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NEWS RELEASE *for Immediate Release*

No. 2025 – 081

April 8, 2025, 2 p.m.

Public Hearing on Recommended County Budget to be Held April 22
Hearings Include Volunteer Fire & Rescue Rewards Program, Fees, Taxes & More

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) will hold **Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Leonardtown High School (LHS)**, located at 23995 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, on the following topics:

1. Establishing a Volunteer Firefighter and Rescue Squad Response Rewards Program
2. Increasing Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad tax rate to .030
3. Increasing Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad tax rate to .030
4. Changes to the St. Mary's County Health Department Environmental fee schedule
5. Changes to St. Mary's County Government fees and charges:
 - a. Animal Control Division – Licenses
 - b. Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Service Fees
 - c. Department of Recreation & Parks – Recreation Activity Fees
6. FY2026 Recommended County Budget

Additional information on each topic is available at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/publichearings.

The hearings will be held in the **LHS auditorium. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.** and sign-up sheets to participate will be available in the school foyer. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in these hearings. Those wishing to address the Commissioners may participate in-person or provide their feedback via:

- Email to: csmc@stmaryscountymd.gov
- Mail to: PO Box 653 Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

All submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. All submissions will be considered by the CSMC at the Public Hearing and/or up to seven days following the Public Hearing.

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Appropriate accommodation for individuals with language or other special needs will be provided upon request. To support these needs, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the Public Information Office at 301-475-4200, ext. 1340 or via email to pio@stmaryscountymd.gov by **April 15, 2025**, to arrange.

CSMC Public Hearings are televised live on St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) TV Channel 95 and streamed live at www.youtube.com/@StMarysCoGov.

Community members are encouraged to visit our **Budget Engage Page** at <https://bit.ly/SMCG-FY26-Budget> to view the county budget timeline, watch budget work session videos, leave feedback on priorities, and more!

For more information, please visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov or follow St. Mary's County Government on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#) for regular updates.

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