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Calvert County, Md., Shows Appreciation for Business
Third Annual Business Appreciation Week Scheduled for May 5-9, 2008

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 30, 2008 - Once again this year, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Economic Development will celebrate Business Appreciation Week. The week of May 5-9 will feature a host of special events and activities to recognize and thank businesses of all sizes and industries for their contributions to the county's economy and quality of life and help the community better understand the important role that businesses play in our local economy.

This year's theme will focus on businesses that support or enhance Calvert County's lucrative tourism industry.

The week will include special events, workshops and networking activities and personal visits with county business owners by the Board of County Commissioners and staff from the Department of Economic Development.

Schedule of Events (Please note that seating is limited at most events and advanced on-line registration is required at www.ecalvert.com.)

Monday, May 5, 2008

BAW Evening Kick-Off Reception, invitation only, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum.

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Company site visits with Ambassador Teams, including Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, various locations.

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6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., B2B Power Networking Session: “The Power of the Entrepreneurial Spirit,” with speaker Charles Baker, president of MCB Lighting & Electrical and Government Logistics Solutions. Hosted by the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County and the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance (FREE), the Reid Building, 7994 Solomons Island Rd., Owings.

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. “Marketing Your Main Street: Tips & Techniques for Cooperative Promotion” (FREE), Planning Commission Hearing Room, Duke Street, Prince Frederick.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Women’s Business Roundtable Networking Event co-hosted by the Small Business Development Center (FREE), College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus.

Thursday, May 8, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (drop in), Purchasing Office Open House hosted by the Calvert County Department of Finance and Budget (FREE), Calvert County Purchasing Office, 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick.

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer hosted by Davis, Upton, Palumbo & Keffler, LLC (Fee: \$5.00 for Chamber Members /\$15.00 for Non- Members), Prince Frederick.

Friday, May 9, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, “Breaking Into the Group Tourism Market,” with Lois Stolfus, Certified Travel Industry Specialist (FREE), Marriott SpringHill Suites, Prince Frederick, (Seating limited to first 100).

Media outlets interested in covering BAW events may pre-register online at www.ecalvert.com. Interviews with business owners and key event hosts and sponsors can be scheduled prior to next week by contacting the Calvert County Department of Economic Development.

For more information on Calvert County’s BAW, including updates on planned activities and events, or to learn about the many services the County offers the business community, contact the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development at 410.535.4583, 800.331.9771 or 301.855.1880; by e-mail at info@ecalvert.com, or on the Web at www.ecalvert.com.

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