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# Leonardtown Beacon

## The Next Decade

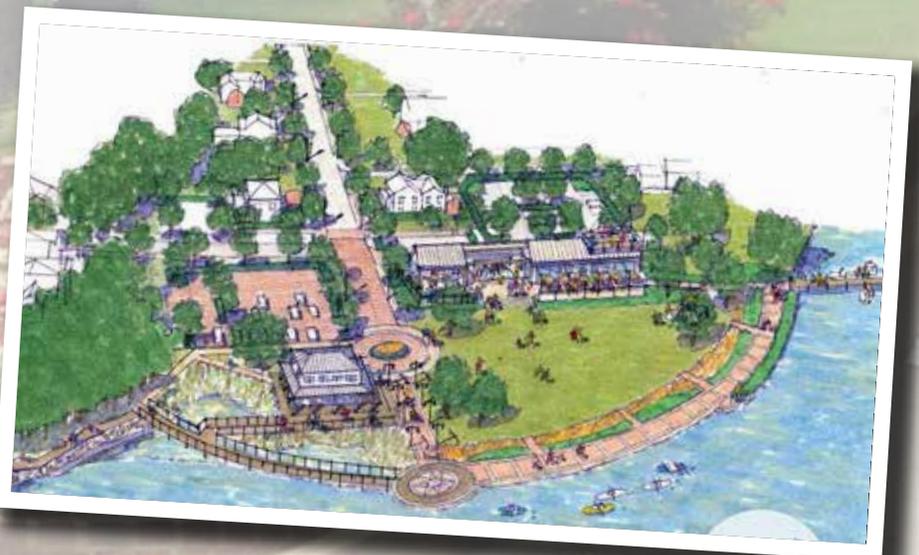
Following the construction of the Route 5 bypass in the late 80's, Leonardtown struggled as a downtown. Businesses closed or relocated and activity plummeted. Thanks to the hard work of many people over the last couple of decades, Leonardtown is no longer a sleepy little town. According to the US Census Bureau data, Leonardtown was the fastest growing municipality (percentagewise) in the state of Maryland from 2010-2020. The Town's population grew by 32%, followed by Centreville in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 16.5%. Residents enjoy being able to walk to nearby shops and restaurants as well as the beautiful Leonardtown Wharf. With so few locations for public access to the waterfront, the Wharf has become a popular spot for special events, exercise, photo ops and casual down time.

With the imminent development of the long-awaited Tudor Hall Farm, today is a critical time for planning the Town's future. This 400-acre parcel adjacent to the existing downtown was once slated for the third State owned hotel and conference center, joining Rocky Gap and Cambridge. When that plan was abandoned by the State in the early 2000's, 240 acres of the parcel was turned over to the Town for recreational use through Program Open Space.

The Town worked with consultants from Mahan Rykiel and Arnett Muldrow in 2019-2020 to embark on a Downtown Strategic Plan. Many of these recommendations have been implemented to emphasize a sense

of place and to utilize the historic Square more efficiently for everyday use. In 2022 the next phase of the Strategic Plan will focus on the waterfront and West Fenwick Street District, which encompasses Leonardtown Wharf and the 400-acre Tudor Hall Farm. The plan looks at public recreational uses for the 2 miles of waterfront along Breton Bay. The plan also looks at future uses throughout the 240 acres on Tudor Hall Farm, additional uses at Leonardtown Wharf and the connectivity to the existing downtown including a significant trail network. A presentation by the consultants regarding the Waterfront Plan was held February 23, 2022 at Town Hall, and is available for viewing on the YouTube Channel: Town of Leonardtown.

This is an exciting time for Leonardtown and all residents are encouraged to give input on these upcoming projects. We believe that everyone will find something in the plans to love!





FIRST FRIDAY

ALL WEEKEND, EVERY MONTH  
MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

Celebration of "First Fridays"

Historic Downtown & Uptown Leonardtown

COASTAL ARTS MARKET

APRIL, JUNE, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

AT THE WHARF

SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOSPICE

RUN & FUN WALK

Saturday, April 23<sup>RD</sup>

8:30 AM

St. Mary's County

Governmental Center

SPRING FLING XXXV CAR SHOW

Sunday, April 24<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Leonardtwn Square

MUSIC & DANCE

APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, April 30<sup>TH</sup>

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Leonardtwn Square

MAD ABOUT LEONARDTOWN/

ALICE IN LEONARDTOWN

A&E FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

(First Friday)

6:00 PM - 9:00 AM

ALICE IN LEONARDTOWN

A&E MOVIE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 7<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Movie viewing will be in the public  
parking lot on Park Avenue across from  
The Good Earth Natural Foods Co.

GREAT STRIDES CYSTIC

FIBROSIS WALK

Saturday, May 14<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIONS CLUB

CRAB FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 11<sup>TH</sup>

11 AM - 7 PM

Rain or Shine

Admission \$7.00 per person

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 14<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 PM

St. Mary's County

Governmental Center

2022 EVENT SEASON

To view the 2022 featured event  
dates and to find latest news and  
updates visit:

VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/Events

Water Quality Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report:

[www.leonardtwn.somd.com/](http://www.leonardtwn.somd.com/government/CCRReport-current.pdf)

[government/CCRReport-current.pdf](http://www.leonardtwn.somd.com/government/CCRReport-current.pdf)



## Mayor's Message

One of the most common questions I hear when a new business is coming to Leonardtown is "Why we would allow a chain store downtown?" My answer is simple: being able to pick and choose businesses by personal preference is against the law. If a business meets the regulation for the zoning category they are opening in, the Town cannot discriminate against their opening. During the process of

updating Leonardtown's Comprehensive Plan, required every 10 years, a thorough public review of the Town zoning map is completed to ensure the zoning categories are still relevant and reflective of the type of growth we want to see.

In the Summer 2016 Beacon I wrote about Dunkin Donuts coming to Town and that I heard a lot of positive feedback but also some concern over letting a chain store in town. Here is an excerpt from that article:

*In actuality chain stores have a long history in downtown Leonardtown. Over the years Ben Franklin, Western Auto, Hardees, CVS Pharmacy and A&P Grocery Store have all had a home on Leonardtown Square. Controlling the scale and magnitude of the chain stores is very important to keeping the small-town charm alive and well in Leonardtown for many years to come. We will continue to protect our locally owned businesses, with restrictions on big box stores, but we will also embrace the chain stores that are in keeping with the charm of our town.*

We have heard from a number of people, business owners and residents alike, that they would like to have some additional level of restrictions on businesses allowed downtown. The Council and I have formed a committee to look at a relatively new legislative tool, Formula Business Restrictions. The committee will look at a number of different alternatives for restricting chain businesses and what areas of the Town would be restricted. The committee will make recommendations to the Town Council and public hearings will be held to make sure everyone has a chance to weigh in on the various ordinances, policies and legislation. We hope that everyone will give serious, open-minded consideration to this idea and consider all pros and cons as it could significantly affect our local economy and the future of our Town for years to come. As the fastest growing municipality in Maryland, the Council is looking forward to discussing opportunities for continued growth while preserving Leonardtown's small-town charm.

## NEW BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT!



**Tapas-Ology** – Serving authentic Spanish tapas including Spanish cured meats, and Paella!

**Earthwise Pet Supply** – Pet Nutrition Center and Wellness Spa specializing in natural pet foods, raw foods, treats, toys, litter, leashes and collars. Pets are ALWAYS welcome.

**Noli's** – Serving authentic Italian dishes and baked goods from recipes that date back generations.

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The year 2022 brings in a new schedule of In-house Art Exhibits! Join us for a Photography Show featuring work by local artists Bert Hindman and Jack Nutter.

For May, our exhibit will feature paintings by late artist Sharon Weiner. Sharon's family has generously donated over 90 paintings to be auctioned with all proceeds to benefit Hospice of St. Mary's. An Opening Reception will be hosted on First Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 8 PM.

On First Friday evenings we are open late until 8 PM and also host special events including an all ages/ skills level audience participation Drum Circle followed by a youth Drumline event starting in April and led by the SoMar Drummers.

Stop on by and visit to learn about the Arts in St. Mary's County. Shop at our Gallery & Gift Shop where handcrafted works of over 35 local artists are displayed and available for purchase.

The St. Mary's County Arts Council office address is 22660 Washington St. (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center), open hours are 11 AM – 4 PM Wednesday through Saturday with extended hours for special events. Visit our website at: [www.stmarysartscouncil.com](http://www.stmarysartscouncil.com), call (240) 309-4061 or [info@smcart.org](mailto:info@smcart.org) for details about our upcoming events listed above (and more!). Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @smcartscouncil /#smcartscouncil, Let's connect!



**Photographers  
Bert Hindman and Jack Nutter**

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CORNER

The Maryland State Police is asking our community to help us prevent auto thefts. In most cases, vehicles are stolen either for the resale or distribution of parts, for transportation purposes, or for the commission of other crimes. According to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, 50% of the vehicles stolen had the keys/key fobs left inside the vehicle while 60 percent of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked.

As a driver, you can take steps to keep your vehicle and belongings safe! Here are ways you can help prevent motor vehicle theft.

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Put valuables out of sight.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.

### WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION ARE YOU DISPLAYING ON YOUR VEHICLE!?

Local Sheriff Departments warn of bumper sticker and decal dangers. The sticker or decal may seem harmless, but criminals can learn a lot from the information being displayed. Don't give criminals free information about yourself or your family by the way of bumper stickers or decals. Criminals are always looking for opportunities, hints, and tools to commit crimes. Be diligent in protecting your personal information.



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#### Meetings

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

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

#### Contact the Town

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

April 15	Good Friday
May 30	Memorial Day
June 20	Juneteenth
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
October 10	Columbus Day
November 11	Veteran's Day (observed)
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 25	Day After Thanksgiving
December 26	Christmas Day (observed)





## LTOWN ALLEY UPDATE

LTown Alley is underway and one of the most exciting things about the alley will be the wide array of public art planned to be showcased there. The first three pieces are well underway. Three separate murals have been commissioned by local artists.



The first to be completed is Alice in Leonardtown by artists Tom Rogers and Dan Ropp. This vibrant mural depicts many hidden Leonardtown icons and also serves as a movie screen. See how many hidden objects you can find! A ribbon cutting for this magnificent mural will be held Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> during the Mad About Leonardtown events. The mural is nearly complete and can be seen on the Town storage building on Park Avenue just across from The Good Earth Natural Food Store.



Next is Where Art and Agriculture Meet by artist Jamie Naluai. Jamie created the Leonardtown Wharf Then and Now mural on the Hair Company building in 2017. Jamie's newest masterpiece is located on the north wall of New View FiberWorks building. The ribbon cutting for this beautiful mural is planned for June First Friday. Stay tuned to [www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com](http://www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com) for more details to come.

The third mural currently underway is a double-wall mural in the Duke Alley and is being created on panels off site by a group of North End Gallery artists. The first mural will be Leonardtown History themed featuring cultural or community landmarks and the second will be a stunning, 82 foot long natural outdoors themed mixed medium of paint and relief sculpted mosaic-style mural. The anticipated completion of this beautiful work of art is September. Just in time for the September Arts and Entertainment First Friday.



Make sure you take time and enjoy these wonderful additions to the Arts and Entertainment District!

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL "MAD ABOUT LEONARDTOWN A&E EXTRAVAGANZA"

Visit Leonardtown the weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> to join in an amazing experience that will excite and delight! Come see Leonardtown's latest, most distinctive mural titled "Alice in Leonardtown". The Town will host a two-day spectacular in honor of this mural.

The Town and the Fenwick Inn invite you to join them for an evening of arts and entertainment at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mad About Leonardtown A&E Extravaganza on First Friday, Friday, May 6, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a one-of-a-kind celebration featuring lively performances, magic and art. The Fenwick Inn will host a cocktail party featuring unique entertainment such as aerial acrobatics, flow artistry, fire dancing, magic and more. They will also have charcuterie, specialty drinks and a live and silent art auction to benefit Leonardtown's Art & Entertainment District. Experience an evening of surprise and delight. Come and dine with beloved Lewis Carroll characters that will come to life, be thrilled by one-of-a-kind sights, sounds and tastes, and experience the works of our local artists. Performances by Vertical Dance Company, Ghawanzi Circus Sirens, and Reggie Rice.



On Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the Town will unveil the newest mural – "Alice in Leonardtown". Talented local artists, Tom Rogers and Dan Ropp have created a spectacular, one-of-a-kind mural, inspired by the beloved Lewis Carroll book and subsequent popular movies about a young girl named Alice who goes on a delightful journey. The mural includes local landmarks, figures and delicacies. After the unveiling there will be a free movie screening of the most recent adaptation of this beloved story. The movie, directed by Tim Burton and starring Johnny Depp, will be screened on the mural, which doubles as an outdoor movie screen. For more information visit: [VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn](http://VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/AliceinLeonardtwn).



**Moll Dyer Weekend Saturday Ceremony at Tudor Hall**



**Friday night Indentured Servant History talk at the Rex. Peter LaPorte, SMC Historical Society Director**

## MOLL DYER DAY

In honor of the first anniversary of Leonardtown's proclaimed Moll Dyer Day on February 26th, the Town, in partnership with the St. Mary's County Historical Society, Visit St. Mary's, the Old Jail Museum and the Leonardtown Business Association, hosted a Moll Dyer Day Celebration with events and activities planned throughout Town.



**Lauren Zimmerman as Moll Dyer**

## TRASH & 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 for 2022 will be March 3rd or 4th, June 2nd or 3rd, September 1st or 2nd, December 1st or 2nd.

## PLANNING & ZONING NEWS

**Attention New & Existing Businesses** – New businesses are required to obtain a Commercial Use and Occupancy (U&O) Permit through the Town prior to obtaining a business or traders license from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. No business can be conducted in Leonardtown without first obtaining a Commercial U&O.

If you are an existing business that has had a change of ownership/partnership or a change in location you are required to obtain a new Use and Occupancy Permit through the Town.

## EXPIRED VEHICLE TAGS?

The Town regulates abandoned vehicles. This ordinance pertains to any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, or water craft that

- Is inoperative and left unattended, or
- Has remained illegally on public or private property, or
- Has remained on public or private property and does not display valid registration plates registered to that vehicle.

The Town is working to clean up unregistered and/or illegally parked vehicles. Please be sure to maintain and keep your vehicles properly registered to avoid towing.

## 2022 LEONARDTOWN SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

We are beginning the plans for the 2022 Leonardtown Summer Music Festival. We're thrilled to bring you a season of exciting concerts throughout Leonardtown. The festival is scheduled to kick off in May 2022. For concert dates and news visit: [VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest](http://VisitLeonardtownMD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest).

## LEONARDTOWN ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT THE SHOW

In the new, exciting virtual series, Leonardtown A&E, you will get to see a rare, personal glimpse into an artists' world featuring: special art exhibits and events, spotlights on talented local artists, viewings and stories about artists' work, virtual tours of artists' studios, art shares (learn about the inspiration and experiences that color their work), and more! For more information and to view episodes visit: Leonardtown A&E ([visitleonardtownmd.com](http://visitleonardtownmd.com)).

## LEONARDTOWN LEARN & SHARE

The Leonardtown Learn & Share Series includes online classes, demos and workshops taught by local teachers/instructors, businesses and organizations. The classes are on a wide variety of subjects from exercise and cooking to learning a new skill like knitting or dancing. For more information and to view classes visit: Learn and Share | Visit Leonardtown MD

## JOIN THE LEONARDTOWN A&E EMAIL LIST

Be in the know about upcoming events and happenings in Leonardtown. Join the Leonardtown A&E email list so you don't miss a moment of the fun from exciting outdoor concerts, art shows and exhibits, to First Friday activities and beloved traditional events! For more information and to subscribe email: [brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov](mailto:brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov).





**Mayor Dan Burris, Former County Commissioner President Thomas McKay, Town Administrator Laschelle McKay, POL Winery members Lauren Zimmerman, Patrick Isles, Rich and Grace Fuller, Michael Hughes and Harriet Gossett.**

March is Maryland Wine Month and Port of Leonardtown Winery will be hosting private barrel tastings with the winemaker. Check their website store for event tickets [www.POLWinery.com](http://www.POLWinery.com).

Starting in April, look forward to new wine releases every month including the extremely popular Vidalacato, and Rosé. The Tasting Room is open 7 days a week with live music and food trucks every weekend.



**Kevin Atticks presents the Governor's Cup to Lauren Zimmerman and Patrick Isles.**



## ST MARY'S COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS WELLNESS & AQUATICS CENTER (WAC)

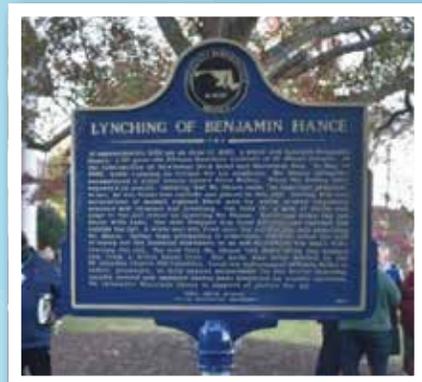
The Wellness & Aquatics Center is excited to welcome you and your family to participate in a variety of activities. The facility includes a 25-yard, six (6) lane competition pool, warm water therapy pool with zero depth entry, fitness studio, a weight training room, 2 group fitness/dance studios, personal training, and swim lessons. Daily entrance and membership passes are available for all ages.

Admission: Daily rate: \$10 (includes access to all amenities). Youth and senior rates available. Punch pass, monthly, bi-annual and annual rates available. Link to membership options: <https://www.stmarysmd.com/docs/wacmembershipsrates.pdf>

Website: [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/wellnesscenter/](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/wellnesscenter/)

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmdrecreation>

**OLD JAIL MUSEUM** - On November 1, 2021, the Equal Justice Initiative in concert with St. Mary's County partners installed an historic marker at the Old Jail Museum & Leonardtown Visitor Center recognizing Leonardtown's role in the history of lynching, in particular that of Benjamin Hance, a 22-year-old Black St. Mary's County man who was killed by a mob of town residents. This marker is the culmination of a 3-year project between the St. Mary's County Museum Division, the Equal Justice Initiative and other community organizations. Residents can visit the Old Jail Museum & Leonardtown Visitor Center and learn more at the Benjamin Hance Exhibit daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SMC REC & PARKS EASTER EGG FESTIVAL** will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. This annual must-attend family event will include age-appropriate egg hunts, photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and Ms. Cottontail, craft vendors, food trucks and entertainment. Participation is \$5 per egg hunter. For more details visit [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/easter](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/easter).

**SPRING ADVENTURE TO NEW YORK CITY** – Leave Saturday, May 7th at 6:00 AM and return Sunday, May 8th 12:30 AM. Hop a ride with Recreation & Parks to NYC for a Spring adventure. The day is yours to plan and we'll supply the comfortable charter bus so you can sit back and relax. Plan your itinerary your way and take in the sites, shows, outdoors and more! New York City has so much to offer. Registration includes a seat on the bus. For more information visit the website for online registration at [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/docs/tripnycspring.pdf](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/docs/tripnycspring.pdf)



# Happenings in Leonardtown

## LBA NEWS 2022 STATE OF THE TOWN BREAKFAST

The 2022 State of the Town Breakfast was held at the College of Southern Maryland auditorium on March 11, 2022. Representatives from the Town, Leonardtown Business Association, St. Mary's County Economic Development Dept. and Visit St. Mary's provided an overview of projects and plans to business owners from all around the Town. The power point presentation can be found at [www.leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.leonardtown.somd.com) or [www.visitleonardtownmd.com](http://www.visitleonardtownmd.com). To become a member of the Leonardtown Business Association visit theLBA.org.



**MEDSTAR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL** is offering a yearlong program for people with prediabetes. HALT (Health and Lifestyle Training) is their online-only program which starts May 1, 2022. For more information and to register, please call 301-475-6019. You can also check our *Healthy Living* magazine or our website [www.medstarhealth.org/classes-and-events/](http://www.medstarhealth.org/classes-and-events/) for information.

## THE GOOD EARTH NATURAL FOODS CO.

is the only small retail store that focuses solely on organic and natural products in St. Mary's County. They promote local, seasonal organic produce which is sourced from two nearby locations (Sassafras Creek and Even' Star farms), certified organic and natural bulk herbs and spices, organic wines, quality supplements and remedies, eco-friendly home and bath/body products, pet food and treats, and much more. The Healthy Lifestyles Kitchen prepares vegan and gluten-free foods. Please visit [www.goodearthnaturals.com](http://www.goodearthnaturals.com) or call (301) 475-1630 for current hours of operation and visit our Facebook page (The Good Earth Natural Foods Co) for specials and the Soup of the Day!



## FIRST FRIDAY ALL WEEKEND

Leonardtown First Fridays have become so popular for residents and visitors to spend time relaxing, dining, shopping and having fun that this year we will celebrate First Fridays All Weekend from May through October First Fridays! The first weekend celebration will be May 6th through the 8th with our Mad About Leonardtown themed events. Details found in this edition of the Beacon.



**Dan Burris, Christine Bergmark, Jason Burroughs, Laschelle McKay, Joe Drury, and John MacDonald at the Olde Town Pub's Ribbon Cutting for outdoor seating.**



**Mayor Burris presents Christine Wray, President and CEO Medstar St. Mary's Hospital a Proclamation on her retirement after her 30 years of service to St. Mary's citizens.**



**Cub Scouts Pack 420 Lead Pledge of Allegiance at February Town Council Meeting.**

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**UPCOMING ELECTION** – The Election of three (3) Council Members of Leonardtown shall be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The polls shall be open at the Town Office 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM for voting.



The deadline for candidate filing is Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM. Candidates may file at the Town Office, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland.

*In order to hold elective or appointive office as Mayor or as a Town Council member one must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Town for at least one (1) year, and at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Property ownership alone does not qualify for election or appointment as a Town Councilmember.*

The deadline for submitting a completed application for an Absentee Ballot is Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the Town Office by 4:30 PM.

The deadline for obtaining an Emergency Ballot is Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Emergency ballots are for any voter who becomes unable to go personally to the polls because of illness or infirmity or condition of employment that occurred after the deadline for submittal of application for Absentee Ballot (April 26, 2022).

**Deadline for registration to vote is Friday, April 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM.** Visit the Board of Elections office at 23250 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650, Monday through Friday, between the normal business hours of 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM or call 301-475-4200 ext 71625 or 301-475-7844 ext. 1610 to request an application to be mailed to you or for more detailed information go to: <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/supervisorofelections/index.asp> or by calling 301-475-9791. To obtain forms or for any questions, please call 301-475-9791 or go online at [leonardtown.somd.com](http://leonardtown.somd.com) or email [leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov](mailto:leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov).

*To qualify to vote in a Town Election one must be registered. To register, one must be a citizen of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age, and have been a resident of the Town for a period of at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.*



**TOWN TREASURER REBECCA SOTHORON TO RETIRE AFTER 30 YEARS**

Rebecca Sothoron has been the Town Treasurer for 30 years and has played a vital role in leading the Town into a successful and financially sound position. Her strategic, conservative, long term planning has guided many Council members and Mayors through good times and bad. Today Leonardtown is strong financially and prepared to continue to thrive. Join us April 7th, 2 PM - 5 PM at Town Hall for an open house to thank her for her service and send her off to a wonderful retirement! Thank you, Rebecca!

**LEONARDTOWN WHARF IMPROVEMENTS** - SE Davis Construction has begun installation of Phase 2 of the Wharf pier/slips to add 120 feet of additional floating dock toward the west of the existing dockage. This project was funded with Waterway Improvement Funds from the Department of Natural Resources and will also add water, electricity and a sewer pump out station.

Additionally, SE Davis will be installing new decking to the elevated catwalk on the west side of the park and around the concession building. These improvements will be ready for use this summer season.