

Leonardtown BEACON

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Calendar of Events

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

OCTOBER 5-6

Fall Boat Regatta
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leonardtown Square

OCTOBER 12

Coastal Arts Market
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Leonardtown Wharf

OCTOBER 19

Ryken 5k
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Leonardtown Square

OCTOBER 26

Trick-or-Treat on the Square
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 1

Day of the Dead First Friday
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day Parade and Memorial
Wreath Laying Ceremony
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 29

Christmas on the Square & Annual
Tree Lighting Ceremony
4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Leonardtown Square

NOVEMBER 30

Small Business Saturday
Time TBA
Leonardtown Square

DECEMBER 15

Olde Town Christmas Market
Time TBA
Leonardtown Square

DECEMBER 21

Meet & Greet with Santa
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Location TBA Upon Registration

DECEMBER 21

Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Leonardtown Square

DECEMBER 24

Tuesday Meet & Greet with Santa
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Location TBA Upon Registration



*It's been a Summer of Amazing Concerts
for the First Season of the
Leonardtown Summer Music Festival*

The **Commissioners of Leonardtown** and the **Leonardtown Business Association** in partnership with the **St. Mary's Arts Council** and **James LePore Productions** proudly announced the creation of the **1st Annual Leonardtown Summer Music Festival** in May of this year. This exciting new Festival combined the Leonardtown Summer Concert Series and the Downtown Tunes Concert Series into one amazing festival featuring great artists like **Six Gun South, The Ryan Forrester Band, Wesley Spangler, Robbie Boothe** and more!



The season kicked off with an inspiring concert from the **U.S. Navy Band Country Current** in the Square in honor of **Armed Forces Day** on Saturday, May 18. Other highlights of the season have been concerts from **Six Gun South, Wesley Spangler** and the **Ryan Forrester Band**.

In a season full of highlights, there are a few evenings that were special standouts during the Festival: First was the **Jazz Era Concert/Kickoff Party for the 20th Anniversary Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival** held on Friday, July 12. It was an exceptional evening that celebrated jazz throughout the ages. The Chesapeake Swingband delighted the crowd with popular jazz selections from the 20's, 30's 40's and 50s; **Ballet Caliente** gave an exciting, roaring 20's performance; and the Classic, Antique Car Show courtesy of the **St. Mary's Rod & Classic Car Club** featured cars from the eras being highlighted. Attendees got in the act by dressing in attire from their favorite



period from the 20's - 50's and posing with the cars from their chosen time period. There was a costume contest with a \$500 cash prize sponsored by the **Escape Rooms of Southern Maryland**. The winners of the contest were a Mother-Daughter Team, **Grace and Heather Hahn**, who dressed as Rosie the Riveters from the 1940's. Grace and Heather's hand-made costumes were a hit at the event as were the 1950's Candy Girls, two volunteers from the **Summer Youth Volunteer Program (SYV)**, **India Taylor** and **Khiya Milne**. The SYV

"Candy Girls" helped raise \$256 in donations for the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department during the event. The youth volunteers were so popular that people continued to ask for the "Candy Girls" after they changed back into their regular clothing. The fun then continued Friday night with jazz after parties at **The Rex, Olde Town Pub** and **Social Coffeehouse**, at the main event on St. Clements Island on Saturday, July 13, and then ended on a high note on Sunday, July 14 with jazz-themed events and activities throughout Historic Leonardtown that included Jazz Brunches, Art Shows, Live Music, a Jazz Era Movie Screening and Cocktail Party and more at various venues throughout Town. It was a wonderful weekend celebration of all things Jazz.

Another memorable event took place on the evening of Friday, August 16 when **Olde Towne Insurance** sponsored an added concert at the **Port of Leonardtown Winery** featuring **Leonardo Garcia y Son Horizonte** at the **Salsa & Sangria Party**. There was an overwhelming response to the event with the online ticket sales quickly selling out (additional tickets were added to meet the interest). The evening was a celebration of the conclusion of the six-

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Come on Out

Fall Fun

Fall is a busy time here in Town. Mark your calendars for **Trick or Treat on the Square** returning Saturday, October 26 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; and then celebrate Veteran's Day with the **Annual Veteran's Parade** in Leonardtown Square on Sunday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m.



Come See Santa!



Don't miss your chance to see Santa in Town during the holiday season. Join us for **Christmas on the Square** the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 29 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Santa will come to Town on his Sleigh during this festive, annual tree lighting ceremony. Then bring the kids and your camera and meet **Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Square** on Saturday, December 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Due to the overwhelming response, the private **Meet-and-Greet with Santa** will also return (by reservation only). These private sessions are available for families with children or adult family members with disabilities or for families who are celebrating a Baby's First Christmas. The Saturday Meet-and-Greet will be held on Saturday, December 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. before Santa & Mrs. Claus on the Square, and the Tuesday Meet-and-Greet with Santa will be held on Tuesday, December 24 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Locations will be provided upon registration. To register for the Meet-and-Greet with Santa or for information about any of the Fall/Winter events, please call 301-475-9791.



Congratulations to Crazy for Ewe for winning the 2018 Christmas on the Square **Best Dressed Window!** Ellen Lewis and Ginni Stein accepted a plaque with enthusiasm and appreciation during the 2018 December Town Council meeting.

Who will be this year's recipient!? Feel the magic of the holiday season when the businesses in Town transform into a festive wonderland! Be creative, whimsical, and use your imagination. Let's celebrate the season and create an atmosphere to attract visitors and showcase your business!

Trash and Recycling Information



Bulk Trash Pickup - Bulk trash pickup always falls on the first Thursday or Friday (depending on your regular pickup day) of March, June, September and December. So, the next quarterly bulk trash pickup dates will be September 5 & 6 and December 5 & 6, 2019.

Holiday Pickup - Thanksgiving on Thursday and Christmas on a Wednesday, so for those weeks slide your pickup day one day forward. For example, trash pickup scheduled for Monday will slide forward to Tuesday and so on for that week. Recyclables will also slide forward on those weeks and be picked up on Thursday, except for Thanksgiving when recycling will be picked up on the regular day - Wednesday. Other information on Leonardtown's collection services can be found by visiting our website at leonardtown.somd.com.



Mayor's Message

The history of Leonardtown Wharf is long and colorful. Redevelopment of the site as we know it today began in 2001. The Town received a \$104,000 Community Legacy Grant to clean up the long-abandoned buildings and pilings. From there the effort became a true partnership between the Town, State of Maryland, St. Mary's County and RAR Associates.

Today the waterfront park is a vibrant, thriving gathering place for residents and visitors, young and old. This month construction of the floating dock for transient boat traffic has started with plans for completion in late Fall. The Town is extremely fortunate to be part owner of a 400-acre farm adjacent to the Wharf and the downtown, known as Tudor Hall Farm. There is a huge opportunity to expand and grow not only the downtown core but also the public waterfront. There are few public access points to the water in St. Mary's County even though we have over 500 miles of shoreline on the Patuxent River, Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

How this property and the waterfront is planned and developed is one of the most important decisions for the future of Leonardtown. In 2006 we began the planning of the waterfront with a consultant, Crozier and Associates, and added to the plan in 2012. Today there are new opportunities, which will only present themselves once, and we will work to get it right! In addition to the Downtown Strategic Plan, approved in February 2019, we are working closely with the private owner of the Tudor Hall Farm property and the St. Mary's County Economic Development team to chart a course for the expanded waterfront and downtown core. These are exciting times for Leonardtown and the future is bright.

Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

Water Quality Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report:
www.leonardtown.somd.com/government/CCRReport-current.pdf

Town Tidbits

Façade Improvement Grant

The Town received a \$50,000 grant from Dept. of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of regranting to downtown businesses to make façade improvements. The grant is a matching grant and has been awarded to 14 different businesses in \$5,000 or less grants. We have already seen some of the projects start and look forward to watching the improvements being completed.



Downtown Strategic Plan Update



Consultants from Mahan Rykiel Associates and Arnett Muldrow, who lead the recent Downtown Strategic Plan update, returned to Leonardtown on August 28 - 30. A series of roundtable discussions, with over 70 participants, explored ideas for updating the Leonardtown branding, establishing a plan for wayfinding signage and planning for some alley network improvements. All of these topics came from recommendations in the Downtown Plan. Additionally, the implementation of freshening the landscaping in the Square, adding shade trees and creating gathering spaces for day to day use of the Square are underway.

The consultants will return to roll out the new Leonardtown brand identity in October. These meetings are open to the public and will be held at 4:00 p.m. on October 21 at the Town Council monthly meeting and 8:30 a.m. on October 22 for a special LBA meeting. Both meetings will take place at Town Hall. Please join us for this exciting revelation!

Executive Inn and Suites Under New Ownership

In a few short weeks the long-awaited re-opening of the hotel in downtown Leonardtown will be realized under new ownership and new management. The rooms are being completely updated. This economic development asset is so important to the continued revitalization of Leonardtown. We look forward to having an operational hotel available again soon. Stay tuned.



Joe Orlando Retires

Joe Orlando, owner of Fenwick Street Used Books and Music and President of the Leonardtown Business Association, retired this July. Joe opened his business on Fenwick Street before much of the revitalization efforts had taken hold. He ran a successful, iconic business but also was a true leader of the Leonardtown Business Association. The residents and businesses of Leonardtown wish to offer a heartfelt thank you to Joe for his dedication and leadership in Leonardtown.

John Wharton Retires

At the June Town Council meeting, the Commissioners of Leonardtown recognized Mr. John Wharton on his retirement and honor the positive impact he imparted for his love of commentary and journalism over a span of 34 years.

Every Christmas, Town staff would look forward to John's special rendition of "Blue Christmas".



Good Earth Celebrates 20 Years

In May 2019, the Commissioners of Leonardtown acknowledged the 20th Anniversary of The Good Earth Natural Goods Co. Ms. Valerie Deptula owner, accepted the Proclamation at the May Town Council meeting.



Mayor

Daniel W. Burris

Town Council

Tyler Alt
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Town Office Staff

Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator
Rebecca Sothoron, Treasurer
Beth Sandberg, Office/Procurement Manager
Tony Wheatley, Capital Project Coordinator
Jackie Post, Fiscal Clerk
Teri Dimsey, Executive Secretary
Jada Stuckert, Human Resources and Planning & Zoning Assistant
Donna Page, Receptionist
Brandy Blackstone, PR & Event Coordinator
Kathy Bailey, Grants Manager
Cpl. Kristi Nelson, Town Deputy

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Timmy Lacey, Operator
Joe Bucior, Operator
Kyle Shepherd, Operator
Greg Owen, Operator

Planning & Zoning Board Members

Jean Moulds, Chair
Heather Earhart
Chris Jeys
Laura Schultz

Board of Appeals

Jack Candela, Chair
Robert "Bob" Wentworth
Nick Colvin
Andrew Ponti

Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. September 9, October 21, November 12, December 9

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. September 16, October 22, November 18, December 16

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

April 19	Good Friday
May 27	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
October 14	Columbus Day
November 11	Veteran's Day (observed)
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

Residential Water and Sewer Rates Effective July 1, 2019

Town residential customers are billed for their **water and sewer use** based on their **metered water consumption**. Meters are read and customers are billed on a calendar quarter basis. The rates are as follows:

WATER

Minimum charge: **\$30.60** per quarter; includes 1 to 10,000 gallons of water.

Extra consumption: **\$ 2.55** for each thousand gallons, or fraction thereof, over 10,000 gallons.

SEWER

Minimum charge: **\$67.74** per quarter; includes 1 to 10,000 gallons.

Extra consumption: **\$6.77** for each thousand gallons, or fraction thereof, over 10,000 gallons to a maximum sewer charge of \$155.75.

Bay Restoration Fee: \$15.00 per quarter

Residential Trash/Recycling Service: \$66.18 per quarter

Per Town Code, all residents are required to utilize the Town Contractor for the trash and recycling service.

The **minimum** bill for water, sewer (up to 10,000 gallons) and trash service will be **\$179.52**.

We now offer On-Line Bill Pay through our website at www.leonardtown.somd.com. Find the link on the front page that is labeled "Pay Utility Bill On-Line", and follow the steps.

Also, available in the Town Hall Office is a Credit/Debit Card ONLY Kiosk for your convenience.

All recycling will be collected on Wednesday. The trash collection schedule is as follows:

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

Academy Hills – all streets
Leonard's Grant – all streets
Singletree – all streets
Eldon Court
Greenbrier Road
Henderson Drive
Hollywood Road
Laverne Lane
Mattingly Street
Mile Post Lane
Spalding Court

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Clark's Rest – all streets
All other streets in Leonardtown

Fox 5 Zip Trip Comes to Town

There was an early morning camera call for Leonardtown on August 2 as Fox 5 rolled into Town. Leonardtown Square was transformed into a live television studio for several hours as viewers were treated to a wide variety of what Leonardtown and St. Mary's has to offer. Rain couldn't dampen



the spirits of participants and on lookers as the show was a big success. And when the crews left Town the coverage didn't end as owners of the old PNC Bank building, Mark and Wendy Guadagnoli, generously gave permission to Fox 5 to install a live camera on their building. Live shots of Leonardtown Square can be seen on the show on a regular basis!

Join St. Mary's Ryken for Fall Events!

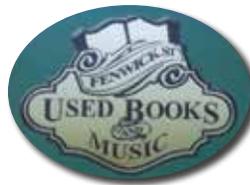
Homecoming Events: October 10-19

- SMR Spirit Knight - Thursday, October 10 at The Rex featuring Unfinished Business with Larry Trader '85
- SMR Golf Classic – Friday, October 11 at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club
- Homecoming Game - Friday, October 11—Knights vs. Bishop O'Connell
- Blaine Whorl 5K Family Run/Walk on the SMR campus – Saturday, October 19 at 8 a.m.



Fall Open House - St. Mary's Ryken invites prospective students and their parents to an open house on Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m. Tour their campus, the new MIL STEM Lab and the Donnie Williams Center, meet faculty and administrators and learn about the SMR high school experience! From STEM programs, robotics and drone clubs, fine arts performances that receive standing ovations and a community that becomes your "home", they have it all for your children! Contact them today to learn more at admissions@smrhs.org.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by the St. Mary's Ryken Drama students on November 14-17 Visit www.smrhs.org to learn more and purchase tickets.



Fenwick St. Used Books & Music is under new ownership!

The previous owner, Joe Orlando, retired and the shop has been sold to the mother and daughter team, Jody and Kelly Brouwer. Jody and Kelly became residents of the tri-county area about 10 years ago. Kelly is joining the business owner community at a young age, having graduated from Patuxent

High School and is now working toward obtaining her associate degree at the College of Southern Maryland. Kelly also worked in the used book industry at Second Looks Books in Prince Frederick, Maryland for two years. Jody previously owned her own business as a pet sitter and is working toward her bachelor's degree in history. Jody and Kelly both became avid readers at young ages, starting early to create their own personal book collections. They both had dreams of owning their own bookstore and those dreams came true on August 1 when they accepted the keys to the store from Joe Orlando.

Bookstores are an important part of any community and Fenwick St. Used Books & Music is no exception. Jody and Kelly plan to continue and expand the community-building model of many successful bookstores today by offering not just books, but a place for people who love books. The shop had a mini grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 6 which was their first First Friday event as the new owners. Jody will be featuring some of her stained-glass artwork. They will also be hosting another glass artist, Bobbi Ripley Holtzman and lathe-turned pens by Stephanie and George Werner. Please stop by the shop and say hello!



Town Tidbits

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital will host their 32nd Annual Hospital Gala, "A Date in Dublin," on Friday, November 22, at the Hollywood VFD Social Hall in Hollywood.

Visit MedStarStMarys.org/Dublin to become a sponsor or purchase tickets to this black-tie event, with proceeds benefiting renovations to the hospital's Women's Health & Family Birthing Center.



Sweetbay Restaurant and Bar is in the works on Leonardtown Square. A group of friends who love Leonardtown, St. Mary's County and good food have combined forces with a Washington, DC restaurateur to open this contemporary American restaurant in the heart of Leonardtown. Construction is currently underway. Opening is scheduled for November 2019.

St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is looking forward to a busy fall season!

The Department will host its annual Community Health & Wellness Fair on Friday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Veterans Resource Day on Friday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. They will be held at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. For more information contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or email sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com.

The Department looks forward to moving into the new Garvey Senior Activity Center scheduled for completion by early 2020! It has been exciting to watch the Garvey Senior Activity Center and Leonardtown Library take shape on Leonard's Grant Parkway! In preparation for the new center, The Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc. is holding a Cash Blast fundraiser raffle to support special events and activity supply needs. Tickets are available at the Garvey Senior Activity Center; the cost is \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. First prize is \$500, 2nd prize: \$250, 3rd prize: 150, 4th prize: \$100. Drawing to be held October 2; no need to be present to win. For more information please call 301-475-4200, ext.71050.



Neighborhood CBD Store opened in Leonardtown in June 2019 and is the first CBD-exclusive store in St. Mary's County. They carry many varieties of topical and oral CBD products, including tinctures, isolates, water soluble, vapes, and gummies. These products come in different strengths and several flavors. They have products such as popcorn, almonds, chewing gum, and topical treatments such as ointments and serums. Additionally, they carry skincare and bath items such as creams, balms, and bath bombs. Their products can help with stress, anxiety, pain, and skincare. Their offering includes products for pets also.

There are many CBD products available in the market, but not all CBD products are manufactured well. They have done extensive research to ensure they have quality products that meet rigorous standards. Their products are advanced nanotechnological, CO2-extracted, 100% made in USA, THC free, and free of pesticides and heavy metals.

Check out their website at neighborhoodcbdstore.com for hours and contact information. They are open 7 days a week and are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Yelp. You can also call them at 301-997-8449.



Brüdergarten at Shepherd's Old Field Market is Southern Maryland's newest favorite hangout! The Brüdergarten had its **Grand Opening** on May 18 and have been going strong ever since! They are located just a block off the Square in friendly Leonardtown, you're sure to enjoy the fun,

friendly atmosphere! Whether you're looking for a place to grab a frosty beverage with your best bud or a place to hold your team function, "The Brü" will accommodate your needs and serve you with a smile! Enjoy selections from 18 taps and 14 bottled labels of beer, or select your favorite wine, spirit, or signature cocktail, coupled with a tasty treat from our menu of light fare options including crab pretzels and our zesty buffalo chicken dip!



Welcome Back Do Dah Deli

Do Dah Deli has returned to Leonardtown! They are offering soup, specialty sandwiches, salads, weekly specials, meats and cheeses by the pound, and much more! Do Dah Deli is located at 22845 Washington Street, Unit D, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

They will be open Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday's. Be sure you like and follow them on Facebook!



A big thank you to all who joined us for our big Arts & Entertainment First Friday event on September 6! Every year has been inclusive of additional new and exciting activities for our celebration of Leonardtown's official designation as an A&E District by the state of Maryland in 2013. We had a fabulous community gathering, a wide variety of artists around the Square, and of course hosted our annual Art Walk event, see our website for a list of the winners and photos from the evening!



*Laschelle McKay, Nell Elder
 and Parran Coltery*

Stop on by and visit to learn about the Arts in St. Mary's County, our friendly staff members will be here to share information about local opportunities and events within our area. We have a brand new colorful tiled bench in the park next to us, created by Parran Coltery through support from the Creativity Grant received by the Maryland State Arts Council. Located right in front of our office, it's a perfect spot for photo opportunities!

Shop at our Gallery & Gift Shop where the handcrafted works of over

35 local artists are displayed and available for purchase. Every Wednesday from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. we host an Open Lunch Social, bring your lunch and join us. First Wednesday Workshops are held monthly from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. where artists may bring their latest project and work in our studio space for free.

On First Friday evenings we host a special Art Share Series from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. where the talents of individuals in a variety of media are showcased and free presentations are provided by the artists. Following the Art Share presentations an all ages/skills level audience participation Drum Circle with the SoMar Drummers meets monthly from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Sept thru April) and 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (May thru August).

A special event this December will be a photography exhibit titled "ONA St. Mary's County" (Out 'N About - St. Mary's County) running from December 1 through January 15 and featuring work by local Instagram artists Jenn Dorsey, Drew Hyde, Daniel Mumbert, Jeremy Scarbrough, and Wednesday Davis. This exhibit will be displayed at the Lexington Park Library with an Artists' Reception to be held, details TBA at www.stmarysartscouncil.com

The St. Mary's County Arts Council office is located at 22660 Washington St. (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center), open hours are 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday with extended hours for special events. Consider joining as a member at only \$25 a year tax deductible donation to support the Arts! Other levels of membership are also available at family, business, and corporate levels. Contact 240-309-4061 or info@smcart.org

for details about our upcoming events listed above (and more!) or visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter #smcartscouncil, let's connect!

The **Craft Guild of St. Mary's County** is located next to the Antiques Center & The Port of Leonardtown Winery, north of Leonardtown. They are 43 years old and one of the oldest Art Guild's in St. Mary's County. Its artist's members supply all handmade/homemade art and craft's in our shop. Members work the seven day's they are open along with special demonstrations of their work. For information please call 301-997-1644.



Did you know **New View FiberWorks** has 20 members in our cooperative of women fiber artists and farmers? They knit, weave, spin, felt, crochet, and sew all their fabulous products. So, if you are looking for something special for a gift, your home, or yourself, this is the place to shop! Upgrade to Handmade!

They also teach! Their upcoming schedule includes Fab Fibers Workshops teaching beginner skills in needle felting, continuous-strand weaving, and miniature punch-needle on fourth Sunday afternoons through the fall season. They offer an Open Studio: Wet Felt on second Sundays for collaborating with fellow felters. In addition, they teach tatting, knitting, crocheting, beginner quilting, and so much more. Classes are offered on a scheduled basis and as private classes for individuals and groups. Visit their website at www.NewViewFiberWorks.com and click on classes or call 301.475.FUZZ (3899) for details. You can also follow them on Facebook for class reminders and new products.

Arts and Entertainment Information Sessions Held

The Leonardtown A&E District and the St. Mary's County Arts Council hosted a "Mind Your Business" symposium on May 18. Artists were provided valuable legal and financial information by amazing speakers Nicholas Cohen-MD Citizens for the Arts, Steven Skeritt-Davis- MD State Arts Council, Manti Bean, Esq.- McGuire, Woods, Adam Holofcener, Esq.- MD Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and Frank McNeil, Jr.- PNC.



LEONARDTOWN SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

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week Salsa Training Series in Leonardtown created and taught by **Donna Jordan**, a professionally trained dancer and Adjunct Dance Professor for **CSM** and **St. Mary's College**. The evening kicked off with a lively Salsa Rueda lesson from Ms. Jordan (Salsa Rueda is a Cuban, Casino-style dance that is taught in the round with call and response method that is similar to Square Dancing). Following the lesson, award-winning musician, Leonardo Garcia, took the stage with his six-piece Salsa Band Son Horizonte. Mr. Garcia y Son Horizonte delighted the crowd with popular and original Salsa and Merengue music. The **Port of Leonardtown Winery** provided exceptional service that included an impressive Sangria Bar. Attendees were able to choose between eight enticing flavors and refreshing Sangria-flavored slushies were available for young attendees at this family-friendly event. The Tasting Room was open for attendees to sample a selection of the Winery's award-winning wines and light refreshments were provided by **Salsa's Mexican Cafe**.

The second Salsa Rueda lesson of the evening was followed by more open dancing on into the evening. The festivities continued with an after party that included a tour of the Winery's Tank Room. The Tasting Room remained open where dessert was served and guests lingered as conversation flowed under the

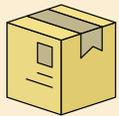
covered patio. It was a sweet ending to a wonderful evening.

Then on Saturday, August 31, hometown favorite, **Robbie Boothe**, returned to the Square. There was an amazing turnout for the event with an estimated number of 1,500 – 2,000 people of all ages in attendance for the free, family-friendly concert. The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the beautiful weather and happily danced and sang along as Robbie performed popular Country and Rock music and a few of his own personal hits. There was amazing music, positive energy and great vibes that filled the Square that evening.



Robbie Boothe

These wonderful concerts and special events were made possible through the support of the **Commissioners of Leonardtown, The Leonardtown Business Association, St. Mary's Arts Council** and generous sponsors like **Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, Leonardtown Chevy, Buick** and more (see the full list of Sponsors at the music festival website, www.LeonardtownMusicFest.com). Thank you to everyone who joined us this season. Stay tuned for announcements about the exciting upcoming season!



It is the time of the year to start ordering gifts/presents to be delivered to our homes. "Porch pirates" know this as well...so here are some tips to prevent theft:

- Have packages delivered to your place of employment if possible.
- Have packages delivered to the rental office if you live in such a community.
- Have package delivered to a parent/friend/neighbor that is home and can collect the package immediately.
- Request a signature upon delivery – meaning someone at your residence has to be home in order of the package to be left.

Deputy's Corner

- Can request package pick up from the USPS –meaning if the packages are brought to the post office for delivery, they will be left at the post office for you to pick up.
- Also, there are large locking mailboxes that can be installed so packages can be left in the locked box (if your HOA allows this).
- Installing an exterior camera on your porch/front of your residence to thwart would be thieves.
- Also, tips for vacations: Place your mail and newspaper service on hold to be picked up or delivered on your return; leave lights on a timer at your residence; DO NOT post your presents and plans on social media; and have a trusted person check on your residence daily.



North End Gallery celebrates 33 years in business! In September 1986, North End Gallery was created by two women - Sally Carter and Pat Lewis - who wanted local artists to work together to showcase their art in a true gallery setting. They recruited 20 local artist friends and established an art cooperative in which every member would have equal say and equal responsibility in running their art gallery business.

After ten years, the group grew to 35 artists and needed more exhibit space. They found exactly what they needed in Historic Leonardtown - a former dress shop at 41652 Fenwick Street that had been vacant for years. They repaired, remodeled and painted the walls and installed moulding, track lighting and new carpeting. They bought glass jewelry display cases and had custom pedestals built to display the pottery and sculpture. After a few years one of the members, Judith Coville Conrad purchased the building to secure it for the artists' gallery and just as importantly to become an anchor business in Leonardtown's Arts & Entertainment District.

Of the original founding group, only one artist remains, Jeanne Norton Hammett who is President of the Board of Directors and states that "the camaraderie and knowledge gained from my fellow artists at North End Gallery provided me with a launching pad to grow and become a professional artist. It is my hope that the gallery will always remain that to up-and-coming artists."

With the incredible support of local citizens and local government, North End Gallery artists will continue for many years to create and sell their diverse work that includes oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, pottery and clay tiles, photography, jewelry, fused and stained glass objects, woodwork, mixed media sculptures, scratch board etchings, and more.

North End Gallery is open every day except Monday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. It is a cooperative membership limited to 35 juried artists in the tri-county region who staff the gallery and run the operation. Meet the artists at the Gallery or on line at www.northendgallery.com. Stop by the gallery to see the new monthly exhibits debuting every First Friday from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and help celebrate their art business success. Check out their Facebook page for events and news @North.End.Gallery.Leonardtown.



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Sewer Backup Prevention

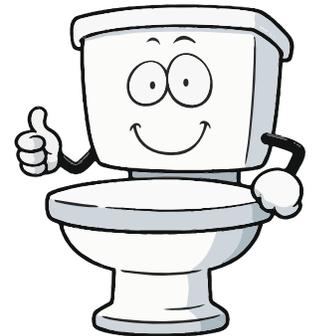
Taking notice of what is flushed down toilets and sinks can prevent most backups. The materials listed below (or similar items) should never be flushed down toilets or drains. These items can clog your grinder pump, sewer line and the Town's sewer main, causing damage to your property and the other properties connected to the main.

When you use your toilet, shower, dishwasher or washing machine, waste water leaves your home through pipes that connect to the Town sewer system. Many materials frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to the Town sewer system. Every property owner connected to the Town sewer system can be a potential contributor to sewer problems. Putting the wrong items down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in your home, and sewer releases to the environment.

The only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. Please keep in mind, products that are labeled as flushable are not sewer friendly and should not be flushed. Here is a list of some things to keep out of the toilet:

- Disposable diapers and baby wipes
- Feminine products
- Facial tissue
- Makeup removal pads
- Cleaning wipes of any kind

- Fibrous materials, such as cotton balls, swabs, cigarette butts, animal and human hair
- Unused medications
- Live seeds, beans and peas (they can sprout)
- Large quantities of cereal, grains, or dry beans
- Coffee grounds
- Sand
- Disposable hand towels and mechanic's shop towels
- Carpet fiber
- Plastic, metal, wood, etc.



Another culprit that causes blocked sewer pipes is grease. Never pour grease in your sink drain. When grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home to the Town's sewer. It also coats the insides of the Town's sewer pipes. Eventually, the grease will build up and can completely block sewer pipes. That can create difficult and expensive maintenance problems for both the Town and private property owners.

To prevent sewer backups and blockages, please be mindful of what items you are flushing down your toilets and pouring into your sink drains.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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