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Private Airstrip Approved in Piney Point



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A piece of land in the rural preservation district (RPD) in Piney Point will be the new home of a private airstrip after the county's Board of Appeals unanimously approved it at a Nov. 10 meeting.

The airstrip would not be one of asphalt but of grass and would be in the most restrictive portion of the RPD known as the resource conservation area (RCA).

The roughly 20-acre property, owned by Kyle and Jill Matthew, would use agricultural fields for the airstrip, according to county planning documents.

The use is allowed within the county's comprehensive zoning ordinance and area in question, but requires a conditional use approval before the project can be completed.

The applicant proposed a 25-foot-wide airstrip at a length of 1,100 feet, planning documents stated, and would be located on Peninsula's Court overlooking St. George Creek.

The original plans for the airstrip called for a 200-foot width but that was reduced to the much smaller width due to tests revealing incompatible soils as well as the wider width running afoul of wetland buffer restrictions, according to planning documents.

Kyle Matthew, a retired U.S. Navy pilot of 22 years, told the board that he still works as a test pilot for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division.

The nearest structure to the airstrip would be his family's home — by a little more than 450 feet.

The other two closest properties are about 1,700 and 2,600 feet away from the airstrip, Matthew said.

The airstrip would be in the outer reaches of the airspace of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Matthew said, and he was in the process of obtaining the permission from base command necessary for him to operate from the airstrip.

"I'm not going to be flying over anyone's houses or anywhere close to anyone's houses," Matthew said about staying to strict

flight plans.

According to documents he presented before the appeals board, Matthew's would be the ninth private airstrip in the area running south from Leonardtown to Ridge.

The aircraft Matthew said he would use was a Carbon Cub, a lightweight, single engine, propeller-driven plane.

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School System Moving To On-Line Ticket Purchasing

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Local school sports fans and school performance attendees will soon have the ability to more conveniently pay for admission to those events now that the St. Mary's County Board of Education has voted to approve the move to on-line ticket purchasing.

"We are looking to go live with this in our winter season," said Michael Watson Director of Facility Coordination, Physical Education and Athletics to members of the board at their Nov. 9 meeting.

The vendor of the on-line ticketing is GoFan, he said, and the contract was set to go through to September of next year with the option to renew the contract with the vendor each year.

The on-line application, which can be accessed through a customer's cell phone, allows for management and marketing of the event by the promoter as well as collection of ticket revenue.

The application can be used by school systems for performing arts events, proms, banquets and graduations as well as sporting events.

Under the terms of the agreement, Watson said, the school system can keep 100 percent of the ticket price with a convenience fee the attendee pays when

they use the application.

The application also allows school systems to analyze the success of certain events from how well it is attended to success of ticket sales in real time.

According to Watson's presentation brought before the board customers of GoFan can claim their tickets either at the vendor's website or through a mobile application on their phone — the tickets to not have QR codes or barcodes to scan.

When the customers arrive at the event they can select the tickets they want to validate and select the "redeem" prompt while they are at the ticket gate.

A customer's tickets can be validated by either using their e-mail accounts or accessing a GoFan account, Watson said.

The GoFan system is already used for Southern Maryland Athletic Conference (SMAC) and Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) games; the local school system will continue to accept cash for admission fees until the new system has been put into place, Watson said.

The GoFan convenience fee is built into the local school system's \$6 admission fee.

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Town Secures Land For Boardwalk Extension

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Town of Leonardtown was able to secure the rights to a property easement in the area of the boardwalk at the town wharf last week that would allow for the eventual extension of that boardwalk for a future development project.

The town council voted unanimously at their Nov. 14 meeting to approve a deal between a property owner living in the Leonardtown Landing subdivision and the town.

The easement property, owned by John Deatrick, now retired as chief of the county's public works department, was the only one not controlled by the town when it took possession of the riparian rights of the subdivision in 2010 when it purchased them from then-owner RAR Associates, developers of the project.

The final portion of the easement is necessary to carry out a key aspect of the town's plans to further develop and

expand the waterfront.

"Because he is a good neighbor of the town he approached us because he was involved in the Mahan/Rykel Waterfront plan," Town Administrator Laschelle McKay told the town council. "He knew we would need to extend the boardwalk."

McKay said the town set about working with attorney Joseph Densford to work out an easement agreement that would allow the current or a future owner to build a permitted structure that could intersect with the town's boardwalk if they desired.

The focus of the town's boardwalk project is to be able to connect it to the Bay Greenway Network in the town's plan; the town has dedicated much of its planning to increasing walkable paths in and around its communities.

Deatrick offered the portion of the easement to the town and no cost.

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No Christmas Display At Flat Iron Farm

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

One of the most iconic local Christmas celebrations in St. Mary’s County, the light and exhibit displays on Flat Iron Farm, will not be held this year, according to Joseph “Bubby” Knott, owner of the equine farm where the holiday display has drawn throngs of visitors for close to 50 years.

In a brief interview, Knott, who also owns the local construction contracting business The Trading Post, gave just one answer about not putting on the display this year.

“I got old,” Knott told The County Times.

Knott’s answer seems to suggest that there may be no more of the iconic displays county residents have come to expect over the years.

The display was cancelled in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and last year the event, which has perennially included a path on which visitors can drive their vehicles through and around the property to see all of the holiday displays, was downsized.





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Chesterton Academy Takes Students Back to Basics to Move Forward

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Operating now for its second year, The Chesterton Academy in Mechanicsville has found its home at the Immaculate Conception Church on Old Village Road; its mission is to provide a classical education to students in the Catholic tradition.

The academy emphasizes the old ways of learning; teaching debate, oratory, Latin and with an emphasis on the classical texts of Western civilization along with Catholic theology.

At Chesterton — named for a famous English Catholic philosopher, writer and Christian apologist — there are no computers available for students to do their coursework throughout the school day.

The students — all 35 of them — can bring cell phones to school but must place them in a drop box called the “phone farm” and can pick them up at the end of the day.

The school’s headmaster, Andrew Pudysz, said the philosophy at the academy is that such personal electronic devices are too much of a distraction from learning.

By having students use books and pencils, pens and paper to do their work, Pudysz said, they are more fully engaged in the learning process and must rely on their own abilities to think and reason to expand not just their knowledge base but their understanding.

The academy eschews dependence on electronic technology, he said.

It is, perhaps, the most salient difference between Chesterton Academy and other institutions of learning in St. Mary’s County.

The divergence from technology also meant there was no virtual schooling there during the pandemic.

“We have done no virtual schooling,” Pudysz said. “We made it a point not to do that.”

“We don’t use technology; we use books.”

Pudysz was adamant that the latest technology, including tablets and cell phones in the hands of students, had no place at Chesterton Academy of St.

Mary’s.

“We will never have tech as an everyday part of the educational experience,” Pudysz said. “It’s old school paper and pencil.”

While there are several parochial schools in St. Mary’s, Chesterton Academy is the only one teaching a classical curriculum.

“Classical education is about helping students think critically and to be able to engage in dialogue,” Pudysz said “We’re helping each other come to an understanding of the truth.”

There is heavy emphasis on philosophy, theology, literature, the fine arts, foreign language, history as well as mathematics and science.

Students are also encouraged to take part in plays and other performance projects to broaden their academic horizons.

While the student body at Chesterton is small the number of teachers is comparatively high at 10, this often makes for what most teachers in a public high school would call very small class sizes.

The maximum class size at Chesterton is usually between 12 and 13 students.

Aurora Quick, a freshmen living in Mechanicsville, likes it that way.

“I like that it’s small,” she said of her high school experience thus far. “You can get to know your teachers better.”

At Chesterton, Quick said, she is “at peace and can learn.”

She doesn’t seem to mind the divergence from technology having such a foothold in the classroom.

“I like how we have books,” Quick said. “I can actually see what I’m learning.”

Life at Chesterton is modeled after an English boarding school, with students divided up into houses where older and younger classes of students all work together to continue their learning journey with the elder helping to guide the younger.

While they don’t live together at Chesterton Academy, the students are encouraged to form family-like bonds.

The system of houses is not entirely well known in America but has been more familiarized by the Harry Potter novels in which young mages are in



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houses such as Slytherin and Hufflepuff while at Hogwarts.

Quick is part of Augustin House; the three others named for Catholic saints are Ambrose, Athanasius, and Chrysostom.

These houses also introduce the ideal of community service to students, engaging them in projects to benefit others outside their school.

Quick has helped put together “Boxes of Joy” of important items for young children in need as well as collecting food for local pantries, she said.

It has helped her realize the importance of the work being done at her school beyond the academic.

“I wouldn’t have thought about doing it on my own,” Quick said of her community service with her house.

The teachers at Chesterton are also working to build a home for those seeking to provide a classical education as well as those seeking it.

After years of working at retail jobs that “never really satisfied,” David Brunk got his teaching certificate in 2015 and after teaching in several different public and private schools found his way to Chesterton Academy.

He said he had been following the progress of the system of Chesterton academies around the country and was impressed with their curriculum and

vision for education.

“I’m living the dream right now,” Brunk said, noting he had always wanted to teach at the high school level. “I jumped at the chance.”

Brunk teaches Latin, history and theology at Chesterton.

“It’s wonderful,” Brunk said. “I get to discuss great books in class.”

“This is something I’ve always wanted to teach.”

Pudysz said that by embracing antiquity in the curriculum at Chesterton Academy they hope to prepare their students to better deal with a modern world.

“We want to teach them life skills they’ll use until the day they die,” Pudysz said. “We teach them to think, to reason and to converse — we challenge our kids.”

But the mission of the school is also about training young people to build civil communities in a world full of strife.

“We want to reclaim what was lost,” Pudysz said.

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Joseph Lawrence Cusic, 92

Joseph Lawrence Cusic, "Boots", 92, of Compton, MD, passed away on November 7, 2022 at his home. Born on July 31, 1930 in Compton, MD, he was the son of the late Pearl Elizabeth Bussler Cusic

and the late Richard Stephen Cusic. Joseph was the loving husband of Thelma Pickell Cusic, whom he married on May 20, 1967 in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Compton, MD. In addition to his beloved wife of 55 years, "Boots" is survived by his sister, Betty Ann Spalding, of Leonardtown, MD and numerous nieces and nephews. Joseph was preceded in death by his brothers Lloyd Cusic, Melvin Cusic, Richard Cusic, John Cusic, and Lester Cusic.

Joseph spent his entire life in Compton, MD, and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1948. He farmed with his brother, Lloyd, then worked for Thrift Oil as manager of the Maryland Tobacco Growers Association, and for Bell Motor Company. Joseph loved fishing, hunting, gardening, and watching NASCAR races on T.V.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Compton, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Father Ryan Pineda officiating. Interment will follow in First Saints Community Methodist Cemetery, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Scott B. Pickell,

Ken Cusic, Kyle Cusic, Bobby Spalding, Andrew Ruffin, and Dale Spalding. Honorary pallbearers will be Buster Greathouse, David Kane, and Tommy Swann.

Contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Ada Elizabeth Russell, 89

Ada Elizabeth Russell, 89, of Morganza, MD, passed away on November 16, 2022 at her home with family by her side. She was born on December 16, 1932 in Grampton, MD to Mary Elizabeth Cusic Thompson and Joseph Henry Thompson, Sr. Ada married Walter Fidelis Russell, Sr. on July 23, 1951 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Morganza, MD. Ada and Fidelis enjoyed 51 years of marriage before Fidelis passed on January 11, 2003.

Ada was the loving mother of Mary Elizabeth Wathen Strine (Jimmy), Walter Fidelis Russell, Jr., (Betty), Joseph Leroy Russell, John Wayne Russell, Sr. (Tracey), Catherine Russell Humphries, James Alvin Russell, Sr., Gail Marie Shelley, Kevin Paul Russell (Meme), Sheila Rae Hancock (David Sr.), Brian Keith Russell, Leonard Arthur Russell (Cindy), Glen Edward Russell (Missy), and Andrew Thomas Russell, Sr.

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(Nancy). She has 25 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren (and one on the way) and four great-great grandchildren.

Ada is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a stillborn daughter (1967), son Kevin Russell, siblings Mary Tennyson, Francis Abell, Joe Thompson, and Nathaniel Thompson, grandchildren Dylan, Austin, Aiden, and Leah Russell; sons-in-law Francis Wathen and David Shelley, and daughter-in-law Brenda Russell.

Affectionately known as "Momma" to many, Ada was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was a farmer's wife and spent her time being a homemaker for her large family. She cooked many delicious meals, harvested large gardens, and canned hundreds of jars of delicacies to feed her family. Ada made sure everyone was fed well and she was well known for her homemade biscuits. No matter who walked through her door, she would always say, "won't you have a bite to eat?" Those who shared a love of chocolate with Momma knew where to find the candy jar on the kitchen counter. Ada loved sewing and quilting and was a 30-year member of the Pax River Quilters' Guild. Many family members have quilts adorning their beds that Ada spent many hours making. She loved rocking all the new babies in the family and sending them home with one of her beautiful quilts. Ada volunteered her free time over the years with many different charities and organizations. Some of those included the Ripple Center, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Birthright of St. Mary's, St. Mary's County public school system, and Hospice of St. Mary's. Ada was a avid reader and always had a good book lying nearby. She enjoyed her Pitch card parties with the ladies. Ada was a devout Catholic and was dedicated to her faith. She prayed the Rosary daily. Ada always made everyone feel welcome. Even as her health was declining, she was still so gracious, kind, and humble. She was concerned about others more so than herself. The matriarch of our family has now gone to be with her Lord to rest, and her chair at the table is now empty. We will miss her tender words of encouragement and her bright laughter. We will always remember her sense of humor and her warm and welcoming heart.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown MD, where prayers will begin at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednes-

day, November 23, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Morganza, MD, with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be her eight surviving sons, Walter, Leroy, Wayne, Alvin, Brian, Lenny, Glen, and Andrew.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Colleen Mary Conron, 32

Colleen Mary Conron, age 32, died in her sleep on November 6, 2022. Colleen was born November 14, 1989, in Prince George's County, the daughter of Kevin Patrick Conron and Barbara Helena Nafe.

Beloved by her family, Colleen is survived by her husband, Dante D'Antonio and an extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is predeceased by her father, Kevin Conron; mother Barbara Conron; and brother Sean Conron.

Colleen graduated high school from Mother Catherine Academy in Southern Maryland. She studied nursing at Marymount University before she moved to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. When she returned to the Washington DC area, she earned her medical assistant certification from the University of Southern Maryland, and her paralegal qualification. She held several different positions as a medical assistant and paralegal.

Colleen married her best friend, Dante D'Antonio on September 25, 2021, and they were looking forward to building a life together. Colleen loved spending time with her beloved husband and dog, Muppet. She wanted to adopt every animal she met. She enjoyed exploring new places, visiting museums and going to concerts. She is remembered for her big heart, sense of humor, and perseverance in overcoming life's challenges.

Flowers are welcome. If you would like to donate to a charity in Colleen's name, please consider:

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To the Editor

A Message from St. Mary's Community Development Corp. and St. Mary's County Arts Council:

We appreciate the article that was published on November 17th on the Hopeful Project and would like to add to the story.

For almost a year, St. Mary's CDC and St. Mary's Arts Council have been working collaboratively with members of the Lexington Park community, church leaders, local partners, and artist Charlie Hewitt to not only bring the Hopeful public art to St. Mary's County, but to also encourage resident involvement in the Hopeful Project overall. Together, we took the initiative of identifying donors to help fund the purchase of the large piece of art and the outreach portion of the Hopeful Project.

We have since invested in community-based outreach about what the "Hopeful"

message really means to our community and how we could work together to make hopefulness a reality. Both organizations are proud to work with Charlie, the community, and each other to create a positive impact on Lexington Park. We believe community involvement is a vital component of the project's message, and as Charlie put it: "To be hopeful requires action, it requires commitment, it requires opening your eyes, it requires being part of something."

More information can be found at www.stmaryscdc.org.

Signed,
Barbara Bershon, President, St. Mary's County Arts Council Board of Directors

Helen Daugherty, Vice Chair, St. Mary's Community Development Corp. Board of Directors

To the Editor

RE: Veterans of Helen – 37th Annual Veterans Day Observance

On behalf of the Veterans and the community of Helen, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone who came out to pay tribute to all veterans of our armed forces and those still wearing the uniform and serving in active duty in country and abroad. Mother nature and the remnants of Hurricane Lisa had an adverse impact on a number of planned Veterans Day activities, but it didn't dampen the spirit, respect and honor due to our veterans. Through the generosity, support and cooperation of many, we were still able to hold our event under slightly different circumstances than usual but still achieving the goal and purpose intended; honoring all who served. A special thanks to CAPT Douglas Burfield, Executive Officer NAS Pax River for serving as our guest speaker; Rev Darryl Kemp, Pastor Mt. Zion UMC and former U.S. Army Chaplain; Knights of Columbus Father Andrew White Assembly 4th Degree Color Corp; Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #1470; Rick Hard-

ing, soloist; Ernie Bell, MC; NAS Pax River Navy Color Guard; SMC Sheriff's Dept Color Guard; Eddie Thompson, Bugler; Elected officials: MD State Del Matt Morgan, SMC Commissioner President Randy Guy; Patrick and Cyndi Michael of Sunshine's Catering; Tri-County Rentals; Suttler Post Farm; Tom Dixon; Catholic Cemeteries; Potomac Memorials; Mike Bowles; Robbie Newton; Bluegrass by Spoon Creek; Whiteford Systems; SMECO; Hill's Store – David and Myssi Williams; Glenn Reisinger; Thomas Dennison; Bobby Johnson; Shawn Haynes; and the extended members of the Hill family for making this another successful year in HONORING ALL WHO SERVED. I'd also like to thank Mr. Guy Leonard, Staff Writer St. Mary's County Times for the wonderful feature article in the Veterans Day Edition and the special pull-out section dedicated to all veterans.

Larry D. Hill
President Veterans of Helen
Mechanicsville, MD 20659



Letters to the Editor

This letter is a response to last week's article titled "Artist Brings Home A Hopeful Message." In it is stated that there needs to be more hopefulness in Lexington Park before the Hopeful project will put their artwork on the lawn of a church on Great Mills Road.

What does it take to be considered hopeful? What is necessary to be happening so the Hopeful Project Artwork goes up on Great Mills Road?

It is often said "actions speak louder than words." So please consider actions by members of the Lexington Park – Great Mills corridor.

The longest running hopeful project is the one that will have a YMCA built near Great Mills High School. A Steering Committee for a community center has worked for over 8 years and now there will be something to do for all members of Saint Mary's County. Plus, there will be full time jobs and much needed part time jobs for teenagers.

What about all the community groups that meet at the Lexington Park Library? If you want to use one of the three meeting rooms you need to be counting the 90 days ahead so you can sign up. You must wait for 48 hours before you want to use one of the two study rooms. Citizens of Lexington Park are using those rooms. When my group was meeting there last Monday evening every meeting room and study room had a group in it. Is it not possible that these groups are hopeful that their meetings will have positive results?

This last spring the Community Development Corporation sponsored a Clean-up on Great Mills Road. There were 18 sponsoring groups. Residents of Lexington Park turned out to work and then enjoyed a meal. Was this not a hopeful project?

Does getting the first Boys and Girls

Club in St. Mary's County count? Once a Lexington Park resident on the Local Management Board learned the Maryland Governor made funds available for Boys and Girls Clubs in every county, the information was shared. A church volunteered to have the Club. This fall students from Lexington Park Elementary School are having a great time after school.

What about the coat drive being done by the members of the District 4 Sheriff's Department? They started donating socks to the elementary school, but when the principal shared what they really needed were coats, they started a drive. Lexington Park businesses and residents donated. This week 100 coats were given to needy students at the school.

There is also a business that has a place where coats can be donated or you can get one for yourself.

Then, there are the actions of the Lexington Park Business Association. One member of the group has a project to encourage all businesses on Great Mills to put up holiday decorations. But the Association has a project that invites everyone to a Holiday Celebration. It is going to be in St. Mary's Square on Saturday, December 3 and starts at 1:00 in the afternoon. There will be lots of activities and of course - Santa Claus.

Again, if these actions of hopefulness are not enough, I challenge those who need more hopefulness to organize more groups and help bring about the rest of the change needed so we can have the beautiful artwork sign that says: HOPEFUL representing those of us who are working to upgrade our Lexington Park community.

Thank you,
Joan Sullivan Cowan
Lexington Park MD 20653

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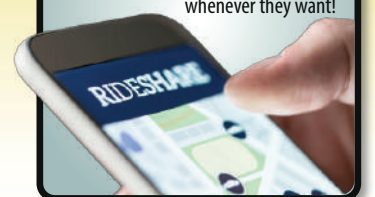
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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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Sat, Nov 26, 2022

LVRSA 1st Annual Christmas Yard Sale

Leonardtwn Rescue Squad Building
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7a.m. to 11a.m.

The Leonardtown Vol Rescue Squad Auxiliary will hold it's 1st Annual Christmas Yard Sale at The Rescue Squad Building in Leonardtown, MD on Saturday 26 November from 7AM to 11AM. Items featured will be: Christmas Items—Crafts—Yard Sale Items—Baked Goods—Fudge—Etc. Tables for \$15.00/ Contact Arlene Fenwick at 301-247-0394. Drop Off Donations accepted at the Rescue Squad Bldg on Friday 25 November from 9AM to 4PM. NO CLOTHES PLEASE!

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gram begins at 6:00 p.m.

Reserve your seats at: ChopticonChorus.org

Madrigal weekend events are located at Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Mechanicsville, MD.

For questions please email: ChopticonChorus@gmail.com

Upcoming

Alcoholics Anonymous

There will be holiday Alcoholics Anonymous marathon meetings, both Christmas and New Year's Eve through to New Year's Day.

Christmas Alco-thon. Will run from 8pm Xmas Eve thru 8pm Christmas Day at the Hollywood Volunteer Resuce Squad in Hollywood.

The New Year's Alco-thon will run 8pm-8pm NYs Eve thru Day at the same location at: 43256 Rescue Lane Rt 235 Hollywood, MD.

The holidays can be the most joyous and most stressful time of the year for many. We're here if you need us!

Sun, Nov 27, 2022

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Thu, Dec 1, 2022

American Legion Post 221 Meeting
1690 Colton Point Rd.
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Saturday, December 3

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER

Identity Needed for Theft Suspects

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the man and woman pictured. On Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at 1:12 pm, the suspects used distraction tactics to steal numerous pairs of shoes from Famous Footwear in California. The two suspects then attempted to return the shoes at another Famous Footwear in another jurisdiction.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspects or this incident is asked to call Deputy Joseph Senatore at 301-475-4200, ext. 78163 or email joseph.senatore@st-maryscountymd.gov. Case # 59323-22

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact the St. Mary's County Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text



a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.



Theft- On November 12, 2022, Dep. Reynolds responded to the 46500 block of Expedition Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported theft. The victim advised Isiah Alexander Woodland, age 18 of Lexington Park, stole the victim's keys and then proceeded to take the victim's vehicle. While Woodland had the vehicle the victim received messages from Woodland threatening to call law enforcement and allege false crimes committed by the victim if the victim reported the vehicle theft. The vehicle was observed by Dep. Tasciotti operating in the 22700 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park. The vehicle was stopped and Woodland was taken into custody. Located in the vehicle was over 10 grams of suspected marijuana. Woodland was charged with Theft, Motor Vehicle: Unlawful Taking, Rogue and Vagabond, Extort/Slander, and CDS: Possession-Cannabis 10 grams plus.



Assault- On November 12, 2022, Dep. Truss responded to the 36800 block of Danny's Way in Chaptico, for the reported assault. The victim advised Christina Margaret Buckler, age 38 of Chaptico, threw items at the victim and scratched the victim. The victim had visible scratches and Buckler was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Indecent Exposure- On November 12, 2022, Dep. Stewart responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported Indecent Exposure. Investiga-



tion determined Demetrius Roshawn Puifory, age 44 of California, exposed his genitals to the victim. Puifory was charged with Indecent Exposure.



Assault/Reckless Endangerment- On November 13, 2022, Dep. Tasciotti responded to the 45000 block of Deer Pond Lane in California, for the reported assault. The victim advised during an argument, William Reed Mesmer, age 54 of California, removed a handgun from his waistband, and fired a shot into the ground near the victim. The victim advised Mesmer then pointed the firearm at the victim Mesmer was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree and Reckless Endangerment.



Assault/False Imprisonment- On November 14, 2022, Dep. Senatore responded to the 21300 block of Chancellors Run Road in Great Mills, for the reported disturbance. Contact was made with the victim who had multiple abrasions to the face and neck. Investigation determined Dylan Shane Chapman, age 22 of Great Mills, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the face multiple times and strangling the victim. During the incident Chapman stole and destroyed the victim's phone and prevented the victim from leaving. Chapman was charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree, Theft, and False Imprisonment.

Sheriff's Office Advises Against Sending Checks through the Mail

Due to the excessive number of intercepted checks in the US Mail in recent months in Southern Maryland, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at this time advises residents to refrain from sending checks through the US Postal Service, if possible.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office continues to forward numerous reports of local check fraud to the US Postal Inspection Service for their investigations.

Both personal and business checks have been intercepted in the US Mail, with checks washed, written and cashed

for fraudulent and exorbitant amounts.

The Sheriff's Office advises citizens to utilize online payment methods or to make payments over the phone to pay bills at this time.

To report incidents of check or mail fraud to the Sheriff's Office, please use the Citizens Online Reporting System at <https://www.firstsheriff.com/citizen-report/> Mail fraud, mail theft and other postal issues can be reported to the US Postal Inspection Service at <https://www.usps.gov/report>

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St. Mary's Holiday Schedule

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This popular annual event includes a Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair in the center of historic Leonardtown, where you might find seasonal décor, one-of-a-kind gifts, and a place to get a bite to eat.

Attendees are encouraged to use the free round-trip shuttle service to go to and from the event and to park at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and the Governmental Center from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday Holiday Market @ The Barns at New Market

November 26

Admission: Free

Location: The Barns at New Market
29133 Thompson Corner Rd.
Mechanicsville

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Prepare your shopping list for your holiday customs and meals on Saturdays (11/5 - 12/17) while taking advantage of the many artisans and craftspeople, locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, alcoholic beverages, and wines that are available.

Upcoming Dates: December 3, 10, 17

Small Business Saturday

November 26

Admission: Free

Location: Leonardtown

Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Start your holiday shopping off right in Leonardtown. To assist you with your holiday shopping, neighborhood businesses open their doors and also welcome Holiday Popup Shops from other businesses in the surrounding area. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., park and ride the Leonardtown Trolley for FREE to visit all the fantastic shops in the area. A wonderful way to start the holiday season and show support for small, neighborhood businesses.

Live Music at Port of Leonardtown Winery

November 26

Admission: Free

Location: Port of Leonardtown Winery
23190 Newtowne Neck Rd.
Leonardtown

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Spend the afternoon sipping award-winning wine and eating food from a local food truck while listening to live music. Come enjoy hot chocolate, wine samples, and mulled wine while dancing the afternoon away in the heated tent extension on our patio. The Port of Leonardtown winery is the ideal location to unwind with friends and family on a relaxing afternoon.

Here's the upcoming line-up:

Nov 26: music by William Benthel; food from Wildwood BBQ

Nov 27: music by Groovespan; food from Chaptico Market

Retro Christmas Open House @ Piney Point Lighthouse

November 27

Admission: Free

Location: Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park
44720 Lighthouse Rd. Piney Point

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Bring your holiday guests, family, and friends along to enjoy family activities, refreshments, and more to commemorate the opening of the vintage holiday exhibit inside the museum and keeper's quarters. Start your holiday shopping early in the Museum Store, where you can also purchase the limited-edition 2022 museum ornament.

Holiday Open House @ Cecil's Old Mill

December 3

Admission: Free

Location: Cecil's Old Mill
20854 Indian Bridge Rd, California

Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Looking for fresh suggestions to add to your yearly holiday tradition? Bring your family and friends along for this special shopping experience. The first stop on your adventure is the ancient, historic mill, where you can buy holiday presents from a variety of local artisans, including stunning furniture art, hand-craft items made from recycled materials like old farm and marine equipment, and gorgeous new and recycled wood. Take advantage of your shopping trip to sate your appetite with regional specialties. Watch the staff start the vintage sawmill

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Holiday Open House @ St. Clement's Museum

December 4

Admission: Free

Location: St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Rd, Coltons Point

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Have a holly, jolly season and bring your visiting family and friends to this one-of-a-kind open house. Enjoy take-home children's games, music, and refreshments. While you're at the museum, swing by the store and browse the regional goods to finish off your holiday shopping.

Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit Upcoming Dates and Fees:

December 5 - January 1, 2023 / \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and military, \$1.50 children, 5 and under free (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

Santa and Mrs. Clause @ the Square

December 17

Admission: Free

Location: Town of Leonardtown

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Visit Santa Clause at the Town Square with your list of holiday wishes!

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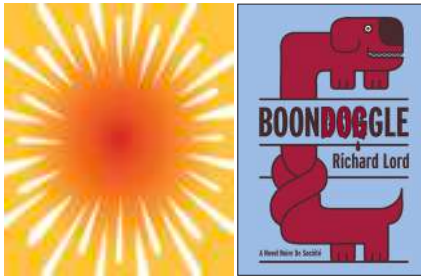
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Barns at New Market Have Holiday Spirit



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Nearly 30 local vendors of everything from holiday-themed crafts to locally produced meats, cheeses and produce have set up shop at the Barns at New Market through Dec. 17 to give shoppers the benefits of buying locally this holiday season.

There are so many vendors that there is not enough space to have them all at once time so only between 10 and 14 vendors at a time are open there each Saturday through mid-December.

Shoppers who want the opportunity to see all of the vendors will have to make multiple trips each weekend to the barns.

The St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development has posted a full list of vendors on its Facebook page.

The Barns at New Market are divided between a set of open-air stalls — the seasonal market — where many of the local meats and produce are available but also being sold there are locally-made cider for

the holidays.

The other is an enclosed building that is referred to as the “value added” site, complete with what officials say will be a working kitchen by the spring.

This is where processed goods are to be sold from the raw farm products, said Kellie Hinkle, deputy director of the county's Department of Economic Development.

“The value-added building is new for us and we really wanted to open this building,” Hinkle told The County Times. “A winter holiday market would be a great way to do that.”

Another focus of the market is to boost local producers and entrepreneurs, county officials said, giving shoppers a viable option for getting unique gifts for their holiday needs.

The Barns at New Market was constructed using grant money and donations to provide a replacement for the farmers market that had long operated at the Charlotte Hall Public Library.

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Museums to hold Family Holiday Events and Special Exhibits



The St. Mary's County Museum Division, which oversees St. Clement's Island Museum, the Old Jail Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, presents events and exhibits during the holiday season at each historic site.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Piney Point Lighthouse Museum presents a Retro Holiday Family Open House, which kicks off the opening of the retro holiday exhibit inside the museum and Keeper's Quarters with family activities, refreshments and more. Get a jump on your holiday shopping inside the Museum Store. Admission is free.

The Retro Holiday Exhibit at Piney Point, daily from Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, until Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. is a family-friendly holiday exhibit inside the museum and visitors can take a tour of the museum, lighthouse and historic park. Admission is \$7.00 for adults; \$3.50 for seniors, students and military; and 5 and under free. The Museum Store will be open during

museum hours for holiday shopping. The exhibit is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Then, enjoy the opening of the St. Clement's Island Museum Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum will feature fun for the family, including kids' activities, music, refreshments and much more. Run the model trains, see vintage dolls like Barbies and American Girl dolls and more fun. Get a jump on your holiday shopping with a wide variety of unique and local items inside the Museum Store. Admission is free.

St. Clement's Island Museum will host its annual Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit, daily, Dec. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1,

2023, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., where families can enjoy a holiday exhibit of antique and collectible dolls like Barbie, American Girl and more, classic trains and other vintage toys in this festive holiday display inside the museum. The cost for this exhibit is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors and military, \$1.50 for children and children 5 and under are free. The Museum Store will be open during museum hours for holiday shopping. The exhibit is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Nov. 27, 2022, is also Museum Store Sunday at all three museum sites at St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown. Our museums join over 700 Museum Stores to offer relaxing, inspired shopping inside your favorite St. Mary's County museums. Museum Store Sunday offers a special shopping experience in our one-of-a-kind stores, showcasing a broad assortment of unique, mission-specific gifts. From books to jewelry to children's products to home accessories and local artisans and authors' offerings, there is something for everyone. Shop knowing you are supporting the missions and programs. If you cannot make it to any shop during the month, you can shop at the online Friends Museum Store 24/7,

which offers contact-free local delivery and free shipping to friends and family outside the area: <https://friendsmuseumstore.square.site/>

At the stores and online, you can pick up the 2022 Friends Christmas ornament, which features the special edition "The Fresnel Lens" ornament to highlight the new exhibit at the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, a replica Fifth Order Fresnel Lens. Each year, the Museum Store designs a new ornament as the Friends features collectible ornament. Also on offer are the Drayden African American Schoolhouse, Piney Point Lighthouse with Keeper's Quarters, the Old Jail Museum, the Blackstone Lighthouse, and Moll Dyer ornaments.

Finally, you can visit the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown during special hours for the holiday Leonardtown First Friday on December 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested visitors are encouraged to come and take a tour of this unique and fascinating historic site. Complete your holiday shopping in the Museum Store where you can find a variety of unique gifts. Admission is free.

For more information about each event, check out each museum's Facebook page or call the museums directly: [Museums.StMarysMD.com](https://www.museums.stmarysmd.com).

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Leonardtown Square Tree Lighting

Parking and Road Access Information

The Town of Leonardtown is ringing in the holiday season on Friday, November 25th from 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM with the traditional “Christmas on the Square and Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony”. Event activities start at 4:30 PM and include live entertainment, rides, balloon art, a living nativity, a petting zoo, food and much more!

Come early so you have time to park and make your way to the Square to enjoy all the exciting activities, and don’t miss Santa’s arrival and the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree at 7:00 PM by the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department!

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of Town officials, the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office, the St. Mary’s County Emergency Management Division, Maryland State Police, Maryland State Highway, St. Mary’s County Public Works, Fire and Rescue Chiefs, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and other local volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, plans are in place for increased safety and security. Please note the following measures that will be in effect for this year’s event:

Closures and Restrictions:

Downtown Leonardtown Square – including Washington Street and Fenwick Street – will be closed to through traffic

from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Courthouse Drive, Guyther Drive, Camalier Drive, and portions of Park Avenue, Shadrick Street, Pope Street, and Church Street will also have extremely restricted access before and during the event.

Residents living around Tudor Hall should enter Town via Lawrence Avenue to access their neighborhood, as access to Courthouse Drive will be restricted.

Parking/Shuttles:

Parking can be found at Leonardtown Elementary School and St. Mary’s Ryken High School. Once the parking lots are full, spectators will be directed to park at the auxiliary lots at CSM, the Governmental Center or the Leonardtown Library/Garvey Senior Center Lots.

Spectators are encouraged to park at the auxiliary lots noted above and take advantage of the free shuttle bus service which runs between CSM, the Governmental Center, the Leonardtown Library/Garvey Senior Center and St. Aloysius Church from 4:30 PM – 9:30 PM. Shuttle service for the evening is courtesy of Patuxent Transportation, International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Winpisinger Education & Technology Center and Carter Bus Service.

Handicap parking is also available in

Town in the public lot next to the Hair Company. Once this lot is full, spectators will be directed to park in one of the lots noted.

For cars to exit Town efficiently and safely after Santa’s arrival, the fire truck rides will be shutting down completely at 6:45 PM. Please plan accordingly.

For event safety, spectators are asked to obey all posted No Parking and Reserved Parking signs as well as police and volunteer instructions.

Inclement Weather Plan:

Due to forecasted inclement weather conditions, a decision about whether to cancel Christmas on the Square will be made and a notification posted no later than Tuesday, November 23, 2022 at 3 p.m. and will be announced at: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/ChristmasontheSquare and facebook.com/TownofLeonardtown. Rain date: The rain date will consist of the Annual Tree Lighting only on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas on the Square is sponsored by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, and the Leonardtown Business Association. For further information, please visit: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/ChristmasontheSquare.



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Calvert Holiday Schedule

North Beach Light Up the Town

Friday, November 25

Location: Pavilion on the North Beach Boardwalk

Time: 6:00 PM

Gather on the pavilion to enjoy festive songs of carolers from Union Church and to await the arrival of a special guest who will light the tree. Hang around to take some holiday photos.

Light up the Town

Sunday, November 27

Location: Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Every year the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Chesapeake Beach hold a "Light Up The Town" event at Town Hall. This event marks the beginning of the Lighting of the Town where the Mayor, Santa, residents and their guests count down and switch ON the lights to the Town. A family tradition you will not want to miss.

Start your shopping early with local vendors in the outdoor Christmas Market. Music will be performed by the Beach Elementary School String Ensemble.

Home for the Holidays

Saturday, December 3

Location: King Memorial Park, 65 Church Street, Prince Frederick

Time: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

This holiday season, Calvert County Parks & Recreation, the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and the Calvert County Historical Society have teamed up to host Home for the Holidays. The event will be held at King Memorial Park and the adjacent Linden House. Join us for children's games and activities, visits with Santa, merchandise and food vendors and more. A day of FREE holiday fun for the whole family. 410-535-1600 ext. 2659

Christmas Market

Saturday, December 3

Location: Corner of 5th St & Bay Ave, North Beach

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Visit food and craft vendors at the small parking lot at 5th St. and Bay Ave.

Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 3

Location: 1st St. to 7th St. along Bay Avenue, North Beach

Time: 12:00 PM

Watch the annual holiday parade from the boardwalk and await the arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Santa & Christmas on the Beach

North Beach immediately following the parade. In the tent on the boardwalk, Santa and Mrs. Claus meet with each child and listen as they share their wish list. Warm up around the campfire and enjoy hot chocolate while you roast marshmallows.

Chesapeake Beach Holiday Lights Tour

Saturday, December 10

Time: 5-8 p.m.

For registration information contact town hall.

Solomons Christmas Walk

Saturday, December 10

Solomons, 6 - 9 p.m.

Calvert Maritime Museum is open and FREE to the public. Enjoy musical entertainment, Santa, the Otter mascot, holiday crafts, and shopping in the Museum Store. Santa's Coffee House will be open with complimentary hot cocoa, coffee, hot tea, and holiday cookies. Museum Members save 20 percent in the Museum Store during the walk and all weekend.

Caroling with a Cop

Saturday, December 10

Location: North Beach

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The jolly Calvert County Sheriff's deputies and Windy Hill Elementary students will walk the town and sing the sounds of the season. This event is coordinated by Calvert Sheriff's Office Support Services Unit and Calvert Family Advocates.

Christmas Movie @ Town Hall

Saturday, December 17

Location: Upstairs at North Beach Town Hall

Time: 5:30 PM

Watch a special Christmas movie inside the town hall.

Campfire

Saturday, December 17

Location: On the beach at North Beach

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Warm up around the campfire and enjoy hot chocolate while you roast marshmallows.

Santa Claus is Cruisin' the Town

Sunday, December 18

Location: North Beach

Time: 1-3pm

Santa will trade in his sleigh for a day to golf cart around town. Come out to visit when you see him making his way down your street.

ONGOING EVENTS:

Annmarie Garden in Lights

November 25-January 1 (closed some evenings)

Location: Annmarie Garden, 13470 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688

Time: 5 PM to 9 PM

Admission: ADVANCE TIMED-ENTRY TICKETS REQUIRED! Members FREE (must reserve tickets); Non-members \$15; Ages 2 & under FREE; SNAP card holders, call 410-326-4640 to reserve your reduced price tickets

Dazzling light show - festive exhibits - holiday shopping - food trucks.

Santa Sundays @ Annmarie Garden In Lights

November 27 and December 4, 11 and 18

Location: Annmarie Garden, 13470 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Santa at Annmarie Garden In Lights. Santa will be greeting guests from the Front Patio of the Arts Building; in the event of inclement weather, Santa will greet guests in the Arts Building.

Guests will be able to take a family photo with Santa and other holiday characters.

Please note that Santa may take warm-up breaks at 6:00-6:15 and 7:00-7:15. Thank you for your understanding. This is a first-come, first-served activity.

Included with cost of admission. ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED

Holiday Magic

December 1, 2022-January 1, 2023

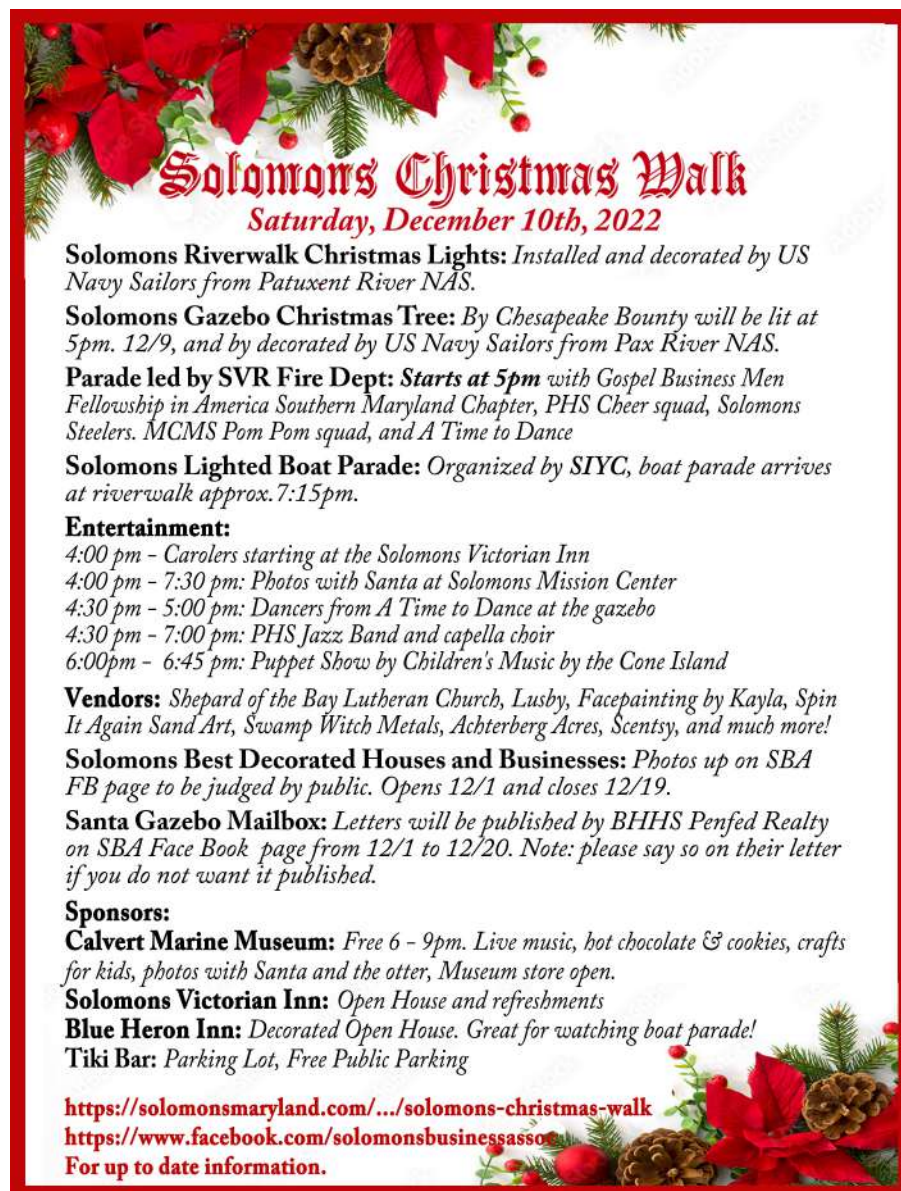
Location: ArtWorks@7th, 8905 Chesapeake Avenue (near 2nd street), North Beach

Open House December 3, 1-4 p.m.

Holiday magic is both personal and universal. We are lifted in spirit by the transformation of homes and public spaces into sparkly visions of fantastic wonders. ArtWorks@7th has undergone this transformation. Our artists have created magical treasures to share with the community, creating a sense of hope and possibility. This is magic. This is holiday magic.

And remember, Black Friday at ArtWorks@7th runs through Christmas Eve. Spend \$50 in the gallery and get your name in the hat for a drawing of works from our artists, total value at hundreds of dollars!

ArtWorks@7th is open Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Solomons Christmas Walk
Saturday, December 10th, 2022

Solomons Riverwalk Christmas Lights: Installed and decorated by US Navy Sailors from Patuxent River NAS.

Solomons Gazebo Christmas Tree: By Chesapeake Bounty will be lit at 5pm. 12/9, and by decorated by US Navy Sailors from Pax River NAS.

Parade led by SVR Fire Dept: Starts at 5pm with Gospel Business Men Fellowship in America Southern Maryland Chapter, PHS Cheer squad, Solomons Steelers. MCMS Pom Pom squad, and A Time to Dance

Solomons Lighted Boat Parade: Organized by SIYC, boat parade arrives at riverwalk approx. 7:15pm.

Entertainment:
4:00 pm - Carolers starting at the Solomons Victorian Inn
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm: Photos with Santa at Solomons Mission Center
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Dancers from A Time to Dance at the gazebo
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm: PHS Jazz Band and capella choir
6:00pm - 6:45 pm: Puppet Show by Children's Music by the Cone Island

Vendors: Shepard of the Bay Lutheran Church, Lusby, Facepainting by Kayla, Spin It Again Sand Art, Swamp Witch Metals, Achterberg Acres, Scentsy, and much more!

Solomons Best Decorated Houses and Businesses: Photos up on SBA FB page to be judged by public. Opens 12/1 and closes 12/19.

Santa Gazebo Mailbox: Letters will be published by BHHS Penfed Realty on SBA Face Book page from 12/1 to 12/20. Note: please say so on their letter if you do not want it published.

Sponsors:
Calvert Marine Museum: Free 6 - 9pm. Live music, hot chocolate & cookies, crafts for kids, photos with Santa and the otter, Museum store open.
Solomons Victorian Inn: Open House and refreshments
Blue Heron Inn: Decorated Open House. Great for watching boat parade!
Tiki Bar: Parking Lot, Free Public Parking

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For up to date information.

North Beach Holiday Parade is Back

Twin Beaches Shine for the Holidays

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

After a three-year hiatus because of the pandemic, the area's premier Christmas parade, the Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade, returns to North Beach with anticipation it'll be bigger and better than ever. Mark December 3 on your holiday calendar.

The parade steps off at noon following a route along Bay Avenue from 1st St. to 7th St. You can watch the whole parade at a vantage point along the boardwalk and have the Chesapeake Bay as a backdrop.

Typically, the parade features more than 100 units, including: decorated bicycles, tricycles, and wagons; marching bands and elected officials; teams, cheerleaders, and other marching groups; motorcycles and antique cars; pets and their owners; and floats representing businesses, organizations and churches.

The highlight of the parade is the annual arrival of Santa Claus on a North Beach fire truck. After Santa hops off the truck, he will join Mrs. Claus under the tent to greet the children with their gift wish lists.

If you would like to join in the fun by participating in the parade, contact Bob Carpenter by email at patcarpenterholi-

dayparade@gmail.com

The day of the parade North Beach also hosts a Christmas Market at the corner of 5th St & Bay Avenue from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The towns of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach are also known for their town-wide light displays and both towns have contests for residents and businesses.

North Beach "Lights Up the Town" on Friday, Nov. 25 at the pavilion on the boardwalk beginning at 6 p.m. Christmas songs will be sung by Union Church. Then a special guest will appear to light the tree. It's a great place for holiday photos.

Then it's Chesapeake Beach's turn on Sunday, November 27. The festivities are at the town hall from 4-6 p.m. and include an outside Christmas market and the lighting of the town hall and its yard. Holiday music will be performed by the Beach Elementary School String Ensemble.

Also, after a three-year hiatus the bus tour of Chesapeake Beach's neighborhood light displays will take place on Saturday Dec. 10 from 5-8 p.m. Registration will be announced later.

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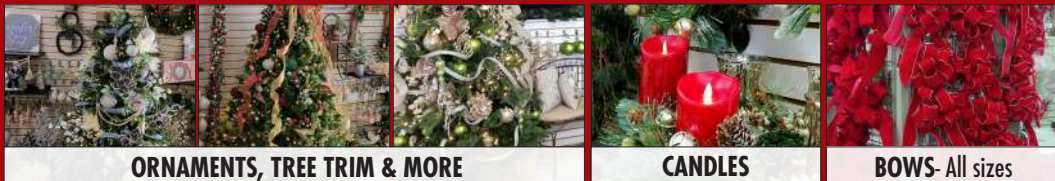


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Register of Wills*

By the authority of Martha W. Grahame, Treasurer

Calvert County Government Announces Thanksgiving Holiday Schedules

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners announces county offices will close beginning at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed through Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving. In addition:

The Appeal Solid Waste Facility, which includes the landfill and transfer station, and all county customer convenience centers will close at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 24. Normal operating hours resume Friday, Nov. 25.

The Solomons Septage Receiving Facility will close at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 24. Normal operating hours resume Friday, Nov. 25.

The Water & Sewerage billing and customer service office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed through Friday, Nov. 25. On-call crews will be available for water and sewer service emergencies only at 410-535-3491.

County senior centers will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 23; lunch will be served at 11 a.m. The centers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25.

Meals on Wheels will not be delivered Thursday, Nov. 24, or Friday, Nov. 25. Participants will be provided shelf-stable meals in advance.

Public Transportation will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23; for specific route information, please contact the Transportation Office at 410-535-4268. There will be no county bus service Thursday, Nov. 24, or Friday, Nov. 25. Regular service will resume Saturday, Nov. 26.

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division will be closed beginning at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 25. An animal control officer will be available for emergencies at 410-535-3491.

Calvert Library locations will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 and reopen at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26. Digital services and materials are available 24/7 on calvertlibrary.info.

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24. The museum will reopen Friday, Nov. 25, with normal operating hours.

Northeast Community Center will close at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed through Friday, Nov. 25.

Harriet E. Brown and Mt. Hope

community centers will close at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed through Friday, Nov. 25.

Southern Community Center will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed through Friday, Nov. 25.

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course will be open with normal hours Wednesday, Nov. 23. The golf course will be open Thursday, Nov. 24, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., weather permitting. Carts must be returned by 2:30 p.m. The course will be open with normal hours Friday, Nov. 25.

All recreation parks, including Cove Point, Dunkirk, Hallowing Point and Ward Farm will be open with normal winter operating hours. Visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Parks for park hours and information.

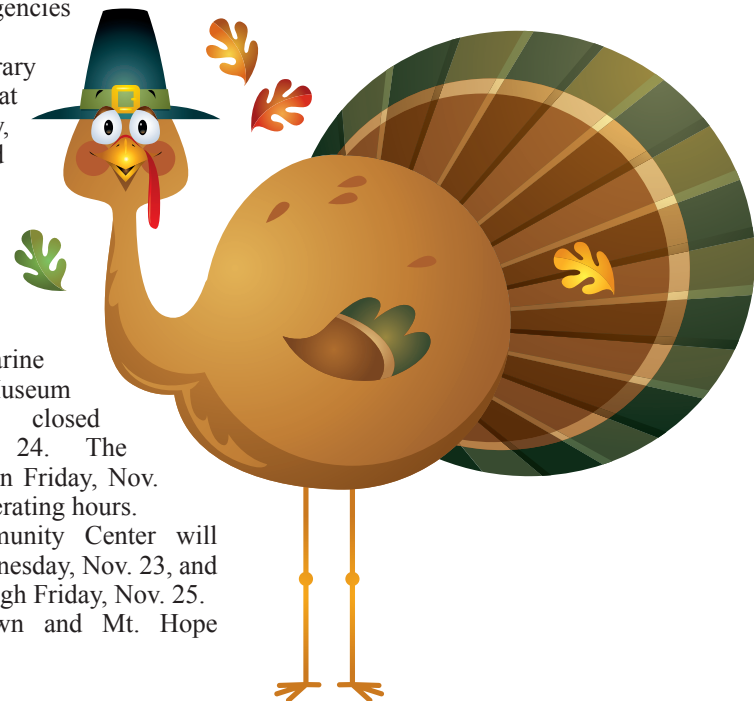
Kings Landing Park and Flag Ponds Nature Park will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and will reopen Friday, Nov. 25, with normal fall hours. Visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/NaturalResources for park hours of operation.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp nature center and trails remain closed until further notice due to a fire on Nov. 5, 2022.

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center will close at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 24. Normal hours will resume Friday, Nov. 25.

Breezy Point Beach & Campground is closed for the season.

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov. Stay up to date with Calvert County Government on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and YouTube at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov.



Calvert Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email timescalendar@countytimes.net with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Saturday, November 26

MakePlayLearn

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 2-3 p.m.

Take building and creativity to a whole new level at the library. We provide the space, art supplies, and building toys. You bring the imagination. 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Sunday, November 27

Museum Store Sunday & Monday

Calvert Marine Museum, Sunday & Monday, Nov. 27 & 28, -10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Museum Store is again proud to participate in Museum Store Sunday, a global annual shopping event where patrons can shop for uniquely curated gifts while supporting the mission and fundraising efforts of local museums. On these days, CMM members will draw for a chance to enjoy 25-40 percent off their entire purchase. One lucky member may even get their entire purchase for FREE! Non-members will receive a 20 percent discount all day. Some exclusions apply, see store for details.

Monday, November 28

Investigation Station

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch, 3819 Harbor Road, Chesapeake Beach, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Question, Discover, and Explore! Investigate science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) with dynamic books, experiments, and other fun, hands-on activities. For technicians in grades 3-7. Registration required, 410-257-2411. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Movie Musings: Four Sheets to the Wind

Calvert Library (Zoom), 7-8 p.m.

This month's movie is: "FOUR SHEETS TO THE WIND". It is available on Hoopla through Calvert Library. Watch the movie prior to the Zoom event and join us for a lively discussion on Monday night. Please register to receive an emailed link to the Zoom event an hour before it begins. From Hoopla: "After his father's untimely suicide, disillusioned young Cufe leaves his home on a Native American reservation in search of a more fulfilling life." Check it out on Hoopla! <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Wednesday, November 30

Scrabble (like Words with Friends IRL)

Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Do you love to play Words with Friends on your device but want to meet people IRL (in real life)? Or are you hooked on the newest word sensation Wordle? Games are a great way to keep your brain sharp while having fun! Come play Scrabble with us! Please register so we know how many boards to

put out. Register to receive a reminder, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Reading Buddies

Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

At this event, elementary aged children will do fun activities and read aloud to teen volunteers. Teen volunteers can earn one (1) service learning hour for participating. It's a great way to socialize and build reading confidence! Does your K-5th grade child love to read out loud, or struggle with reading confidence? Here's the chance for everyone to practice in a safe and welcoming space! How it works for young readers: Register for the event on this page. Bring your favorite books, or pick one of ours when you get here—we have plenty! Choose your teen Reading Buddy and read them a story! Have fun! How it works for teen Reading Buddies: If you are interested in being a Teen Reading Buddy, please expect an email with more information at least a week before the event. Help a young reader build their confidence by being a kind and patient listener! Recommend books you liked as a child. Earn a service learning hour. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Thursday, December 1

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum, 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

This month's theme is Dinosaurs. Children 18 months to 3 years, with an

adult, are invited to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a takeaway craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Cost is free with museum admission. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. For more information, visit: Sea Squirts | Calvert Marine Museum, MD - Official Website

UPCOMING

Free Paper Shredding Events

Appeal Landfill located at 401 Sweetwater Road in Lusby, Saturday, Dec. 17 at

The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host free paper shredding events for county residents and businesses to help prevent identity theft by destroying confidential or sensitive documents.

Proof of residency or business location is required. All paper must be removed from plastic bags and cardboard boxes prior to shredding. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Binders and binder clips are not acceptable.

Businesses are allowed up to five banker boxes of paper per business (or the equivalent volume of five banker boxes in alternate containers). There is no limit for residents. Certificates of destruction will be provided if requested.

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CALVERT'S SHERIFF'S CRIME BLOTTER



On November 7, 2022, Deputy R. Jones responded to the 7-Eleven located at 15 N. Solomons Island Road in Prince Frederick, for the report of a suspicious person. The complainant advised a male was sitting outside the business acting strange. Contact was made with David Peter Lambert, 51 of Huntingtown, who had been trespassed from the establishment. Lambert was placed under arrest for Trespassing: Public Property.



On November 12, 2022, Cpl. Jacobs responded to the Market Square Shopping Center in Prince Frederick, for the reported trespassing. Contact was made with Robert Allen Rice, 56 of no fixed address, who had been indefinitely trespassed from the property. Rice was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing.



On November 9, 2022, Deputy Murphy initiated a traffic stop in the area of S Solomons Island Road in the area of Sweetwater Road in Lusby, for a traffic violation. Upon making contact with the driver, Devin Lamonte Hudson, 31 of Atlanta, GA, the odor of raw marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed a jar of raw marijuana (1 gram). Further investigation revealed, Hudson was in possession of a loaded handgun and ammunition. Hudson was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Loaded Handgun in a Vehicle and Handgun in a Vehicle.



On November 12, 2022, Deputy Strong responded to the 11700 block of HG Trueman Road in Lusby, for the report of trespassing. Investigation revealed a male subject who initially provided a false name to deputies, later identified as William Alexander Sledge, 65 of no fixed address, was trespassing on the property with two active warrants. A search of Sledge's person incident to arrest revealed four Suboxone strips. Sledge was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Trespass: Private Property, False Statement to Peace Officer, and CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis



On November 10, 2022, Deputy McCourt responded to the 300 block of Dew Drop Lane in Prince Frederick, for the reported stolen vehicle. While responding to the scene, Deputy McCourt observed a vehicle matching the description traveling on Seagull Beach Road. Deputy McCourt initiated a traffic stop, but the suspect vehicle failed to comply and continued to flee through the neighborhood refusing to stop. During the pursuit, Deputy Daily approached the suspect, Brandon William Cobb, 31 of Prince Frederick, and ordered him out of the vehicle. Cobb refused to comply with multiple verbal commands. Cobb was eventually placed into police custody and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle, Resisting/Interfering with Arrest, Obstructing and Hindering, Failure to Obey a Reasonable/Lawful Order, Theft: \$25,000 to Under \$100,000 and other traffic related charges.

On November 7, 2022, Deputy Huy responded to the 1800 block of Bright Lane in Owings, for the report of property destruction. The complainant advised a window on the side of the victim's house had been broken out. Two panes of the window and shards of glass were observed scattered across the room. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$500.00.

On November 10, 2022, Deputy DeSantis responded to the 7700 block of Old Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach, for the report of property destruction. Investigation revealed an upstairs bedroom window and a shed had been shot with a BB gun. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$500.00.

On November 13, 2022, Deputy Claggett responded to the 3800 block of 8th Street in North Beach, for the report of property destruction. Investigation revealed the basement sliding glass door to the residence was damaged. Deputy Claggett observed the sliding glass door shattered into multiple pieces. The estimated value of the damaged property is \$2500.00.

Public Hearing Set for Town Center Changes

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. to receive and consider comments on proposed amendments to the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, adopted in August 2019. The public hearing will be held at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center at 901 Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick. The meeting will also be streamed live at www.YouTube.com/CalvertCountyGov.

Proposed amendments would reduce or eliminate the future expansions for the Huntingtown, Lusby, Prince Frederick and Solomons town centers. Interested persons are encouraged to view the proposals in their entirety by viewing the proposed amendments online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/PublicHearings or by contacting the Department of Planning & Zoning at 410-535-1600, ext. 2356, or TownCenterUpdate@calvertcountymd.gov.

Individuals may also listen or comment by phone:

Toll-free: 888-475-4499

Meeting ID: 858 5579 4151

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Individuals may submit written comments before the hearing. Written comments must be received by Monday, Nov. 28 at 4:30 p.m. to be made part of the record. Comments may be submitted through the county website at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/ComprehensivePlanComments, or by mail to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners at 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Written comments will also be accepted in person during the public hearing and until the close of record. Individuals delivering comments to the hearing are encouraged to bring 15 copies for the county commissioners, staff and the media.

The changes include removing Hun-



tingtown High School and two pieces of property owned by Commissioner Kelly McConkey from Huntingtown Town Center. They also include removing the Phase 2 expansion along Route 231 from Prince Frederick, parts of Dowel peninsula from the Solomons Town Center and land between the south end of the Lusby Town Center and the north side of

Solomons Town Center (creating an area that has been dubbed Slusby)

The changes were approved, with one dissenting vote, by the Calvert County Planning Commission after a public hearing (The Calvert County Times, Nov. 10).

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Chesapeake Beach Adopts Zoning Amendments, Maps



By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council has adopted amendments to the town's zoning ordinance and new zoning maps that implement the revised comprehensive plan passed earlier this year. Both of the ordinances passed after public hearings at the town's Nov. 17 meeting.

The changes to the zoning ordinance came after amendments were offered by Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin that clarified how the 35-foot height limit can be measured and by Councilman Larry Jaworski that made provisions for measuring for a raised first floor for houses in the flood plain.

Beaudin said in introducing her

amendment, "I think the crowning achievement of this comprehensive plan will be a 35-foot height limit."

Jaworski said about his amendment, "If we don't allow some kind of elevation of residences in the flood protection area, they will be subject to flooding or they will be extremely limited as to what they can construct."

During the discussion, Mayor Pat Mahoney explained, "The changes before us formalize, one, the protection of hundreds of acres of natural resources, two, the protection of the character of our small town, three, the recognition of the need for coastal resiliency and four, action to limit development in our most fragile locations. Importantly, this work also includes great strides to create vi-

brancy for small businesses and increased open space for wellness and community gathering."

Councilman Greg Morris said, "There are parts of the ordinance that I don't like and there are probably parts of the ordinance that everybody in this room don't like. And that's probably a good thing because that probably means there's some balance in there somewhere."

During the public comment session before the approval, Trader's Restaurant owner Gary Lockett criticized the 35-foot height limit.

"I'm one of the oldest structures I believe left that hasn't done anything with its property. So, my building, I think is approaching 65 years of age. And in some aspects, I'd like to do something with it, tear it down, make the maximum use of my property, but I'm restricted. I can't even be taller than the local water park. Can't be taller than the existing community center. I can't even be taller than my neighbors across the street of an unlimited number of townhomes."

Joe Devlin, an attorney representing the developer of Richfield Station, said their rights to complete the original 1992 community development plan were being thwarted. He said the unbuilt lots were not already recorded because of "an engineering issue."

"All of those lots were designated back in 1992 for development in return for millions and millions of dollars of infrastructure," he asserted.

But Richfield Station resident Peter Shin said the balance between growth and peaceful enjoyment of the community is delicate. "You don't want to destroy the essence of the community that brought you here in the first place."

He added, "The climate was a little bit different in 1992 than it is now."

A large contingent from Richfield Station packed the hearing room in support of the proposed ordinances.

But Eric Blitz, an attorney representing the Rod 'N Reel Resort, said, "As described in the comprehensive plan that you just passed in April, Chesapeake Beach had the lowest growth rate for the last decade than any decade since 1960. You are not growing. This plan will shut down all growth. It's just going to lock it down because of the details. When you get into the details of what they do on height, dimension requirements, it's not going to be economical to build. And I feel sorry for the people that detrimentally relied upon the plans that this town has had for 50 years. You can't shut the gates."

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Benton Re-elected North Beach Mayor



By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

North Beach Mayor Mike Benton was elected to a second term in Nov. 8 balloting. Benton garnered 260 votes to his challenger Elizabeth Lawton's 146 votes. Lawton was a one term council member.

In an Oct. 11 League of Women Voters of Calvert County forum at the town hall, both candidates were asked why they were running. Benton said, "Four years ago, I decided to run for mayor after eight years sitting on town council because my family is here, my kids have grown up here. I love living in this town, and we have made such great strides in our amazing little town that I felt that I could bring more value to the town. As a mayor, over the last four years, you probably have seen me out and about a majority of weeks, either picking up trash, meeting residents, but at the end of the day, my heart and my soul is in the town of North Beach."

Lawton said, "I decided to run for mayor after attending the summer conference for the Maryland Municipal League. There are so many changes in the state of Maryland, some of the policies and some of the things that are coming down the pipe that affect our government. After sitting on council, I knew that we were not prepared for that. We do wonderful things in this town, responsive to strategic planning for the future. Some of those things we are just not prepared."

Five incumbent council members were returned to office along with newcomer Mary Healey, who will replace Lawton on the council. The council votes were as follows:

- Greg Dotson: 291
- Mary Healey: 261
- Mickey Hummel: 285
- Lauren Kabler: 269
- Turkessa Thompson: 183
- Paul Troncone: 227
- Ken Wilcox: 265

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Testing of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Sirens on Dec. 5

There will be a full-cycle test of the alert and notification sirens throughout St. Mary's, Calvert and Dorchester counties on Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at noon.

This includes a three-minute activation of all sirens within the 10-mile area around Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. All citizens are asked to remember the scheduled testing and relay the information to friends, family, and neighbors.

The testing is conducted to check siren operation and increase public awareness of the alert and notification siren system.


If the sirens sound at any other time, residents should tune in to one of the local radio stations for information and instructions.

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Election Final: 55-Percent Turnout

By Dick Myers
Staff Writer

After counting more than 750 provisional ballots and some straggler mail-ins, the Calvert County count for the general election is now final. Of the 67,781 registered voters, 37,577 votes were cast in the gubernatorial election, or a 55.4 percent voter turnout.

The race that provided the most drama at the end of voting on election day, the contest for Register of Wills, in the end the outcome proved to be less-than-dramatic. Republican challenger Mark Lynch was ahead of incumbent Margaret Phipps, who has held the office for 45 years, by 250 votes. But as the mail-in ballots rolled in, Phipps quickly surged ahead. She also won the provisional count – 412 to 282. So, when the counting stopped Phipps had bested Lynch by a 2,903-vote margin, or 54 to 46 percent.

The two non-partisan At-Large Board of Education races did turn out to be closer than they appeared on election day. Former school board member Tracy McGuire, who had considerable Democratic support, did benefit from the mail-ins and provisional ballots. Mc-



Kelly McConley

Guire bested Jana Post by 4,177 to 2,164 mail-in votes, but that was not nearly enough to overcome Post's election day margin, and she prevailed by a 1,194-vote margin. Lisa Grenis led the race for the two available seats with 17,426 votes.

With two of the incumbent Republican county commissioners (Chris Gadway



Mike Hart

and Kelly McConley) falling in the primary, there will be a new majority board when the commissioners are sworn in next month.

At the Nov. 15 commissioner meeting, Commissioner Mike Hart, who will be starting his third term, thanked his Democratic challenger, Trish Powell. "We ran against each other before. That

time and this time was both very respectful. Me and Trish are friends outside of this, and it's the way it's supposed to be. We both just went after the same job, and I want to thank her for a very good campaign. I wish her nothing but the best as always. I think it's a great example of how politics can be. It's a small town and I think hopefully everybody wants the same thing, and that's just the best for Calvert."

He added, "We do have Thanksgiving coming. It is a good time to sit back and really be thankful for what we have. You look around the world and boy, if the biggest problem that we have is that a road's not striped, we're heading in the right direction."

McConkey said, "I'd just like to congratulate everybody that won the election, and I know that all of you will continue to move Calvert County in the right direction. And I'm going to look forward to taking a break from politics for a little while and put more time into my family, my business. And it's going to be a change after 10 years of doing it. So, we'll see where it takes me next."

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Mayor Mike Benton



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Benton re-elected in North Beach



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| SAT 11/26 57° /46° Times of clouds and sun 23% | WED 11/30 58° /44° Increasing cloudiness 0% |
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