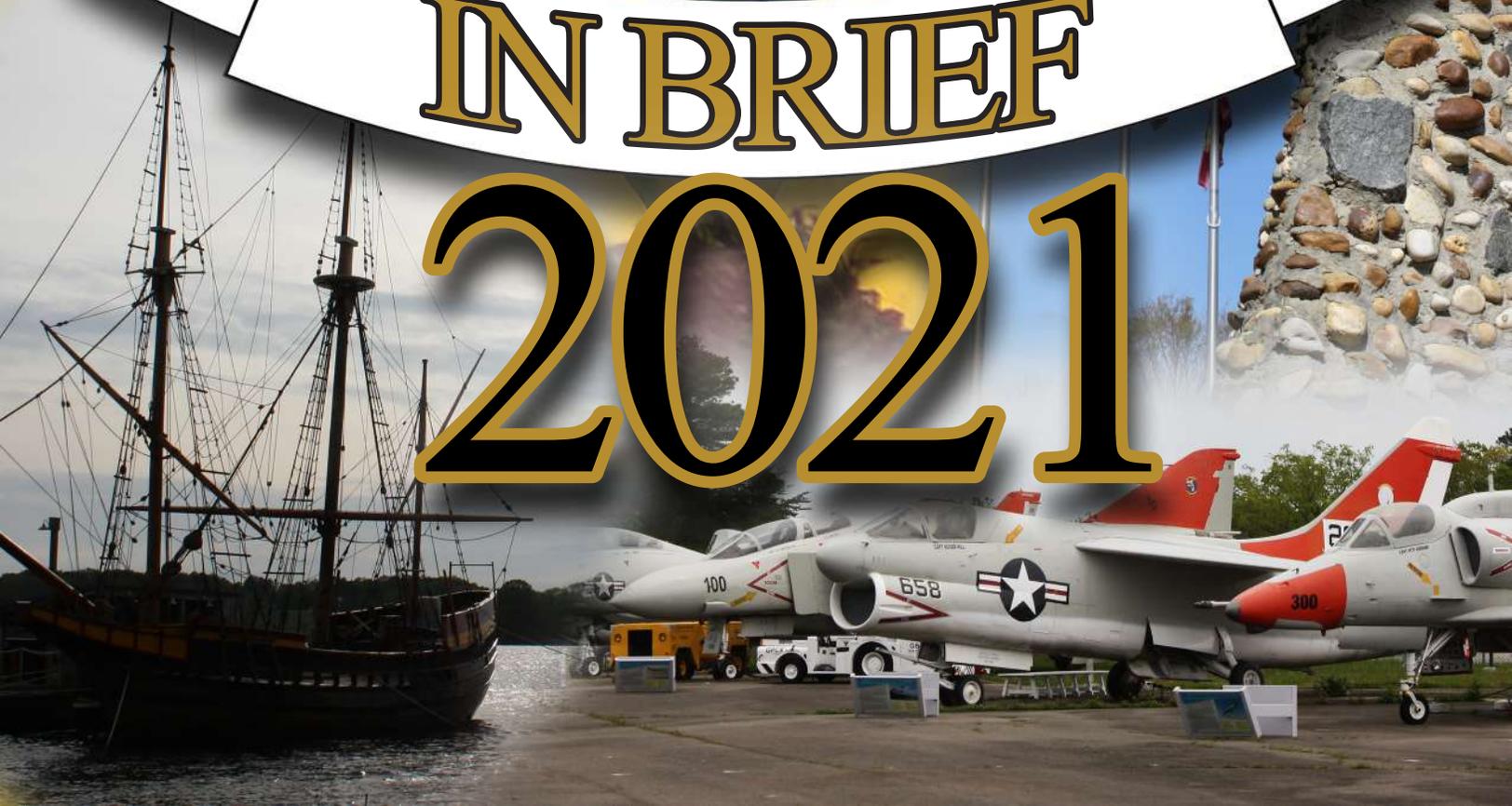


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St. Mary's County Overview

St. Mary's County was established in 1637 by George and Leonard Calvert, along with 140 others who sailed from England. St. Mary's County is the Mother County of Maryland and had the first capital of the state, St. Mary's City.

St. Mary's County is located on a peninsula at the southern tip of Maryland's western shore. Surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River, and Patuxent River, the county is home to over 500 miles of shoreline. The county's locality allows for easy access to major metropolitan areas while offering residents a high quality of life and affordable lifestyles.



Location

St. Mary's County is centrally located in the Mid-Atlantic region within reasonable driving distance to many major urban centers:

- Atlanta, GA – 613 miles
- Boston, MD – 477 miles
- New York, NY – 266 miles
- Richmond, VA – 95 miles
- Baltimore, MD – 81 miles
- Chicago, IL – 741 miles
- Philadelphia, PA – 177 miles
- Washington, DC – 54 miles

Quick Stats

- County Seat - Leonardtown
- Population - 113,510
- Median Household Income - \$89,845
- Sq. Miles – 764 miles
 - 357 sq. miles is land
 - 407 sq. miles is water
- Avg. Winter Temperature (°F) – 37.6
- Avg. Summer Temperature (°F) – 75.3

Largest Employers

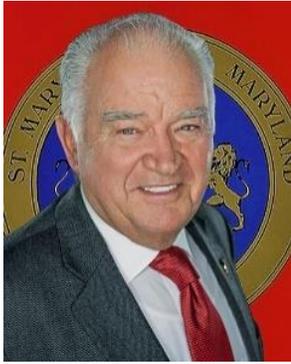
- NAS Patuxent River – 35,000 (military, civilian and contractor personnel)
- MedStar St. Mary's Hospital – 1,260
- DynCorp International – 1,020

Employment by Sectors

- Private Sector – 30,765
- Federal Government – 10,318
- Local Government – 4,003
- State Government - 958

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St. Mary's County Commissioners



[James R. Guy](#)
President



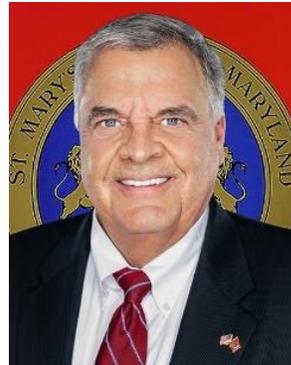
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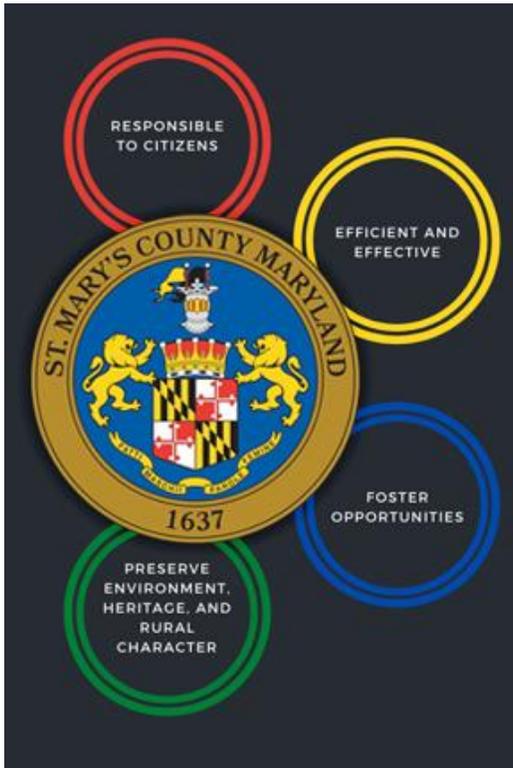
[Michael L. Hewitt](#)
District 2



[John E. O'Connor](#)
District 3



[Todd B. Morgan](#)
District 4



The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) is comprised of a five-member board. Each commissioner serves a four-year term. Commissioners normally meet on Tuesdays inside the Chesapeake Building, on the Government Center campus, in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Commissioners of St. Mary's County meetings are televised live on St. Mary's County Government TV 95 (on Atlantic Broadband and Comcast Cable). Meetings are also streamed live on the St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/user/St.MarysCoMDGov.

It is the mission of The Commissioners of St. Mary's County to be responsible to the county's citizens; provide effective and efficient services; preserve the county's environment, heritage and rural character and foster opportunities for future generations.

Contact the Commissioners by emailing them at csmc@stmarysmd.com.

St. Mary's County Government In Brief

Administration

Dr. Rebecca Bolton Bridgett, Ed.D | County Administrator

The County Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day administration of county government, supervision of all government department directors and coordination of staff activities under the Commissioners of St. Mary's County's (CSMC) jurisdiction. The County Administrator assigns and reports on general business actions and functions of county government and provides periodic performance reports on projects or problems.

The County Administrator oversees the Public Information Office and is also responsible for follow-up actions resulting from developments at meetings as directed by the Commissioners.

The office also processes incoming mail to the commissioners and operates the county's switchboard.



County Administration Quick Stats

Resolutions & Ordinances – 42
Proclamations & Commendations – 449
Managers meetings held – 12
Phone calls from citizens – 20,703
CSMC meetings & Budget Work Sessions – 48
Incoming USPS mail – 754 pieces
Events attended by CSMC – 123
Incoming emails processed – 2,138
Executive Sessions held - 23

www.stmarysmd.com/countyadmin.asp

Aging & Human Services

Lori Jennings-Harris | Director

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services provides a wide variety of programs and services. There are seven divisions within the Department including Senior Center Operations, Home and Community-Based Services, Community Programs and Outreach, Fiscal, MAP (Maryland Access Point)/Information and Referral, Human Services, and RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) which address the needs of seniors, people with disabilities, and children and families. The Department serves the county's senior residents and those in need of supportive services. Activities and programs for older adults include social and recreational programs; direct support of essential services, such as nutrition, health, and in-home services; community programs and outreach; information and referral service and volunteer opportunities.

A&HS Quick Stats

Seniors receiving services – 6,600
Seniors receiving meals – 527*
Active RSVP volunteers – 325
RSVP volunteer service hours – 16,000
Value of RSVP volunteer hours - \$460,000
Maryland Access Point (MAP) contacts – 5,000-7,000

*includes congregate and home-delivered meals



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www.facebook.com/SMCDAHS

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County Attorney

David Weiskopf | County Attorney

Serves as the legal counsel to St. Mary's County Government by advising the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, County Administrator, County Government departments, and advisory boards and commissions appointed by the county commissioners. Also serves as legal advisor to the St. Mary's County Board of Appeals, St. Mary's County Planning Commission, and St. Mary's County Ethics Commission.

www.stmarysmd.com/countyattorney

Economic Development

Chris Kaselemis | Director

The St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development works on behalf of local citizens to sustain and grow the county's economy. The department has identified industries to grow and strategies to undertake to build an economy that leverages our natural resources, rich agricultural heritage, and current industry base.

The department has two internal divisions, Business Development and Agriculture & Seafood, as well as a non-profit partner funded by the county that is focused on growing the tourism industry. These groupings are reflective of the county's target industries: advanced manufacturing, unmanned Aircraft Systems, aircraft modification, tourism, and agriculture & aquaculture.

The department's four-pronged mission laid out in the county's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: 1) attract and retain a young, talented, and diverse workforce; 2) grow the targeted industries; 3) create a robust environment for innovation and entrepreneurship, and 4) support and advance the mission of NAS Patuxent River.

DED Quick Stats

Agricultural Acres Permanently Preserved –
27,003.31
New Business Registrations - 915



www.YesStMarysMD.com

Emergency Services

Stephen Walker | Director

The St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services provides 911 communications and dispatching support for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services in the county.

Emergency Services is also responsible for Animal Control, Emergency Management preparation and response, and the coordination of Emergency Services.



ES Quick Stats

Total Law Enforcement calls – 74,423
Fire/Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
calls – 15,387
Animal Control calls – 9,471

www.stmarysmd.com/es&t

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Finance

Jeannett Cudmore | Chief Financial Officer

The Department of Finance is responsible for all financial activities of county government, except for the billing and collection of property taxes, which is the responsibility of the County Treasurer.

In addition to the development and management of the budget, Finance oversees financial accounting, reporting and audit, vendor payments, and payroll. The department reviews all commissioner action items with financial impact, debt financing, issuances through compliance reporting, procurements, from solicitation through contract administration, dispute resolution, and closeouts. Finance manages entity-wide grant compliance, monitoring, and reporting, financial management, and funding for capital projects. The department coordinates financial issues and requests with volunteer fire and rescue entities; serves as a representative on Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) finance-related activities and committees. Finance is a trustee of the county's benefit plans; reviews and coordinates with independent entities which receive county funding.

Finance Quick Stats

County Bond Ratings – AA+ (S&P), Aa1 (Moody's),
AA+ (Fitch)
Total FY2021 Operating Budget \$489,833,758
Total FY 2021 Capital Funds Budget \$83,769,625
Real Property Tax Rate \$.8478 per \$100 of
assessed value
Personal Income Tax Rate 3.17%



www.stmarysmd.com/finance

Human Resources

Catherine Pratson | Director

The Department of Human Resources endeavors to recruit and retain skilled employees who are committed to providing effective and efficient services to the citizens of St. Mary's County.

The Department administers the policies and procedures adopted by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and provides quality services in the areas of Training & Employee Relations, Employee Health & Wellness Programming and Benefits, Employee Recognition, Retiree Benefit Administration, Safety & Risk Management support, and ADA compliance.

HR supports County Volunteer Fire & EMS members through Length of Service Awards Program administration and recruiting and retention initiatives. The department's work is focused on creating an environment where individuals are enabled to do their best work and are supported and recognized for their contributions.



Total Approved Positions

859.75

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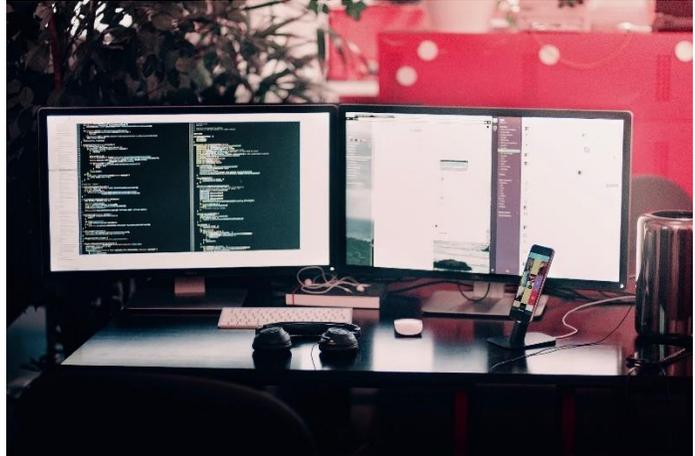
Information Technology

Robert Kelly | Chief Information Officer

The St. Mary's County Department of Information Technology is responsible for the maintenance of all county computer systems, including all software applications, desktop computers and laptops, networks, phones, and video systems.

IT Quick Stats

Responsible for 800 county-owned computers and networking to 42 locations
Maintains 550 phones, 250 cell phones, and 145 remotely connected devices
Supports 273 video surveillance devices
Oversees 60 terabytes of data



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Land Use & Growth Management

Bill Hunt, AICP | Director

The goal of Land Use and Growth Management (LUGM) is to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations through the protection of the natural environment, balanced with orderly growth, excellent customer service, and effective administration of land use regulations.



Land Use and Growth Management

LUGM Quick Stats

Building permits processed – 3,384
Certificates of Use and Occupancy – 425
Zoning Inspections Performed- 990
Code Enforcement Cases – 191
Site plans reviewed (concept, major, minor) - 62
Subdivisions reviewed (major and minor) - 26
Other plats reviewed (boundary line adjustment plats)- 58

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Public Information Office

ALisa Casas | Communications Director

The Public Information Office is responsible for sharing information regarding county government agencies, departments, and programs with citizens and the media. The Public Information Office coordinates and administers all communications with local and regional media outlets and the public via news releases, the county website, social media, and videos. The office is responsible for the timely distribution of emergency information.

The Public Information Office also manages the county government cable channel (SMCG TV 95), the county's social media, and oversees several events, including Flag Day, ribbon cuttings, groundbreaking, dedications, and the quadrennial Oath of Office Ceremony for Elected Officials. The office partners with other county departments to present other events such as Maryland Day, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and Fire/Rescue Appreciation Day.

PIO Quick Stats

News Releases issued – 309
Video productions performed – 162
Special events planned and executed – 75
Photos uploaded to Flickr – 695
Facebook likes – 684
Twitter followers – 288



www.stmarysmd.com/pio
www.youtube.com/user/StMarysCoMDGov
www.facebook.com/StMarysCountyGovernment
www.twitter.com/StMarysCoGov

Public Works & Transportation

John Deatrick, P.E., AICP, LEED BD+C | Director

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) is responsible for the planning, design, construction, inspection, operation, and maintenance of County owned public buildings, highways and bridges, solid waste disposal and convenience center recycling sites, the St. Mary's County Regional Airport, shoreline protection (dredging, piers, bulkheads, jetties, living shorelines), and the plan review / permitting / inspection of private-sector infrastructure development. DPW&T is also responsible for the STS Transit System, vehicle maintenance, fleet management, non-public school transportation, Metro Mail services, and Building Services divisions.



DPW&T Quick Stats

1,637 local roadways
645 centerline miles
174 inventoried bridges and structures maintained
Maintains approx. 860,000 sq. ft. of buildings and support facilities
Oversees 205 tenants, has 18 based businesses and over 40,000 takeoffs/landings at St. Mary's County Regional Airport
Over 937,000 vehicles served at 6 convenience centers
42,5000 vehicles served at St. Andrews Landfill

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