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**illuminating Adventure: Celebrate National Lighthouse Weekend at the
Historic Piney Point Lighthouse**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government's Museum Division welcomes all community members to join in celebrating **National Lighthouse Weekend** on **Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, 2024**, at the **Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park** in Piney Point, MD. The museum and lighthouse will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for tours.

At Piney Point, visitors can explore the museum grounds and celebrate the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac with tours of the Piney Point lighthouse tower, Keeper's Quarters, Potomac River Maritime Exhibit featuring full sized workboats, and two floors of exhibitions in the Main Museum building. While admission and tours are offered free of charge this weekend only, donations are greatly appreciated to support the museum.

National Lighthouse Day, designated by Congress on August 7, 1989, is the anniversary of the signing of the Congressional Act "for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers" and the date of the first commissioned Federal lighthouse. For more information, please call the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum at (301) 994-1471 or visit www.facebook.com/1836Light.

About the St. Mary's County Museum Division

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. These sites include St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison, and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information, please visit: museums.stmarysmd.com.

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