

# Leonardtown BEACON

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## Calendar of Events

**FIRST FRIDAY, EVERY MONTH**  
Celebration of "First Fridays"  
Historic downtown and uptown  
Leonardtown

**AUGUST 2**  
Beach Party on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 5**  
National Night Out  
Leonard's Freehold

**AUGUST 10**  
U.S. Navy Band Cruisers Concert  
Leonardtown Square

**AUGUST 16 & SEPTEMBER 20**  
Sunrise Yoga  
Leonardtown Wharf Park

**AUGUST 23**  
Downtown Tunes  
Leonardtown Square & Wharf

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
Taste of St. Mary's  
Leonardtown Square

**SEPTEMBER 18-21**  
SMC Fair  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 11-12**  
Craft Guild Fall Fest  
Port of Leonardtown Park

**OCTOBER 12**  
Antique Tractor & Truck Parade  
Leonardtown Square

**OCTOBER 18-19**  
SMC Oyster Festival  
SMC Fairgrounds

**OCTOBER 25**  
Trick-or-Treat on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**NOVEMBER 11**  
Veterans Day Parade  
Leonardtown Square

**NOVEMBER 28**  
Christmas on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

**NOVEMBER 28**  
Christmas Festival  
Winegardner Auto

**DECEMBER 13**  
Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square  
Leonardtown Square

At Home in Leonardtown featuring . . .

## Paddling in Leonardtown with the Patuxent Adventure Center

Playing in the great outdoors is a passion that excites so many people, and when the opportunity presented itself, Dave and Trish Lane incorporated their love for outdoor sports into a full time business. The Lanes also love sharing and providing outdoor experiences with others, and in March of 2003, they launched the Patuxent Adventure Center (PAC) a retail, service, and rental business for bikes and kayaks in Solomons, MD.

In 2011 the PAC extended paddlesport rentals operations to the Town of Leonardtown, providing kayak, canoe and paddleboard rentals at Leonardtown Wharf. Keeping up with the latest trend, stand-up paddle boarding is also offered at this location. Today, many are still enjoying kayaking and canoeing on the waters of beautiful Breton Bay and catching a glimpse of the magnificent sunsets. The PAC also provides free kayaking and canoeing for the public during Leonardtown events, such as Earth Day, Beach Party, and most recently, the June 8th Raiders and Invaders event.



*If you are new to kayaking, you can book guided tours and arrange for lessons.*

This spring, the PAC moved its paddlesport retail location to Leonardtown. Now, PAC Paddlesports will not only operate paddlesport rentals from both Leonardtown Wharf and the Port of Leonardtown in Leonardtown, but will also have retail equipment available. An enjoyable collaboration between the PAC and the Port of Leonardtown Winery is the "Paddle and Taste" package, which combines a kayak rental and wine tasting. These businesses are co-located at Port of Leonardtown Park. Unwind with a peaceful trip down

McIntosh Run followed by enjoying the tastes of local wines with cheese and crackers – you can even keep the souvenir wine glass.



*Exciting illumination tours are also available at the Leonardtown locations, where NOCQUA light systems are used to ignite the water beneath you to create an unmatched paddling experience.*

The Leonardtown and McIntosh Run areas are abundant with Bald Eagles, Ospreys and Herons. An early morning paddle could put you in contact with beaver, muskrats, turtles, various fish and many other species of marine wildlife, including the occasional river otter that inhabit these tidal waters around Leonardtown. Dave can recall some memorable days paddling the Leonardtown and McIntosh Run areas and paddleboarding less than 6 inches behind a swimming muskrat or following a beaver up McIntosh Run until it swam ashore. Other paddlers have also shared some of their experiences, too, like getting that once-in-a-lifetime photo showing the beauty of nature and wildlife. These are some of the fascinating sights to behold in this eco-friendly habitat, and it's all so close.

Dave and the entire staff at the Patuxent Adventure Center look forward to supporting Leonardtown with their enhanced services. Are you ready to experience the beauty of McIntosh Run and beautiful Breton Bay? You are welcome to bring your own kayak or canoe, or look into the walk-up rentals provided by the Patuxent Adventure Center at both locations. Have a marvelous day paddling in Leonardtown!

*See page 7 To find out how to get more information on Paddling in Leonardtown!*





Mayor Burris, decked out in uniform, enjoyed all the festivities during the recent Raiders & Invaders Weekend in Leonardtown.

## Mayor's Message

Summertime is upon us and you don't have to travel far from home to experience great outdoor adventures that will create memories for years to come. Not only is the calendar loaded with music and family-fun events here in Leonardtown, but we offer some wonderful public parks as well. Leonardtown Wharf has become widely known for its serene views and is ideal for picnics, a quiet paddle or just enjoying the sunsets. Newly completed public restrooms at Port of Leonardtown Park compliment another Leonardtown treasure. The Port of Leonardtown is a perfect place for picnics, leisurely walks, launching a kayak into McIntosh Run, or tasting some delicious local wines at the Port of Leonardtown Winery. A day of fun for young climbers can be found by visiting the playground at Miedzinski Park, located on the grounds of the Governmental Center. The College of Southern Maryland-Leonardtown Campus is also a huge asset for residents, offering great facilities, personal training, private swim lessons and small group training services.

If you're not the outdoors type, then research genealogy or explore some history at Tudor Hall Mansion, home to the St. Mary's County Historical Society, or the Old Jail Museum. There are many shops to delve into, art galleries to see, and dining choices to satisfy any palate. To sum it all up, there is something for everyone right here in our own backyard. Spend this summer discovering Leonardtown!

*Dan Burris*



Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Leonardtown Beacon

## Leonardtown Celebrates

Leonardtown's August 1<sup>st</sup> Flip Flop First Friday celebrates summer and caters to grown-ups, featuring music by Miles from Clever, shopping specials, dining specials, and art gallery receptions. Be sure to bring the kids the following day for Leonardtown's annual Beach Party event!



Artists are invited to set up on the Square on September 5<sup>th</sup> in celebration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arts & Entertainment First Friday. Contact the Town Office to reserve your spot.

Watch for the return of Pink Friday on the October 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday. Visit [leonardtownfirstfridays.com](http://leonardtownfirstfridays.com) often to see First Friday highlights and specials!

## Beach Party on the Square

It's "Beach Party" time in downtown Leonardtown! This family fun event begins at 4 PM on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> with music by The 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band, kids' games, sand box play, volleyball, fire truck hose downs, crafts,



entertainment, face painting and more. Don't miss "Running of the Balls" on Fenwick Street Hill at 7 PM. Adopt your golf ball in advance at [runningoftheballs.org](http://runningoftheballs.org)

At Leonardtown Wharf Park, enjoy kayaking on Breton Bay, awesome waterfront views, a waterslide and bounce house for the kids, and historic buyboats on display from the Chesapeake Bay Buyboat Association.

Beach Party admission and activities are free. Food will be available for purchase. Contact the Town Office or visit [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) for more information and a performance schedule.

## National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out with the Leonard's Freehold community in Leonardtown on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 PM. It's a fun gathering of games, food, and neighbors coming together to strengthen police/community partnerships and heighten crime and drug awareness. For details call 301-475-9005.

## "L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass Festival

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival at the Goddard Farm off Fairgrounds Road will be held Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit [lilmargaretsbluegrass.com](http://lilmargaretsbluegrass.com) or call 301-475-8191 for tickets, schedule, etc.



## Sunrise Yoga at Leonardtown Wharf

Saturday morning yoga practices will be offered at Leonardtown Wharf Park on August 16<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM. Bring a friend, a mat, a bottle of water, and a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food bank or pet shelter. Contact Evolve Yoga at 301-862-1236 for more details.

## Downtown Tunes

The 2014 Downtown Tunes series wraps up on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the Town Square with sister rock duo Deer Park Avenue. The concert is free. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and come early to visit downtown restaurants, shops, and art galleries. Downtown Tunes is sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association. For more information check [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com)



Raindate: Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.



Many thanks to our May, June and July performers:

Gretchen Ritchie Jazz Cabaret; Higher Standards; the Sara Gray Trio; and HydraFX.

## Walk a Mile in My Shoes

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Poor Walk to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at Father Andrew White School. Call Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or visit [svdpusa.net/fop](http://svdpusa.net/fop) to register or make a pledge. Same day registration begins at 7:30 AM. Rain or Shine.

## A Taste of St. Mary's

A Taste of St. Mary's returns to Leonardtown Square on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon-4:30 PM to offer you a "taste" of St. Mary's finest and award-winning specialties. Stop by to sample entrees and desserts from local restaurants and caterers for only \$1-\$3 each. Try as many as you like and be sure to vote for your favorites! Enjoy music and family entertainment too. For more information, visit the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce at [smcchamber.com](http://smcchamber.com) or call 301-737-3001.



## St. Mary's County Fair

There's fun for everyone at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's County Fair, Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The Fair Parade on Saturday starts at 10:30 AM. For more information, check the 2014 Fair Catalog or visit [smcfair.somd.com](http://smcfair.somd.com)

## SMR Blaine Whorl Memorial 5K Run/Walk

The SMR Blaine Whorl Memorial 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> begins at 9 AM at the St. Mary's Ryken Stadium and proceeds into downtown Leonardtown. For information, email [Suzanne.Taylor@smrhs.org](mailto:Suzanne.Taylor@smrhs.org) or register on walk day beginning at 7:30 AM.

## Craft Guild Fall Fest

A shopper's delight of handcrafted gifts awaits you at the Craft Guild Fall Fest! This two-day festival will be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 6 pm at the Port of Leonardtown Park, home to the Port of Leonardtown Winery, at 23190 Newtowne Neck Road. For more information or to participate in the Fall Fest as a crafter, call the Crafts Guild Shop at 301-997-1644 or check [craftguildshop.com](http://craftguildshop.com). The Craft Guild Shop is located at 26005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, and is open Tuesday thru Sunday.



## Praise & Prayer on the Square

A day of praise music and prayer will be held in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-3 PM. For more information visit [breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) or call Heavenly Presents at 301-475-9770.

## Antique Tractor & Truck Parade

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Tractor & Truck Parade will be held in the Leonardtown Square on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. For a bit of nostalgia, come see these hard-working, restored machines. The Southern Maryland Antique Power Association sponsors this event to benefit the St. Mary's County Christmas in April Foundation. For details or to enter a tractor or truck in the parade, call 240-538-3687.



## St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival, home of the exciting U. S. National Oyster Shucking Championship and National Oyster Cook Off, will be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-6 PM and Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM-6 PM. \$5 admission; children under 12 free. Free parking. This event is sponsored by the Lexington Park Rotary Club. For more information, visit [usoysterfest.com](http://usoysterfest.com) or call 301-863-5015.



## LHS Rhythm Run 5K/1mile

The Rhythm Run 5K/1mile event to support the Leonardtown High School Band will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Leonardtown Wharf Park at 9 AM. For more information, to register or to be a sponsor, email [RhythmRunLHS5k@aol.com](mailto:RhythmRunLHS5k@aol.com)

## Trick-or-Treat Fun on the Square

There's plenty of Halloween fun for kids in the Leonardtown Square on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM-3 PM.



**Trick-or-Treat!** Kids can dress up in their favorite Halloween costume and have fun trick-or-treat merchants on the Square. Bring a goodie bag to collect your candy!

## Make A Life-Size Scarecrow!

Create your own scarecrow with members of the St. Mary's Crafts Guild. For all ages! An \$8 fee per scarecrow covers all supplies.

**Pet Costume Contest!** Bring your outfitted cat or dog to the pet costume contest sponsored by SMAWL! Photos will be posted on Facebook for votes.



Visit the Town of Leonardtown on the web at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) for current news and happenings in and around Town, and to read current and earlier publications of the Leonardtown Beacon newsletter online.

### Mayor

Daniel W. Burriss

### Town Council

Leslie E. Roberts, Vice President  
Thomas "Tom" M. Combs  
Hayden T. Hammett  
J. "Jay" Maguire Mattingly, IV  
Roger L. Mattingly

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John "Jack" Candela  
Heather Earhart  
Christy Sterling  
Laura Schultz

### Board of Appeals

Dr. Herbert Winnik, *Chair*  
Jerome DuVal  
Robert Wentworth  
Darren Meyer  
Joan Ritchie

### Meetings

**Town Council** - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 PM in the Town Office. 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. July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

### Contact the Town:

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The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance upcoming 2014

### HOLIDAYS:

September 1	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 27	Thanksgiving
November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

# Commemorating the War of 1812 Bicentennial In Leonardtown

# WAR OF 1812 RAIDERS & INVADERS WEEK

## FIRST FRIDAY



*Captain Ben Shevchuk, NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer, interacts with eloquent ladies of the era during the Raiders and Invaders First Friday. The ladies were portrayed by actresses of The Newtowne Players.*



*Barney's Irregulars and the Calvert-Arundel Swordsmen gave an impression of crews off the Chesapeake Flotilla in 1814, illustrating camp life of the day, displaying artifacts, singing songs, telling stories, and demonstrating fencing skills.*



*Actors and actresses from The Newtowne Players 1812 Street Theatre, dressed in clothing of the era, enjoyed interacting with the crowd and visiting businesses around the Town Square.*



## SATURDAY - TOWN SQUARE AREA



*The Maryland State Historical Society sponsored this hand-sewn replica of the American Flag, created one stitch at a time by people from across the globe, as well as actors, to tell the story of Francis Scott Key and the Star Spangled Banner.*



*Throughout the day, Mr. and Mrs. Sotterley, portrayed by Frank and Pat Greenwell, strolled around town. Here, the couple views artwork at the North End Gallery, which featured Southern Maryland Landscapes, Reflections of the War of 1812.*



*Leonardtown resident Kennedy Abell was happy to offer his front yard to reveal this grand Flag.*



*Black Forest Artworks demonstrated the craft of blacksmithing, emphasizing the time and effort it took to make metal household goods in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.*



# INVADERS

WEEKEND

June 7 & 8, 2014

## LEONARDTOWN WHARF PARK AREA

The British Invasion Tribute closed the event in style with a riveting performance at Leonardtown Wharf Park, playing music that captivated the crowd with their own memories of earlier years. Beforehand, superb performances were performed by Justin Myles and the Downrange U.S. Army Band. ▶



## COURTHOUSE AREA



Actor and Storyteller Ming Diaz spent the day telling stories of the 1812 era that fascinated the crowd on the Courthouse lawn.



An aerialist of the Old Bay Circus delights the crowd with his stunts and steadiness.

St. Mary's Ryken High School provided cutouts for people to reflect how they may have looked in 1812.



## TUDOR HALL AREA



Calico Jenny sang folk lore of the Chesapeake on the Tudor Hall lawns. Other musician artists hosted by the St. Mary's Historical Society included Matthew Dodd and iLyAIMY. Those that visited the Historical Society also saw special exhibits and displays of the War of 1812.



A variety of marine vessels were on display at the Wharf. Historic buy boats onsite included the Prop Wash, the Thomas J., the Samuel M. Bailey, and the Shamrock. Also on deck were the Skipjack Dee of St. Mary's, the U. S. Coastguard, and Small Craft from Historic St. Mary's City.



Captain Phil Langley provided boat excursions throughout the day along the invasion route, while local historian Pete Himmelheber narrated the invasion story. All boarders enjoyed the tours and the calm waters of Breton Bay.



The excerpt above shows the handwriting style and recordkeeping of slaves during the War of 1812, and is from a book found in the attic of Mrs. Merrie Himmelheber. The book was found by Leonardtown resident Boogie Fenwick and can be seen at the St. Mary's County Historical Society. For historical information check [stmaryshistory.org](http://stmaryshistory.org) or visit the Historical Society at 41680 Tudor Place in Leonardtown.

**Thank You!**  
The Town of Leonardtown thanks all those who helped organize this historic event, and everyone who attended, participated in, or supported the celebration of "Raiders and Invaders Weekend" in Leonardtown!

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Run and Fun Walk

Over 2,500 runners and walkers participated in the Run and Fun Walk on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, raising over \$80,000 for Hospice of St. Mary's. Visit [runforhospice.org](http://runforhospice.org) to see photos and race results.



Another opportunity to support Hospice of St. Mary's is the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass for Hospice event on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Call 301-994-3023 or check [bluegrassforhospice.com](http://bluegrassforhospice.com) for information and tickets.

## Earth Day Celebration

The sunny spring day staged a perfect venue for an Earth Day Celebration in the Town Square and Leonardtown Wharf Park on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.



Attendees enjoyed music, environmental and water activities, demonstrations, and learning how to preserve our world for future generations.

## Spring Fling Classic Car Show



Antique cars and trucks lined the streets and lifted their hoods for all the viewers to see during the XXVIX Spring Fling Car Show in the Town Square on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Visit [smarysrodandclassic.com](http://smarysrodandclassic.com) for details.

## Pausing for the Pledge

Town Council members Jay Mattingly and Tom Combs joined a patriotic crowd on the lawns of the Governmental Center on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Flag Day. U.S. flags, a parade, music, a flag raising and words of freedom by local officials were all part of this patriotic program. This photo captures Councilman Jay Mattingly proclaiming Flag Day in Leonardtown.



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## Great Strides Walk

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in Leonardtown, raised over \$25,000 in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more on CF, visit [cff.org/Chapters/metrodc](http://cff.org/Chapters/metrodc).



## Leonardtown Criterium

The Mid Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association Championship Criterium in Leonardtown on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> saw over 200 cyclists racing around the Town. The previous evening, Pax Velo and the Friends of the Leonardtown Theater showed the movie *Breaking Away* in the Town Square. Visit [paxvelo.com](http://paxvelo.com) for more information.

## Leonardtown Elementary Students Conduct Mock Council Meeting

In recognition of Municipal Government Week, fourth grade students of Leonardtown Elementary School conducted a mock Town Council meeting on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Dan Burris and Councilman Roger Mattingly helped the students as they elected a Mayor and Council members. The Mock Council then solicited input from their residents on how they would like to spend the Town's money. Interestingly, the students have a particular focus each year, and this year it was to fund more environmental projects such as solar panels.



## Public Park Improvements

In recent months a number of grants have been received by the Town for improvements to public amenities. A second phase of Port of Leonardtown Park improvements are under way with the most recent improvements being public restroom facilities. Additional improvements are planned for the park in the upcoming months. A grant has been applied for to add playground equipment at Leonardtown Wharf and a grant to improve and add additional sidewalks to Wharf Hill has been received. This project will be underway this fall. Stay tuned for additional information in our quest to always strive for ways to improve the quality of life in Leonardtown.



## 2014 Leonardtown Election Results

On Tuesday, May 6, 2014, Council Members Leslie Roberts and Roger Mattingly were reelected to the Leonardtown Council. This is Leslie's third consecutive term on the Council. Roger will now serve his second consecutive term on the Council. New to the Council, is Leonardtown native Tom Combs. Tom looks forward to bringing his knowledge of construction and infrastructure to aid the Town in upgrading its water and sewer system.



## Former Councilman Thomas Collier Acknowledged for Service

Members of the Leonardtown Council and Leonardtown staff presented outgoing Councilman Tom Collier with a plaque recognizing two terms (8 years) of service on the Leonardtown Council. Prior to serving on the Council, he also served two years on the Planning and Zoning Board. Thank you Tom, for your service and dedication to Leonardtown!



## Additional Benefits now Available through A&E District Designation

In 2013 Leonardtown became Maryland's 22<sup>nd</sup> Arts and Entertainment District. Several tax benefits are available in arts and entertainment districts: (1) qualifying residing artists may claim a subtraction modification on State and local income taxes for certain income derived within the district; (2) a county or municipality may grant, a property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain buildings located in an arts and entertainment district that are renovated for use by a qualifying artist or an arts and entertainment enterprise; and (3) a county or municipality may exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from any admissions or amusement charge levied by an arts and entertainment enterprise or qualified residing artist in an arts and entertainment district. This Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1054 broadened the definition of a qualifying residing artist for an arts and entertainment district to mean an individual who (1) owns or rents residential real property in the State, rather than in the county where the arts and entertainment district is located; (2) conducts a business in any arts and entertainment district; and (3) derives income from the sale or performance within any arts and entertainment district of an artistic work that the individual wrote, composed, executed, either alone or with others, in any arts and entertainment district.

# Highlights

## Dan Burris Receives Chamber Businessperson Award

Congratulations to Leonardtown's Mayor Dan Burris, recipient of the 2014 St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year Award! Dan is the owner of Burris' Olde Towne Insurance Agency, Inc. in Leonardtown, which he has successfully operated for 14 years. The award was presented to Dan at the Chamber's 2014 Annual Meeting and Dinner on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall.



Dan Burris of Olde Towne Insurance Agency, Inc. accepts a plaque for the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year Award from Kim Oliver, the Chamber's 2013-14 Board Chair.

## The Hamptons at Leonardtown

A recent proposal to bring up to 142 luxury apartments to Fenwick Street is moving through the planning process. Developers Fahrhad Saba and Mike and Debbie Mummaugh are proposing the apartments which will include elevators in the two, four-story buildings, an on-site property manager, a pool and clubhouse and other upgraded amenities. The apartments meet many Smart Growth initiatives including walkability to the downtown shops and restaurants. For more information follow the project on the town website.

## Leonardtown Business Association News

The Leonardtown Business Association (LBA) welcomes its newest members: Leonardtown Fitness & Nutrition; Caught My Eye; Law Enforcement Institute of Maryland; G & H Jewelers; The Rex; AMEWAS, Inc., and Wine & Design.

To aid visitors in locating LBA member businesses in Leonardtown, directional signs have been set at the pocket park by Jeannie's Flowers, the Maryland Antiques Center, and the Leonardtown Library.

Members of the LBA enjoy networking with other business men and women, finding new advertising opportunities, participating in First Friday activities, and keeping current on Leonardtown news and projects. Goals of the LBA include promoting businesses, projects, and community events in Leonardtown.

The LBA welcomes new members and reminds current members to renew their membership, and to pay their annual dues on time (June 30<sup>th</sup>) to receive all the benefits available. Visit [thelba.org](http://thelba.org) or contact Dan Norris, LBA President, at [dan.norris0707@gmail.com](mailto:dan.norris0707@gmail.com) for membership details and an application.



## PORT OF LEONARDTOWN WINERY

### The Award-Winning Port of Leonardtown Winery

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is a cooperative of 18 Southern Maryland vineyards that produce a variety of grapes. The Winery opened in 2009, and since that time has medaled 128 awards in regional, national, and international wine competitions, including 21 gold and 13 best-in-class. The Winery now looks forward to the 2014 Governor's Cup Competition in September.

Two special limited release wines, Raiders Red, crafted for the recent Raiders and Invaders bicentennial event, and the new 2013 award-winning Traminette, are currently available in small quantities.

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is located just off Route 5 at 23190 Newtowne Neck Road. For more information, special events or to arrange a tour, call 301-690-2192 or visit [portofleonardtownwinery.com](http://portofleonardtownwinery.com)

## Society Hill Garden Club of Breton Bay Celebrates 45th Anniversary

The Society Hill Garden Club of Breton Bay celebrated their 45th Anniversary at the Café des Artistes on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Leonardtown Commissioners, Jay Mattingly and Hayden Hammett joined the festivity to speak on Leonardtown's outlook and to present a Proclamation recognizing the club's 45 years of service. In addition to generating beautification and improvement projects for the Breton Bay community, the club is a sponsor for the annual Preakness Party and Auction to benefit the St. Mary's Nursing Center. Members also enjoy delivering flower baskets to Nursing Center residents on Mother's Day.



Leonardtown Commissioners, Jay Mattingly & Hayden Hammett (center) with (l-r) Barbara Sachs, the club's founder, first president, and guest of honor; Sue Bellis and Kathy Glockner, past presidents; Pamela Herold, current president; and Alicia Smith, Gloria Brady and Kay Christman, past presidents.



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### Paddling Information:

To arrange your day of paddling in Leonardtown with the Patuxent Adventure Center, or for more information on rentals, guided tours, special paddling events, or hours of operation including retail and rentals from any of the PAC locations, check out their website at:

[paddle.paxadventure.com](http://paddle.paxadventure.com)

For bicycle related matters check:

[paxadventure.com](http://paxadventure.com)

### Trash and Recycling Information

Beginning July 1, 2014, Affordable Refuse and Recycling, Inc. began providing trash and recycling services for the Town of Leonardtown under a five-year contract. The Town appreciates the dependable service

experienced with Goode Company over the past seven years, and now looks forward to their relationship

with Affordable. Notice of this change was previously mailed to Town residents and customers. To request a copy of this notice, if you have any questions about your trash or recycling service, if you have not received your new Affordable toters, or if you wish to report a missed pick-up, please call the Town Office at 301-475-9791 and ask for Jackie Post. Please **do not** call the trash company directly. Information on Leonardtown's trash and recycling collection services can also be found by visiting our website at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com).

**Residential Trash collection:** Residential Trash pickup will now be every Monday and Thursday for all streets in the Academy Hills, Leonard's Grant, and Singletree subdivisions, Eldon Court, Greenbrier Road, Henderson Drive, Hollywood Road, Laverne Lane, Mattingly Street, Mile Post Lane, and Spalding Lane. Trash pickup for all other Leonardtown streets will be made on Tuesday and Friday.

**Residential Recycling collection:** Residential Recycling pickup will now be made on Wednesdays for all Leonardtown streets.

**Residential Bulk Trash collection:** The next quarterly residential bulk trash pickup is Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### COLLECTION NOTES:

To ensure pickup, please set out your toters prior to 7 AM on the morning of collection, or the night before.

All residential trash and recycling pickups during the Labor Day Holiday week will slide forward by one day.





# Town Tidbits

## The Rex

Once again, the front section of Leonardtown's old theatre will host a new restaurant. Joe Kurley has been busy with renovations and plans to open The Rex this summer. The Rex will feature fresh-cooked, seasonal food from Lotus Café and a bar. When Leonardtown's movie theatre was originally built in the late 1940's/early 1950's, it was known as the New Theatre. Under new ownership in the 1960's, the theatre was renamed the Rex Theatre and closed in the 1980's. Over time, space in the theatre has been used for a church and other businesses, including Ye Olde Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlour, Nook & Monks Restaurant, and most recently, ElCerro Grande Mexican Restaurant. To help keep the nostalgic feel of Leonardtown in The Rex, Joe is asking for pictures, posters, décor or other Leonardtown memorabilia. For more details, visit The Rex on Facebook, or contact [joe\\_kurley@me.com](mailto:joe_kurley@me.com)



## Reynold's Pharmacy Closes

Between 1979 and March of 2014, Charlie and Susan Reynolds were busy operating a pharmacy business in downtown Leonardtown; first as the Medicine Shoppe (1979-1994) and then Reynolds Pharmacy (1994-2014). The Town joins many customers and friends in extending "best wishes" to the Reynolds' for a job well done!

*The Reynolds were presented with a proclamation from the Town Council at their meeting of May 8, 2014.*



## Caught My Eye

Tas McWilliams is thrilled to offer exotic handicrafts from the far East, local handmade art, and everyone's favorite Shabby Chic vintage furniture at "Caught my Eye". The shop is located at 22760 Washington Street in downtown Leonardtown in the red brick building nestled between The Hair Co. Salon and the Front Porch restaurant. For your one-of-a-kind find, visit [caughtmyeyesite.wordpress.com](http://caughtmyeyesite.wordpress.com) or like [facebook.com/caughtmyeyesite](https://www.facebook.com/caughtmyeyesite).



## Walk your way to wellness with the "More to Explore" Passport Program

The "More to Explore" Passport Program encourages friends and families to get outside and enjoy a combination of parks, historic sites, water trails, a walkabout through Leonardtown and a farmer's market. The program ends on August 15<sup>th</sup>, so pick up your passport at the Town Office today! After exploring the 22 designated sites, present your completed Passport Prize Page to your local St. Mary's County Public Library and claim your prize! This program is sponsored by MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, St. Mary's County Public Libraries, and the St. Mary's County Health Department.



Mayor Dan Burris presents a \$1,000 check to Raiders and Invaders Passport Sweepstakes winner, Barbara Conrath, of Leonardtown, MD.

## Deputy's Corner

You can prevent heat-related deaths of children trapped inside vehicles. Even the best parents and caregivers can unknowingly leave a sleeping baby in a car. Below are a few preventative habits that can help save a child's life.



- Never, not even for a minute, leave children alone in or around vehicles.
- "Look Before You Lock" and always open the back door of your vehicle each time you reach your destination.
- Establish visual reminders to look in the back seat. Put an item you'll need (cell phone, handbag, briefcase, etc.) on the back seat floor board, or keep a large stuffed animal when the car seat is unoccupied, and upon placing the child in the car seat, move the stuffed animal to the front seat.
- Make arrangements with your child's day care center or sitter that you will always call if your child will not be there on a scheduled day.
- If you see a baby or young child alone in a vehicle, call 9-1-1 immediately. Their very life depends on it!
- Visit [kidsandcars.org](http://kidsandcars.org) to read more about child vehicular dangers, news, and awareness.

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