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The Duke Building

According to local archives and historians, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant, also known as Duke's Corner, was constructed in the 1920s by Roland B. Duke, and the building has kept a lot of its original exterior. According to newspaper accounts in the St. Mary's Beacon, the Duke Building was the first reinforced concrete structure in Southern Maryland and was the site of the first talking movie to be shown in the region. The building's interior spaces, especially the second floor, were used as a hall for graduation ceremonies, parties, and other receptions. Since 1930, the building has hosted a duck pin bowling alley (which is still in place), grocery store, restaurants, a Greyhound bus depot, bar, natural foods store, and florist to name a few. In housing these interests, the building signaled Leonardtown's shift to a more varied commercial, recreational, and social center in the early 20th century.

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**FIRST FRIDAY ALL WEEKEND,
EVERY MONTH**

May through October

Celebration of "First Fridays"

Historic Downtown & Uptown Leonardtown

COASTAL ARTS MARKET

APRIL – JUNE, SEPTEMBER 14TH,

OCTOBER 12TH, NOVEMBER 9TH

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Leonardtwn Wharf

**49TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY
PARADE & MEMORIAL WREATH
LAYING CEREMONY**

NOVEMBER 11TH

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Leonardtwn Square

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

NOVEMBER 29TH

4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Leonardtwn Square

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 30TH

Leonardtwn Square

2024-2025 EVENT SEASON

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

Visit LeonardtwnMD.com/Events



Mayor's Message

As the Summer season came to an end and Fall approaches, it is a great time to look back at how far this amazing Town has come in the last couple of decades. So many great shops, restaurants, entertainment venues, and indoor/outdoor recreational activities that residents and visitors have right here in Leonardtown. It is a testament to the many years of planning and hard work that so many dedicated people have worked every day to get to this point. Businesses, residents, Town elected officials and staff, LBA, volunteer organizations like the LVRS and LVFD, and our many partners have come together to rebuild our Town.

Word is spreading that Leonardtown is the place to live, work, and play. This is evidenced by the recent article naming Leonardtown as one of 26 of America's Best Managed Cities for 2024. This online magazine has over 840,000 subscribers in the United States and 40,000 in the Caribbean. The article can be viewed at: <https://businessviewmagazine.com/civil-municipal/jul-2024/289/>

The Town Council and I are excited to continue these efforts and look forward to many more exciting projects to come!

Happenings in Leonardtwn



HONORING OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Leonardtwn's growth has been a pretty magical one to see! We've become an area locals and tourists desire to visit. The businesses have created a wonderful sense of community, and our events have become traditions and memories for so many. All of these accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the hard work and ideas of our amazing board members.

A huge thank you to *Ellen Lewis, Ginni Stein, Joe Kurley, and Kiera Johnson* for believing in Leonardtown and helping create such a wonderful place.

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Water Quality Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report:
[www.leonardtwn.somd.com/
government/CCRReport-current.pdf](http://www.leonardtwn.somd.com/government/CCRReport-current.pdf)

The Duke Building from cover

Many locals have countless fond memories of working and patronizing Duke's from those wanting to play a game of cards, to those, like Virginia Tippett, whose first job was as a waitress in high school making \$0.50 per hour. Tips were usually a nickel or dime, and she remembered which patrons tipped the best. Virginia saved all of her tips one summer and ended up with almost \$150. In 1969, that was a lot of money. Every Friday night was Dance Night at Duke's featuring the Karl Berryman Orchestra with Paul J. Bailey.



James W. Mattingly (left), Charles E. Fenwick (middle) and William F. Connelly Jr (right)



Café des Artistes Chef Loic and wife Karleen

Another treasured recent memory came about in 1999. Loic and Karleen Jaffres were driving through Leonardtown and discovered the Duke Building and fell in love with the Town. They opened their renowned French restaurant, Café des Artistes in the building a few months later and did an amazing business until 2016.

One particular resident has many great memories about

the building; as Ellen Duke Wilson grew up playing and working there and is now the proud owner of the historic building. She fondly remembers the cover of the menus simply stating "Dukes" with a small inscription at the bottom saying, "Where Friends Meet since 1928". She remembers a heated debate ensuing as George Clark exclaimed, "The price of a cup of coffee jumped to 25 cents, No Ginny!" after a 10-cent increase was posted on the menus.

Ellen Duke Wilson mused, "My children, John and Paul, also grew up in the building enjoying contests timed by Grandma Duke using a neon Greyhound Co. Clock and being rewarded with a warm cinnamon bun! I can still see the half whiskey barrels brimming with red geraniums out front with American and Maryland flags in them beside the front doors." So many celebrations by generations of families have been held in this building, said Duke Wilson. "I think Leonardtown has always been a Happening Place! I recall in 1976 for the bicentennial celebration we were all in floor length colonial costumes (created by Councilman Bobby Wathen's daughter, Leslie Roberts, former Councilwoman) with flags flying, cooking burgers in an open-air stand with picnic tables on the sidewalks, just like the outdoor seating of today's downtown." *cont. on page 6*

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Meetings

Town Council - 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. October 15, November 12, December 9

Planning & Zoning Commission - 3rd Monday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office. October 21, November 18, December 16

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The Office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown will be closed in observance of the following holidays:
January 15 Martin Luther King Day
February 19 President's Day
March 29 Good Friday
May 27 Memorial Day
June 19 Juneteenth
July 4 Independence Day
September 2 Labor Day
October 14 Columbus Day
November 11 Veteran's Day (observed)
November 28 Thanksgiving
November 29 Day After Thanksgiving
December 25 Christmas Day

WELCOMING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

With growth comes change and diversity on our board is important in helping everyone thrive. We had some wonderful businesses join our team, to be a part of Leonardtown's growth and success.

A big welcome to our 2024 Leonardtown Business Association Board Members:

Jennifer Stotler, *President*
Kristy Parker, *Vice President*
Susie Glauner, *Treasurer*
Dawn Campbell, *Secretary*

Board Member: Tyler Roy, Ken Held, Cori Erikson, and Bryanna Stotler.

We are all eager for the future of Leonardtown and looking forward to an amazing year here, in 'A most exceptional place'.

Come See For Yourself!

Leonardtown Business Association
leonardtownmaryland@gmail.com



Fenwick Street Books – The Place for Book Wyrms, Bibliophiles, and Record Lovers. Fenwick Street Books has scheduled many activities for September, October, and November. They will have a Tarot Reading in September,

Book Signings with a variety of authors in October and November, and Pop-Up Artist Izzy Marie metal designs in November, just in time for Christmas! Last, come meet Fenwick the Dragon at the Truck or Treat at the Wharf in October.

Coastal Arts Market – Local artisans come together one Saturday a month starting in April through November to sell their hand-crafted items at this open-air market. All items sold must be handcrafted by the seller. This allows you the customer to meet the artist or maker and will enable you to find out about the process that's used in making the items and you can place custom orders for goods. This helps these artists and crafters to build a small cottage business that they can build on and expand in the future. Remember shopping locally keeps your money in your community where it can do the best.



Leonardtown Summer Music Festival – The 2024 season for the **Leonardtown Summer Music Festival** came to an exciting end with the season finale concert in Leonardtown Square. Don't miss the final music festival concert of the season where It's All Good takes the stage.

It's All Good is THE definition of a good time! As one of the Mid Atlantic's top cover bands, It's All Good brings contagious energy. From reimagined radio hits to timeless classics, their mashups will leave you excited for more! Mark your calendars for October 19th from 7 pm – 10 pm so you don't miss a moment of the fun!

Halloween Movie Festival – The Town will hold the **3rd Annual Halloween Movie Festival** on Saturday, October 26th at the Leonardtown Wharf from 4 pm - 8:30 pm. Join in on fun and games including a Halloween Costume Contest, Trunk-or-Treat, and Live Music, followed by a screening of the Hollywood blockbuster movie, Casper. For more information included the full movie festival schedule go to: VisitLeonardtownMD.com/MovieFest



The 49th Annual Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony – The Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County invite the public to salute America's Veterans at the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown on Monday, November 11, 2024! The parade steps off from St. Mary's Ryken High School at 9:45 a.m., proceeds through Town Square, and is immediately followed by a Memorial Ceremony.



James M. Raley & Mary Ann Mattingly

Many of our local community members and families are Veterans, making this event even more special in commemoration. Spectators are encouraged to park at the St. Mary's County

Fairgrounds, or the St. Mary's County Governmental Center and take the free round-trip shuttle into Town. For more information, please call 301-475-9791 or visit VisitLeonardtownMD.com/VeteransDay

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT NEWS

Stop by and visit us to learn about The Arts in St. Mary's County! Our friendly staff members are available to share information about local events and opportunities in our community. Shop at our Gallery & Gift Shop where we feature the handcrafted works of over 50 local artists!

In November, we will feature a community art show in outer space themes (*Cosmic Connections*). December will bring a focus on holiday specials and shopping local. We have audience participation in Drum Circles hosted by the SoMar Drummers on First Fridays in September and October, plus a bonus drumline performance in October.

Find us at 22660 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center). Our open hours are 11 AM to 4 PM Wed thru Sat with extended hours on First Fridays until 8 PM. Our *Second Friday Socials* include an open invitation for all to join us from 1 to 2 PM to meet other artists and our staff members. Pets are also welcome!

Consider joining as a member at only \$25 a year to support the Arts! Other levels of tax-deductible memberships are available at family, business, and corporate levels. Visit our website at www.smcart.org, call (240) 309-4061, or email us at info@smcart.org for details about our upcoming events listed above (and more!). Find information about grants, local artists, and more on our website.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @smcartscouncil/#smcartscouncil. Let's connect!

NEW TOWN EMPLOYEES

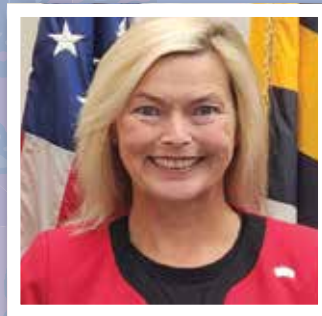
Jeanine Harrington, Assistant Town Administrator – Jeanine Harrington joined the Town of Leonardtown staff in September as the Assistant Town Administrator. A lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, she is a proud graduate of Leonardtown High School and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Frostburg State University. Jeanine has been a certified member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since December 2017. Her extensive background includes roles as a Planner for St. Mary's County Government, as well as Senior Planner and Director of Planning for the Town of La Plata. She brings a wealth of experience and a strong connection to the community in her new position.



Sharon Strand, Treasurer – Sharon joined the Town in August of 2024. She has over 15 years of government accounting experience with Calvert County Government. Prior to this, she worked for 18 years at The Bozzuto Group, a property management company. Sharon holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Maryland Global



Campus. She is a member of the GFOA – Government Finance Officers Association along with the Maryland Chapter. She grew up in Prince Georges County but has resided in St. Leonard, Maryland for the last 22 years with her husband and two sons.



Jennifer Misner, Main Street Manager – Jennifer is proud to say that she was born and raised in St. Mary's County. She grew up in Hollywood on Contrail Farm where she began her love for riding horses, boating, crabbing, and fishing. It is the farm her grandfather, Captain Nick Smith, built after he fell in love with the land when he flew over it as a Pilot in the Navy. He began so many organizations in our area, including being the founder of the Chamber of Commerce. She is proud to continue his legacy and love for the county with her mother Ann Lewis. Jennifer has been in the Hospitality Industry for over 30 years. She began her passion while working at the first luxury hotel in our area, the Patuxent Inn, owned by Tom Waring.

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Today that culture continues to rule Duke's Corner. "Sean Coogan has delivered the Duke Building from a gem to a diamond. The community spirit continues to shine with crowds of people enjoying the beautiful new restaurant. What's old is new with the same good brew! And the mixologist in the bar can make cocktails as spectacular as Dickie Dukes Pina Coladas!" exclaims Ellen Duke.



A Much Expanded Food Menu and Craft Cocktails hand made behind the restored bar

Today, still an anchor for the Town, the building is now the home of Social Coffeehouse and Social Coffee Roasters, a thriving gathering place for all. Sean Coogan opened the original Social Coffee house just down Fenwick Street in 2019. The business quickly became a favorite hangout for all ages. Sean saw the success Social was having and the positive direction the Town was going in and felt the time was right to expand his business. For many

people that walked into the empty Duke building the task was too much to take on. But when Sean walked in, he saw potential- an iconic building, steeped in history, located on a major corner in a thriving town. The supportive atmosphere of the Town officials and staff gave him comfort in mitigating some of the risk involved in rehabbing a building of this size and age. Sean worked day and many nights from October 2022 until the grand opening in April 2024 restoring the building. He did much of the work himself and had close oversight of the remaining work, making sure everything was done right. "I find it very rewarding when people walk in and say how fantastic the building looks today!", asserts Sean.

Today Social Coffeehouse and Social Coffee Roasters stands on the corner of Washington and Fenwick Streets with new signage that harkens to the original signage of days gone by. "The business is now open seven days a week, opening at 6 am and some nights are open until 2 am! Social employs 45 staff, up from 8 in the original location. The coffee roasting on sight is something no one else is doing on this scale. The beans come from all over the world; Indonesia, Columbia, Guatemala, Ethiopia, etc. Social is now a major anchor business in a town that is seeing a resurgence," says Coogan.

The business brings in 300 to 600 people daily and combined with the other bustling businesses in town and the efforts put forth by the Town leadership, the business owners and its residents, Leonardtown is happening and is where people want to be.

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Thanksgiving Weekend Festivities – The holiday season officially begins at **Christmas on the Square** when Santa arrives for the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** Thanksgiving Weekend

on Friday, November 29, 2024. The festivities begin at 4:30 pm with holiday music, entertainment, train rides, hayrides, live nativity, petting zoo, face painting, children's crafts, hot drinks, food, holiday treats, and other fun activities! (Rain Date: Saturday, November 30th - Tree Lighting only at 7:30 pm). The excitement continues with **Small Business Saturday** the next day Saturday, November 30, 2024. Local Leonardtown businesses will be dressed for the holidays and will be ready to help you fill your gift list. Shop our local specialty shops to find those one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list (many businesses will have discounts and special offers for the day). There's so much to do throughout Leonardtown for the holidays from fine dining, shopping, arts & entertainment, exciting events, activities, and more. We hope to see you here!





Leonardtwn Main Street

LEONARDTOWN CELEBRATES THE FIRST YEAR OF MAIN STREET DESIGNATION – In September of 2023, Leonardtown was awarded the ‘Main Street’ community designation by the Governor’s office. This title comes with an acknowledgment of historic preservation efforts locally, as well as a focus on economic revitalization. While the downtown area has been bustling for some time now, it has not always been this way. Mayor Dan Burris remembers the days of driving through Town and seeing boarded-up buildings and no activity. Now, with commercial space leasing as soon as it goes on the market, and incredible event programming like the Summer Concert Series and Movie Fest, the days of Leonardtown being sleepy are in the past! The Leonardtown Main Street Advisory Council made up of community stakeholders like residents, business and property owners, realtors, and other professionals, is tasked with guiding the program here in Town. The State office calls the system at work through Main Street “The Approach,” which consists of four pillars: Economic Vitality, Organization, Promotions, Design, and the Maryland exclusive pillar of Clean, Safe, and Green. Meeting monthly, their agenda varies from discussion about the successful Façade Improvement Grant program to exciting new initiatives and planning value-add experiences for our economic ecosystem. Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller, DHCD Secretary Jake Day, and other members of the Governor’s Cabinet visited Leonardtown to do an official Main Street ribbon cutting in February 2024. They shared excitement for what is to come with our local program, and we are just as excited to be a part of the incredible work to follow!



THE GOOD EARTH NATURAL FOODS CO.

Where Good Things Happen!” – The Good Earth Natural Foods Co. is the only small retail store focusing solely on organic and natural products in St. Mary’s County. They emphasize excellent and personal service, a wide variety of products, and also offer the opportunity to place special orders of needed items.

They also recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary! The Good Earth started in Leonardtown Square in a 900-square-foot location. At their current spot, they have increased their space to 3,000 square feet! Owner Valerie Deptula attributes the shop’s success to the hardworking staff members and loyal customer base, all of whom are very much appreciated.

They are located at 41675 Park Avenue, just off Leonardtown Square and are open Monday through Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM. After-hours curbside pick-up as well as local delivery services are available upon request. Please visit www.goodearthnaturals.com or call 301-475-1630 for current hours of operation.



WE HEAR YOU



**The Mayor, Town Council and Town Staff
are thankful for YOU our residents.**

The Town receives calls and emails letting us know about, well, a lot of things, and we very much appreciate you sharing and informing the Town of your concerns of various items that need our attention, such as safety repairs of apparatus at the Wharf, those pesky water leaks that randomly pop-up, trees that seem to take flight, animals on the loose, a broken light pole, flags or banners that needs replacing, to name only a few.

thank you

Your involvement
strengthens our community
and everyone benefits!

TOWN HALL NEWS Leonardtwn MARYLAND



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She continued to enhance her career by Opening and Managing the Hampton Inn by Hilton, Fairfield Inn, and TownePlace Suites by Marriott. Jennifer is devoted to our community through tourism, economic development, and many charitable agencies. She will be the Heart of Main Street Leonardtown.

Additional Cable and Internet Options – For many years there has only been one local franchise option for cable TV services throughout Leonardtown and all of St. Mary's County. In 2024, Comcast and Think Big have moved into the market and are putting in the infrastructure to be able to offer competitive choices to residents of St. Mary's County. The choice of which, if any of the companies that you choose to utilize, is completely up to you.

Leonardtwn Utility Improvements – The Leonardtown wastewater treatment plant has been under construction since January 2023. The expansion will increase the treatment capacity from 680,000 gallons per day to 1 million gallons per day. The construction is being completed by Michael F. Ronca and Sons, Inc., and is scheduled for completion this winter.

A new 1-million-gallon water storage tank is slated to begin construction later this year on the Meadows II donated property from Quality Built Homes. A new production well is also being designed on the site. Not

only do these new facilities enable future growth, they also improve the existing water system for the current residents. The Mayor and Council are committed to using the water and sewer impact fees collected from new users to the system to pay for these growth-related projects and not the existing users.

Hollywood Road Sidewalk Extension – The State Highway Administration has funded the completion of the Hollywood Road sidewalk extension project. The project will connect to the existing sidewalk on the westerly side of Hollywood Road at Mattingly Street to Leonard's Grant Parkway and on the east side from the light at Leonard's Grant Parkway to Town Run Drive. The project will not only allow for continuous safe pedestrian access, but will also improve storm drainage issues along portions of Hollywood Road. The project is scheduled to go out to bid July 2, 2025.

Additional Parking and Amenities Added at Leonardtown Wharf – In July 2024, an additional .39 acres of land adjacent to the Leonardtown Wharf was purchased by the Town and is being planned for additional parking. A Community Legacy grant has been applied for to help fund the construction of the parking lot. The Leonardtown Wharf has become such a popular spot for residents and visitors alike!

A number of new amenities have been added over the last year near the Wharf playground area. A new outdoor ping pong table, chess/checker table and accessories were added by the Town. Wheatley's Sealcoating donated hopscotch and other fun activities on the asphalt last summer and most recently Forever Lawn by the Bay donated a new artificial grass corn hole court and are adding permanent corn hole boards.

The floating dock and slips were completed last year and the sewer pump out station and water and electric facilities were added on the slips. This has enhanced the visitors experience when boating to Leonardtown.

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Welcome to Leonardtown New Business Highlight!

Oak Wealth Partners – Mike Scarborough will help you plan for the future. They offer advice and solutions for retirement planning, tax minimization, and investment management.



HCW Creative Designs – In Shepherd's Old Field Market (SOF), HCW Creative Designs is one of their many entrepreneurs, 17-year-old Hayden Williams who has been designing unique and custom-made socks and tote bags since 2022. Contact Hayden for your sock and tote bag needs!

Bon AppéSweet & Better Black Coffee – Thereasa Black is the founder and veteran who launched Bon AppéSweet. Bon AppéSweet is a chocolate factory where they make date-sweetened chocolate from scratch, offering chocolate bars, chocolate espresso beans, chocolate-covered raisins and almonds, and more!! All organic, with zero added sugar, and dairy-free!



SIP Café and Lounge, Jonathan Boss, owner – Serving craft cocktails, shareable appetizers, as well as southern-style weekend brunch in Leonardtown. Stop by and SIP for a while!

TOWN PROJECTS – Stay up-to-date with the Town's long- and short-term projects! Our project information link can be found on the left side of our web page at www.leonardtown.somd.com.

TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

WATER	Minimum Charge	\$30.60 per quarter; includes 1 to 10,000 gallons of water
	Extra Consumption	\$2.55 for each thousand gallons, or fraction thereof, over 10,000 gallons.
SEWER	Minimum Charge	\$70.47 per quarter; includes 1 to 10,000 gallons
	Extra Consumption	\$7.05 for each thousand gallons, or fraction thereof, over 10,000 gallons to a maximum sewer charge of \$162.15.

Bay Restoration Fee \$15.00 per quarter

Residential Trash/Recycling Service \$89.55 per quarter

Per Town Code, all residents are required to utilize the Town Contractor for the trash and recycling service. The minimum bill for water, sewer (up to 10,000 gallons) and trash service will be \$205.62.

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

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

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday and Friday

Clark's Rest – all streets	Meadows of Town Run – all streets
Any street not previously named	

If you find you need additional trash container(s), please contact the Town Office at 301-475-9791. There is no extra monthly pick-up charge, but you will have to pay for the trash container.

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 the remainder of 2024 will be December 5th or 6th.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Many materials potentially flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to our sewers, and the sewers themselves as well as harm the treatment system and cause grinder pumps to fail. Eventually, this will harm our environment.

Please don't flush down non-readily dissolvable items. If it doesn't dissolve immediately in a bowl, it has no place in the sewer. The exception, of course, is toilet paper.

Grease is a major problem for our system. It will coat the sewer walls and eventually cause a clog and backup. In addition, the treatment plant does not degrade grease very well. Pour grease into a container, let it solidify, and throw it in the trash.

Obviously, toxic materials are not allowed. Anything that contains mercury or PCPs is prohibited. Paints, pesticides, paint thinners, solvents, explosive mixtures, lubricating oil, and unused medications are not allowed. The County has provided hazardous waste collection days to enable proper disposal of these items.

When you use good judgment about what you put into the sewer system, you can help the environment and work to keep your sewer operating costs under control. If you have any questions, please call Joe Bucior, Utilities Superintendent, at 301-475-9791.





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