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Leonard Paper Company “Seizes the Sun”



Leonard Paper Company of Baltimore, Maryland recently held their Solar Commissioning Ceremony at their facility on North Haven Street. The ceremony was attended by nearly 125 employees, vendors, customers, family members, and friends who were all invited to tour Leonard Paper to see how they are doing their part to save our planet. The facility's roof now holds over 1,700 solar panels generating clean, sustainable energy for at least the next 25 years. The keynote speaker was **Maryland Comptroller, Peter Franchot**.

Leonard Paper Company, a family owned, fourth generation business, is a leading wholesale supplier of janitorial supplies and foodservice disposables in the greater Baltimore-Washington area. As a strong local distributor, they supply a full range of products and services to area businesses, healthcare facilities and educational institutions and have been in business since 1940.

The quality of the jobs and continuous tax revenue that Leonard Paper has produced over three generations inspired Comptroller Franchot to say **“Companies like Leonard Paper are the heart and soul of Maryland’s economy”**. Leonard continues to operate in Baltimore City employing over 150 Maryland residents and warehousing over four thousand products for their clients.

Leonard Paper has demonstrated its commitment to becoming more sustainable through an integrated approach to environmental and social responsibility. **“We are glad to have awarded all the contracts for this project to Baltimore based companies. This solar project will benefit our city, state, and planet well into the future”**, said **Mike Leonard, Vice President and General Manager**. The company anticipates a saving of over \$300,000 within the next 5 years. According to Mr. Leonard, here are some of the ways their investments and initiatives over the years have made them the region's most energy efficient distributor in their class:

- Fully automated on demand motion sensing lights installed
- Nightly on-site refueling of their transportation fleet reducing fuel consumption
- Zero landfill impact based on comprehensive paper and plastic recycling program
- The following are our Expected Emissions Reductions as a result of the Solar Panel Roof Project:

	<i>Expected Energy Production, kWh</i>	
	553,000	12,065,760
Emission Item	Year 1	25 Years
Carbon lbs/kWh	769,168	19,229,193
Nitrogen lbs/kWh	1,383	34,563
Sulfur lbs/kWh	4,203	105,070
Barrels of oil equivalency	811	20,281
Cars not driven per year/kWh	76	1,894
Equivalent household electricity usage/kWh	45	1,120

All of these initiatives prompted Peter Franchot to comment “**Leonard Paper is a company that has produced results for over 70 years**”. Maryland Delegate, **Nic Kipke** of Anne Arundel County was also present at the ceremony. “**I have worked with Leonard Paper for many years in the private sector. It is companies like this that keep Maryland strong**”.

Once the event concluded, it was back to work for the employees and staff at Leonard Paper. Customers needed to be served! They will now be looking to **Seize the Sun** for as many days as possible.

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