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As 2009 comes to a close and winter settles in, our thoughts naturally turn to ... a pool! We recently had the opportunity to tour the new county aquatic center nearing completion. Check out the progress update below. With the shopping season in full swing, we also offer some great reasons to buy locally. Finally we bring attention to county initiatives that support our local businesses. Thanks for reading **Calvert Currents**.

Water Graces County Aquatic Center

Progress Points to Spring 2010 Opening

The county's new aquatic center is approximately 90 percent complete and set for a spring 2010 opening. Pictured are views of the pools after completion of the pool surfaces and the addition of the most important element -- water. As of November 11, all of the pools were operational. The completed facility will have four pools: a competition pool, therapy pool, leisure pool and spa. There will also be two meeting rooms, a fitness room with exercise equipment and a patio to enjoy the outdoors.

In August the board of county commissioners voted to name the facility the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center. Hall represented the citizens of Calvert County as a state senator from 1958 to 1974. He became the Senate's Minority Leader in 1963 and held that position into 1974. Hall was also one of the founding editors of the Calvert Independent Newspaper, which was established in 1940.

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What's Happening in Calvert County

January 9

Jack Frost 1-Mile Family Run
Cove Point Park,
Lusby

January 15

Satisfaction - A Rolling Stones Experience
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

January 16

MLK Days at Annmarie Garden
Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center, Solomons

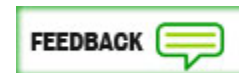


The aquatic center has reached an exciting milestone -- there is water in the pool! Above is the competition pool with the therapy pool in the background. At right is the leisure pool complete with palms.



January 22
Chicken Noodle Soup
Cook-off
Southern Community
Center, Lusby

Visit the [events calendar](#) to learn more.



We want to hear from you. [Click here](#) to e-mail your feedback.

Great Gifts are Right Around the Corner

Shop Locally for One-of-a-Kind Holiday Presents

Wine, paintings, arts and crafts, handmade jewelry, baked goods, textiles, spa treatments -- these are all items that can make a perfect holiday gift for someone special and they all can be found right here in Calvert County.

Calvert County is home to many gift shops and stores that provide one-of-a-kind products with a distinct Southern Maryland flavor. By purchasing directly from stores, restaurants or farms that feature local products, residents can enjoy the convenience and variety of great gift ideas available in Calvert County while helping to ensure that neighborhood businesses and the region's economy continue to flourish.



Locally owned stores provide jobs, more often purchase supplies and products from other local businesses and provide unequalled customer service. A case study done in Maine in 2003 by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance reports that for every \$100 spent at a locally owned small business, \$45 goes back into the community.

Local merchants provide employment opportunities, unique shopping choices and convenience for our communities. These business owners and entrepreneurs also give back to the community, volunteer in our neighborhoods and schools and serve as mentors and colleagues to other business owners, all of which adds to our collective economic prosperity.

This holiday season, consider the impact that you can have in your own backyard by dining, shopping and visiting neighborhood merchants while you help stimulate Calvert County's economy.

County Services Support Local Business



Free Online Classifieds

The holiday season often brings an opportunity to add employees and implement new business initiatives. If your Calvert County-based business seeks a fresh - and free - way to find employees, the Calvert County Department of Economic Development's online classified ads is a useful tool.

While the service is free, registration is required and the service is available only to companies with physical locations in Calvert County, Md. Once registered, business owners can add, edit, renew or remove employment listings at any time. Listings are valid for 30 days and if the position has not been filled within that time, it is possible to renew the listing for another 30 days.

[Access the classified section online](#) today and get started.

2009 Business Survey

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development is conducting the 2009 Business Survey and seeks input from county business owners. The survey helps the department learn more about county businesses, offers insight into business concerns and suggests steps that can be taken to provide assistance.

Data collected from the survey will be used to support local businesses and enhance the programs and services that are currently available. All responses are confidential and the survey only takes a few moments to complete. Final aggregate results will be made available to the public online in late winter 2010.

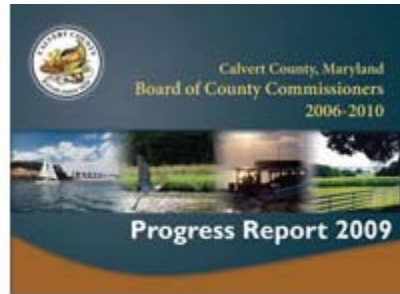
Any Calvert County business owner wishing to complete this survey can do so online at www.ecalvert.com or by calling 410.535.4583 or 301.855.1880. The deadline for completion is January 15, 2010.

View the Board of County Commissioners

2009 Progress Report

Learn about local government initiatives and accomplishments from 2006 to 2008 in the Board of County Commissioners 2009 Progress Report.

The Progress Report provides an overview of county operations and details the many ways your local government is working to serve Calvert County. The report can be [viewed online](#), and printed versions are available at all Calvert Library locations.



We wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons. The past year has not been without its challenges, but we are grateful to the residents of Calvert County who make this such a great place to live and work. We look forward to a new year and new opportunities for strengthening our community.

Sincerely,
Wilson H. Parran, President
Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark, Vice President
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