's an opportunity for everyone to enjoy this wonderful waterfront asset that we embrace. I hope that you will enjoy "Raiders and Invaders" Weekend and invite your relatives and friends to experience the magic of Leonardtown!

Dan Burris
Daniel W. Burris, Mayor



Leonardtown Beacon



Leonardtown Celebrates

Visit Leonardtown for a springtime "First Fridays" welcome with live music, art exhibits, gallery receptions, cooking classes, wine tastings, specialty menus, unique gifts and more. Visit your favorite shops and eateries or try a new experience at participating retailers in downtown Leonardtown, Breton Marketplace, the Maryland Antiques Center Complex, and the Port of Leonardtown Winery.



Come out for May's First Friday featuring "Merry Go Round Leonardtown". Thanks to members of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, colorful, hand-carved, hand-painted carousel horses and other carousel animals will be displayed in participating LBA businesses throughout Leonardtown and around the Town Square. Members of the carousel group will also be in the Square to answer questions about the carousel project and its search for a permanent home. Live music on the Square will be performed by *Ritmo Cache*, the premier Latin ensemble from the College of Southern Maryland.

19th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

Southern Maryland's largest running event to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's kicks off at 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 12th at the Governmental Center in Leonardtown. Thanks to community support, this event has become one of the most successful fundraisers for Hospice in the County, raising over \$65,000 last year alone! Along with the success, though, the large turnout has created some safety concerns and the need for a few changes. So while this year's 5K walkers will still come into Town, the 5K runners will turn onto Doctor's Crossing Way and follow a new course around Miss Bessie Drive and Moakley Street before returning to the finish line at the Governmental Center. Visit runforhospice.org to pre-register or find details about the course, race packets, parking, etc. You can also register on race day beginning at 7:30 AM. This is a rain or shine event. 240-925-5423.



Easter Egg Festival & Hunt

This year's annual Recreation & Parks Easter Egg Festival relocates to the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds and will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 12 Noon-4 PM. \$5 fee includes egg hunt, picture with the Easter Bunny, face painting, arts & crafts and stage entertainment. Fun for all ages! For complete event information visit www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/easter or call 301-475-4200 x 1800.

Earth Day Celebration

Join us for Leonardtown's celebration of Earth Day! This fun and educational event will be held on Sunday, April 13th from 12:30 PM-4:30 PM throughout the Town. Many local organizations will set up around the Town Square to share the latest news on recycling, energy and water conservation, animal rescue, beekeeping, organic produce, herbs, plants, and other green initiatives. There will also be hands-on nature crafts and face painting for kids! Entertainment throughout the afternoon includes live folk music, dance performances, reflexology demonstrations and others. Take an invigorating walk to Leonardtown Wharf for more entertainment, a moon bounce for kids, and free kayaking and canoeing, or just relax on a park bench overlooking scenic Breton Bay. Sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. 301-475-9791.

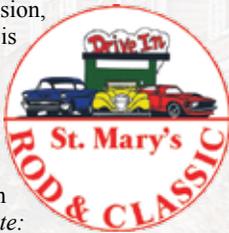


Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Front Porch is featuring its 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Sterling House on Sunday, April 20th, 9:30 AM-10:45 AM. Prizes awarded for the golden egg and most eggs. Complimentary refreshments and family fun for all ages! Bring your own basket! The Front Porch will also be open for brunch from 10:30 AM-3:30 PM. 301-997-1009.

Spring Fling XXIX Classic Car Show

The St. Mary's Rod & Classic Car Club invites you to see over 350 classic and antique cars, trucks and hotrods displayed around the Leonardtown Square on Sunday, April 27th from 8 AM-4 PM. Many of these shining beauties are decades old! Enjoy music, a kid's tractor pull, games and prizes. No admission, however, a \$2 donation is gratefully accepted to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's and other local charities. Visit stmarysrodandclassic.com or call 301-994-9666 to request more information or enter a vehicle. (Rain date: Sunday, May 4th).



Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis



TAKING STEPS TO CURE CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Grab your sneakers and join the crowd at Leonardtown Wharf on Saturday, May 17th for our local "Great Strides"

Walk. This 5K walk around historic Leonardtown starts at 12 Noon. Participants will enjoy the healthy benefits of walking while supporting research to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Invite your family and friends to come along too, and plan to stay for the post-walk festivities. For more details and to pre-register, visit cff.org/Chapters/metrodc or call 301-657-8444, ext. 204. You can also register on walk day beginning at 11 AM.

The Commodores, U.S. Navy Jazz Band

It's official! Due to the overwhelming response to *The Cruisers* concert last summer, the U.S. Navy Band delights in sending another popular music ensemble to Leonardtown. On Saturday, May 10th, experience the energy of *The Commodores* jazz band as they grace the Town Square with a variety of timeless classics, toe-tapping favorites and original tunes! The performance begins at 6:00 PM. Bring your dancing shoes and a chair...and enjoy the show! *This concert is funded in part by a grant from the St. Mary's County Arts Council's Community Art Development Grant Program and the Maryland Arts Council.*



Downtown Tunes

Mark your calendar now for "Downtown Tunes" and enjoy an evening of music and friends in the Leonardtown Square. The popular "tunes" will get underway at 6 PM on the fourth Saturday of May through August:

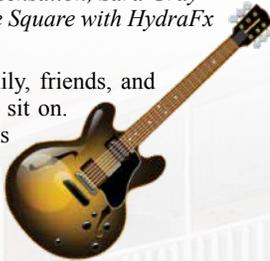
- May 24th – Jazz night with Gretchen & Randy Richie
- June 28th – Country sensation, Sara Gray
- July 26th – Rock the Square with HydraFx
- August 23rd – TBA

Bring your family, friends, and a chair or blanket to sit on.

For the latest news and performance schedule, check the Town's website at leonardtown.somd.com or call the

Town Office at 301-475-9791.

(Times rain date: the next day, Sunday)



Leonardtown Criterium Bicycle Races

Enjoy the excitement of the 16th Annual Leonardtown Criterium bicycle races on Sunday, June 1st, 8 AM-5 PM. Spectators will be thrilled as they watch amateur and professional cyclists from all over the Mid-Atlantic region race at sustained speeds approaching 30 miles per hour on the streets of Leonardtown. Kids ages 4-9 wishing to participate in the noon-day kids races can register on site and must bring their own bike or trike and a helmet. Youth ages 10-18 are eligible to participate in sanctioned "junior" racing. To participate as a junior and request additional race details, visit paxvelo.com or call 443-928-3935.



St. Mary's County Crab Festival

Experience St. Mary's crab culture and cuisine at the 29th Annual St. Mary's County Crab Festival on Saturday, June 14th at the SMC Fairgrounds, 11 AM-8 PM. Treat your taste buds to steamed hard crabs, soft crabs, crab cakes, and crab soups, as well as other seafood and non-seafood dishes. Festival goers will also enjoy live music, dance performances, antique cars, bike displays, arts, crafts, children's activities and more. Admission is \$5 p/person for ages 12 years and up. Food is purchased separately.

This event is sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club. Volunteers are welcome! For more details check stmaryscrabfestival.com or call 301-475-8384.

Rain date: June 15th.



Flag Day Celebration

Celebrate our freedom and honor our Nation's flag during a Flag Day Celebration on the Governmental Center lawn in Leonardtown on Saturday, June 14th. The celebration begins at 6 PM with patriotic music and distribution of free handheld flags. Highlights of the formal ceremony at 7 PM will include presentation of colors, Pause for the Pledge, and raising of the American flag. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1340.

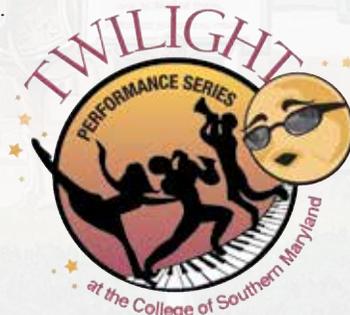
Sunrise Yoga at Leonardtown Wharf

Take in the tranquility of beautiful Breton Bay while stretching and enhancing your well-being during Sunrise Yoga. These open community yoga practices will be offered at Leonardtown Wharf Park from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM on the following Saturday mornings: June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, and September 20th. Bring a friend, your mat and a bottle of water. No fee, but you are requested to donate a canned good for local food banks. Contact Evolve Yoga at 301-862-1236 for more details.



Twilight Performance Series

Musicians and actors will entertain you while you sit back, relax and mingle about on the lawn of the College of Southern Maryland-Leonardtown Campus. Mark your calendar now to enjoy a summer evening of music and entertainment for the whole family. Admission is free and the entertainment begins at 6:45 PM on the following Tuesdays: June 17th, June 24th, July 15th, and July 22nd. Check www.csmd.edu/arts for the latest entertainer listing and details.



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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

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

May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day



Tractor Parade

Spectators braved the elements to catch a glimpse of the many tractors and trucks chugging along the streets of Leonardtown Square during the annual Tractor Parade on Sunday,

October 13, 2013. This event was sponsored by the Southern Maryland Antique Power Association, along with members of the Antique Truck Association, to benefit the Christmas in April Foundation of Southern Maryland. Thanks to this year's parade organizers, Lee Dyson and John Vannatta, and parade founder Walt Neal, who will be sorely missed.

Trick-or-Treat on the Square

Hundreds of youthful characters, from ballerinas and princesses to superheroes and goblins frolicked around the Town Square on Saturday, October 26th for fall fun, trick-or-treating local businesses, making scarecrows, painting pumpkins, and voting for their favorite pet costume. Afterwards, many enjoyed a free movie hosted by the College of Southern Maryland and sponsored by the Friends of the Leonardtown Theater and Big Larry's. Many thanks to the Leonardtown Business Association, St. Mary's Craft Guild, SMAWL, and the Cedar Lane Senior Living Community for their participation in this event.



LVRSA Christmas Festival

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary packed a lot of merriment into the Winegardner Showroom during their 2013 Christmas Festival on November 29th. Visitors enjoyed seeing the decorated Christmas trees, bidding on the silent auction items, and watching the trains traveling around the track. The Auxiliary is grateful to supporters of this event which raised \$7,000 for the Rescue Squad.



Veterans Day Parade

Thousands of spectators lined Fenwick and Washington Streets around Leonardtown Square to honor our Nation's heroes on November 11, 2013. The



2013 Veterans Day Parade was dedicated to the memory of Leonardtown's WWII flying ace Captain

Walter Francis Duke. Members of Captain Duke's family, including his sister Eleanor Fearn, were honored to be participants in the parade and guests at the wreathlaying ceremony. During the



wreathlaying ceremony, a notable tribute was given to Captain Walter Francis Duke that included a moving homage from his nephew Walter Francis Frazier and a poetry reading by his niece Linda Manekas. Words of gratitude for all Veterans were expressed by elected officials and guests, followed by Leonardtown Elementary school students Kyle Goodrich, Erin Guy, JuWaun Queen, and Noah Readyhough reciting their winning essay on "What Veterans Day Means To Me". This annual event is sponsored by the Town of Leonardtown and the St. Mary's County Commissioners, with much assistance from our local businesses, schools and friends. *Photos courtesy Ceandra Scott*

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Who can resist Leonardtown's annual Christmas on the Square and Tree Lighting? On Friday, November 29, 2013, the Town Square came alive with holiday music and stage entertainment. Of course the highlight was a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived right on time to light the Town's Christmas Tree! Folks of all ages also enjoyed touring around Town in decorated horse-drawn carriages, on hay rides, train rides and others. A special thanks to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and all supporters and volunteers for making this popular holiday extravaganza possible each and every year!



"Best Dressed Business Award"

S-Kape Salon & Spa owner and senior stylist Karyn Hudson and stylist Cindy Nelson were all smiles when Mayor Dan Burris presented the salon with the 2013 "Best Dressed Business



Award". With a nod to the famous Dr. Seuss tale, the salon's cleverly-painted windows depicted "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", stealing the hearts of our judges and charming many passers-by! S-Kape Salon and Spa is located at 41675 Fenwick Street. To check out their services, visit skapesalon.com or call 301-475-5113.

Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Square

It was cold and rainy on the Square that December 14th Saturday, so the generous folks at Winegardner Auto invited everyone inside to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Most of the children were excited to see Santa, while some were a little cautious; but a warm smile and candy cane from Mrs. Claus echoed by a generous "Ho, ho, ho!" from Santa enticed even the reluctant ones to pose for a photo. Thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and Newtowne Village residents for bringing it all together.

The Werner family delighted in their visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Cedar Lane Art Show

Cedar Lane Volunteer Mary Ada Candela shows off works by her water color art class students to Cedar Lane resident Bebe Gibson and her niece Dot Bell at the Annual Resident Art Show held December 5, 2013. Each year the students create a calendar of their selected works,



the sale of which goes to support the class. For more information on how you can help, please visit cedar-lane.org.

Highlights

Town Awarded Community Legacy Grant

The Town of Leonardtown was recently awarded a Community Legacy Grant by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$75,000 for streetscape and sidewalk improvements on Washington Street from the Circuit Courthouse to Leonardtown Wharf. The Leonardtown Wharf is an important asset to residents and visitors alike, and these much needed improvements will enhance this area for everyone.

State of the Town Breakfast

The Leonardtown Business Association's meeting of February 21, 2014 featured the annual State of the Town breakfast held in the auditorium of the College of Southern Maryland - Leonardtown Campus. The Town and the LBA were appreciative of CSM for hosting the breakfast, which was catered by Quality Street Catering. LBA President Dan Norris gave a hearty welcome and brief introduction to all in attendance. Highlights included a presentation by representatives of Marrick Homes regarding the Clark's Rest development currently under construction, reports on LBA accomplishments during 2013, the future outlook for the LBA, the Leonardtown's Arts and Entertainment District Designation, and the upcoming Raiders & Invaders Weekend event.

2013 Our Town Award



Charlie Guy and his son Chris of Two Guys Collision Center are proud to accept the 2013 Our Town Award presented by Mayor Dan Burris.

During the Town Council meeting of January 13, 2014, the 2013 "Our Town Award" was presented to Two Guys Collision Center in recognition of faithful contributions to media sponsorship and support of Leonardtown events for over a decade. During the past two years alone, Charlie and Cindy Guy, owners of Two Guys, contributed over \$20,000 to provide county-wide radio advertising and live remotes for most of the Town's major events. The "Our Town Award" recognizes a group or individual who has demonstrated service, commitment, leadership and pride for their town, and is sponsored locally by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home.

St. Mary's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Remodeling Project

The St. Mary's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center recently completed the transformation and opening of its second floor nursing unit. The remodeling project included shower and bath spa upgrades with ceramic wall tiles and ceramic flooring, new window treatments, a modern nurse's station, new flooring in the hallways, and a refurbished dining room with a 60" flat screen TV. Residents and visitors alike are very happy about the project. Currently, the Center has begun renovating the first floor, to include the formation of additional private resident rooms, a resident and family lounge, a new rehabilitation gym and a chapel. The St. Mary's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, on Peabody Street in Leonardtown, is committed to providing premier long-term and rehabilitative care, and is proud to be ranked 19th out of over 200 nursing and rehab centers in the State of Maryland. For more information or to schedule a tour of the Center, call 301-475-8000.

Leonardtown High School Band Scores Big at the "Alamo"

Congratulations to the Leonardtown High School Band, first place winners of the Alamo Bowl Pep Rally Parade Competition held at the Arneson River Theater in San Antonio, Texas on December 28, 2013! The band also received awards in the categories of Best Marching Band, Best Color Guard and Best General Effect. But the excitement didn't stop there! During the 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl (University of Oregon vs. the University of Texas) on December 30th, the Leonardtown High School Band, along with other national band winners, gave an impressive performance during the halftime show. Way to go, Leonardtown!



Photo courtesy Ceandra Scott

Support Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad

Congratulations to Peter "Rocky" Woodburn, President; Amy Smith, Chief, and all the 2014 officers of the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad. Congratulations also to Catherine Stewart, President of the Auxiliary, and all the Auxiliary officers. Log on to lvrs.org for a complete listing of 2014 officers, check LVRS news, apply for membership in the Rescue Squad or Auxiliary, or to make a tax deductible donation for the Squad's current building fund.

Support Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

Congratulations to Gary Bell, President; Jonathan Scully, Chief, and all the 2014 officers for the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations also to Dot Bell, President of the Auxiliary, and all the 2014 Auxiliary officers. Log on to lvfdl.org for a complete listing of all the 2014 officers, check out LVFD news, stats and events, or apply for membership in the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department or the Auxiliary.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO LEONARDTOWN RESIDENTS!!!

VOTE -- VOTE -- VOTE

2014 Leonardtown Elections Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Leonardtown's Election Day is Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Residents will vote for three Council seats. A Mayor and five-member Town Council govern Leonardtown with each official serving a four-year term of office.

Cast Your Ballot:

Polls will be open for voting on Tuesday, May 6th between 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM in the Town Office, located in the Proffitt Building on 41660 Courthouse Drive.

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Office. The deadline to submit your completed application for an absentee ballot to the Town Office is Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Information for Voters and Candidates in the 2014 Leonardtown Election:

To vote or file as a candidate for elected office in Leonardtown elections, you must reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, be at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the general election and be a registered voter.

The 2014 voter registration deadline for residents to vote in the Leonardtown election is Friday, April 18, 2014.

The deadline for residents to file as a candidate for elected office in the 2014 Leonardtown election is Monday, April 21, 2014.

Having a Leonardtown mailing address or owning property within the incorporated limits does not qualify you as an actual resident. If you wish to confirm that you actually reside within the incorporated limits of Leonardtown, wish to file as a candidate for office, or have other questions about Leonardtown's 2014 election, please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791.

If you are not a registered voter and would like to register to vote or update your address, contact the St. Mary's County Board of Elections at 301-475-7844 ext. 1610.





Leonardtown's 2014 Calendar of Events brochures are now available at various Leonardtown businesses and the Town Office. You can also download a copy from our website Leonardtown.somd.com.

Deputy's Corner

Several scams have recently made their way into St. Mary's County, taking victims for thousands of dollars. The "Ring and Run" scam is a computer program originating outside the US that lets the phone ring one or two times, not leaving a voice message or enough time to answer, in the hopes that you will call back the "mysterious" number. Victims calling back will not get an answer, just a strange sound, and are hit with a charge, typically \$19.95, that appears on their phone bill. These scam calls originate from: (268) Antigua or Barbuda, (809) Dominican Republic, (876) Jamaica, (284) British Virgin Islands, (473) Grenada and (649) Turks and Caicos. Do not answer these calls or call back.



Another popular scam involves calls from "Prize Distribution Centers" claiming you are a winner. You will be enticed to make a small payment for paperwork, handling, etc., promising your prize will be sent to you. Once your payment is received, you most likely will not hear back from the company and your prize winnings will never arrive. Sometimes these scam artists make additional calls to solicit more money to "straighten out a matter" and ask you to make payment using a Green Dot Money Pak card before you can receive your prize winnings that again, will not arrive.

Citizens are reminded to never provide personal information to unknown persons, or send money by wire transfer unless you are the initiator and know the person you are sending it to. If you become the victim of a phone scam, contact the Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008 to report the incident.

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Paddling McIntosh Run and Breton Bay

Looking for something recreational to do this spring that's soothing, yet exciting? Consider paddling a kayak or rowing a canoe! If you enjoy tranquility and nature with eye-catching scenery and wildlife, launch from the Port of Leonardtown for a 2½ mile paddle along McIntosh Run that empties into the waters of beautiful Breton Bay. For a unique and thrilling water experience, come to Leonardtown Wharf and rent a stand-up paddle board. Now that will test your endurance and balance! You are welcome to bring your own kayak or canoe, or look into the walk-up rentals at both locations. Rentals are provided by the Patuxent Adventure Center.

Beginning May 1st, the Patuxent Adventure Center (PAC) is teaming up with the Port of Leonardtown Winery to offer a "Paddle & Taste" package. Additionally, the Patuxent Adventure Center will embark on new illumination tours, using NOCQUA light systems that ignite the water beneath you to create an unmatched paddling experience. For more information on rentals, guided tours or special paddling events, visit the Patuxent Adventure Center online at paxadventure.com and click on paddle sports, or call 410-394-2770.



Leonardtown Library Happenings

St. Mary's County Libraries will be co-sponsoring a contest whereby master storyteller Ming Diaz has written and video recorded an 1812-themed story without an ending. The purpose of the contest is for kids ages 6-12 to write an ending for that story. The story endings will be judged and Ming will perform the winning entry on Saturday, June 7th as an activity of the "Raiders and Invaders" War of 1812 Weekend Festival event. Information and entry sheets can be picked up at the Leonardtown, Lexington Park and Charlotte Hall Libraries. Stories must be returned to the Library by May 16th. Visit raidersoninvaders.com for more details and to hear the beginning of the story, or speak with any of the children's librarians at any of the county libraries.

Trash and Recycling Information

Residential Trash collection: Residential trash pickup is every Tuesday and Friday.

Residential Recycling collection: Recyclables are collected every Tuesday for customers in Leonard's Grant, Academy Hills and on (or adjacent to) Hollywood Road.



Recyclables are collected on Friday for customers in Singletree, on Point Lookout Road, south or southwest of Point Lookout Road (i.e. Abell St., Lawrence Ave., Courthouse Drive, Breton Bay Drive, Fenwick Street, etc.)

Residential Bulk Trash collection: The next quarterly bulk trash pickup is Friday, June 6th. Bulk trash items such as bicycles, sofas, tables, chairs, etc., will be collected on this date with your regular trash and should be placed at the curb together on this date.

COLLECTION NOTES:

To ensure that your trash and recyclables are picked up, set your totes out the night before, or prior to 6 AM on the morning of pick-up.

During the week of the Memorial Day holiday please note that Tuesday's collections will take place on Wednesday, and Friday's collections will take place on Saturday.

If you have any questions regarding your trash or recycling services, such as reporting a missed pick-up, requesting a replacement for your current trash or recycling tote due to breakage or loss, etc., please call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 and ask for Jackie Post, who will gladly address your concern. Please **do not** call the trash company directly. Other information on Leonardtown's trash and recycling collection services can be found by visiting our website at leonardtown.somd.com

Sewer Awareness...Doing Your Part to Help Prevent Sewer Backup!

Please be watchful of what is being flushed down your toilets and sinks. Many items can clog your grinder pump, sewer line and the Town's sewer main which causes damage not only to your property, but other properties connected to the main. **DO NOT flush the following materials (or similar items) down toilets or drains:**

- Paper towels, disposable diapers, disposable baby wipes, feminine napkins, large quantities of toilet tissue, snack bags, candy wrappers, etc.
- Clothing – socks, underwear, etc.
- Fibrous materials such as cotton balls, q-tips, human hair, pet hair, rags, cigarette butts, match stems, etc.
- Toys, tooth brushes, coins, needles, hair pins, barrettes, eating utensils
- Plastics, metal, wood, etc.
- Cereals and grains, including beans, peas, and seeds of any kind Coffee grounds, grease, fats, oils
- Medicines and pharmaceuticals
- Sand, dirt, stones, aquarium debris
- Sponges, scouring pads, bars of soap



Raiders Weekend *(Continued from Cover)*

Along the waterfront at Leonardtown Wharf, see historic Chesapeake Bay-built work boats including *The St. Mary's Dee*, one of the few remaining Chesapeake Bay skipjacks, as well as oyster "buy boats" *The Samuel M. Bailey* and *The Shamrock*. Climb aboard the *Lisa S* for a cruise along beautiful Breton Bay and the British invasion route. During the cruise, Captain Phil Langley will provide insight into Chesapeake Bay heritage and local historian Pete Himmelheber will narrate the invasion. Watch interpreters from Historic St. Mary's City Museum demonstrate knot-tying, canvas stitching and other nautical essentials.

Other exciting activities at Leonardtown Wharf include a stand-up Paddleboard Jousting Tournament and Paddleboard Racing throughout the day sponsored by the Patuxent Adventure Center. Interested competitors should pre-register before June 1st to guarantee your space by visiting paddlesports.paxadventure.com or calling 410-394-2770.

Evening musical entertainment at Leonardtown Wharf features musician and dancer *Justin Myles* teaming up with *Rusty Williams* for a dynamite acoustic/percussion duo at 6 PM. *The British Invasion Tribute* will follow at 7 PM, performing sounds by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, The Who and others.

More family fun can be found on the front lawn at the College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus, from 10 AM until 6 PM. With imagination and a little help from instructors at CSM's Kids' and Teen College, kids and parents can explore the 1800s through American Girl dolls brought to life by the college's theatre group, Lord of the Rings, Hunger Games obstacle course, Geocaching, Chronicles of Narnia, and Star Wars. Park your vehicle at CSM and enjoy the excitement before walking or taking the festival shuttle downtown, or upon decamping.

To experience even more local history, check out *The Choice* at historic Sotterley Plantation, just a few miles from Leonardtown. *The Choice* is both a tour and an interactive play that expresses the dilemma faced by enslaved African Americans during the war of 1812.

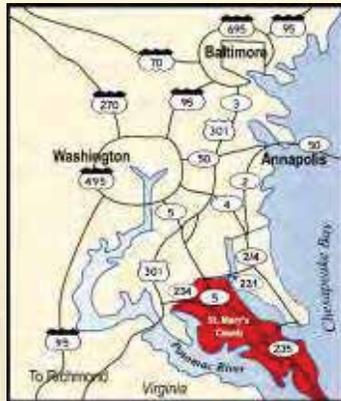
Everyone is invited back on Sunday, June 8th, to experience the rich history and culture of the entire St. Mary's peninsula. Sunday activities will feature 1812-related events at several colonial and maritime heritage sites, great outdoor spaces for cycling and paddling, gourmet brunches, wineries, shopping, and art galleries. These sites and attractions include Sotterley Plantation; Greenwell Foundation and State Park; Historic St. Mary's City; St. Clements Island Museum; Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum & Park; Patuxent River Naval Air Museum; Port of Leonardtown Winery; Slack Winery; Christ Episcopal Church and others.

Visit raidersandinvaders.com for more information and up-to-the minute details on this power-packed weekend of events, activities, and attractions celebrating the bicentennial of this historic event.



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JUNE 6 & 7, 2014
IN LEONARDTOWN**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 2014
THROUGHOUT ST. MARY'S COUNTY**



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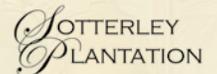
St. Mary's County is a Chesapeake Bay destination brimming with history, outdoor fun, vibrant culture, and passionate people eager to share it all with you. Just a short drive from Washington, D.C., you will discover the mid-Atlantic's best kept travel secret. Visitors are welcome to stay over Saturday night in one of St. Mary's County's many inns or hotels and, in the morning, set out to see all that the county has to offer. Explore our participating historic sites, munch on brunch, enjoy wine tastings, browse the local shops and savor the charming countryside. Information on lodging, dining, shopping and all sorts of neat places to explore from lighthouses to wineries, and historic sites to Amish markets, is available at www.visitstmarysmd.com.

Get your "Raiders & Invaders" Passport

Visitors and guests attending the Friday or Saturday events may pick up a commemorative passport, which serves as a mini-guide with information about the weekend and St. Mary's County attractions. The passport also offers free admission to participating historic sites and museums on Sunday. Be sure to get your **Raiders & Invaders Passport** stamped – you could win \$1,000 in the **Raiders & Invaders Sweepstakes!**

A "Raiders & Invaders" Thank You!

The Town would like to recognize its five major partners in producing this event: the Leonardtown Business Association, St. Mary's County's Division of Tourism, The College of Southern Maryland, Historic Sotterley and the St. Mary's County Historical Society. The Town would also like to recognize the Maryland State Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) for awarding a \$16,000 Star-Spangled Bicentennial Grant and Marrick Homes for their sponsorship of \$5,000 to aid in the production this event. Other sponsoring partners include Koch Consulting Group, The County Times, Destination Southern Maryland, Maryland Heritage Areas, Hampton Inn, St. Mary's County Arts Council, and Home 2 Suites by Hilton.



www.RaidersandInvaders.com



Town Tidbits

LBA NEWS

The LBA is now officially the Leonardtown Business Association, Inc. They are a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Maryland and are applying for tax-exempt status with the IRS. LBA Secretary Randy Richie extends a special thanks to Susan Kilroy, Bill McKissick and Bob Askey for all their help with the re-structuring. The LBA will now be more informational regarding member news, and place additional focus on small business education. Review member benefits or join the LBA by visiting thelba.org or speak with any LBA member.

Meet the Mayor

Mayor Dan Burris believes that communication is key to keeping Leonardtown an attractive, busy and viable town. Mayor Burris has established a set time immediately following the regular Town Council meetings to stay behind for a half hour and be available to chat with you. Come on by – the Mayor will be waiting!

Leonardtown's New Website

The Town has revised its website with several new features, including announcements for residents. You can also find the latest news on events and happenings around Town, and read current and earlier publications of the *Leonardtown Beacon* newsletter. We hope our residents and visitors will find the site attractive and easy to navigate. **Log on to leonardtown.somd.com to check it out!**

Immediate Solution/ Walters ART Gallery

Both Immediate Solution and Walters ART Gallery are managed by Helen Dorsey. Immediate Solution offers collaborative, professional workspace suitable for anyone needing a conference room or short term office. The Walters ART Gallery is currently featuring works of Michael Guy Tomassoni and Bernadette Garner, and will be open for showings during Leonardtown First Fridays and other hours by appointment. For workspace and gallery inquiries visit leonardtownofficespace.com or call 301-466-0872.



St. Mary's Wine & Design

The St. Mary's Wine & Design studio strives to provide a unique and relaxing environment while painting with friends and family. Veronica Jordan, owner, explains that it's a wine and painting party where instructors, brushes, canvases and paints are provided, allowing you to unleash your inner artist and create a beautiful painting. The studio also hosts a variety of kids art programs that are fun for the whole family, as well as private parties for special occasions. Wine and Design is located at 41610 Fenwick Street in the Norris Building. Visit their website at wineanddesignus.com/location/leonardtown-md/home or call 240-925-7464 for more details.



New Memorial Park Bench

Clinton B. Duke loved making daily visits to Leonardtown Wharf, and recently, a memorial park bench was placed on the promenade by his family. Clinton was a lifelong resident of Leonardtown until his passing on August 22, 2013 at the age of 85. He was known for his service in several community organizations, was very active in the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, and is an inductee to the Hall of Fame of both the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Many may remember him outfitted as Sparky the Fire Dog and teaching fire safety to children. The Town appreciates the family of Clinton Duke for donating the park bench in his memory that will be used by the many visitors at Leonardtown Wharf. *Photo courtesy of Brenda Philby*



The Dinner Movie

Sustainable farming is the subject of *The Dinner*, a film from Log Cabin Studios documenting a year in the life of Frank and Christina Allen of Allen Heirloom Homestead and Corn Crib Studio. The documentary tells the story of an actual dinner and all the things that brought each course into existence, like planting and composting; working with natural fibers; raising sheep, turkeys and chicken; dehydrating food; fermenting tea; and making your own soap. The film promotes a back-to-the-basics lifestyle, healthier eating, and making a smaller footprint on the environment. To see a preview of the movie and to order a copy of the DVD, visit TheDinnerMovie.com or call 301-373-8996.



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