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Welcome to the July issue of **Calvert Currents**. This month we highlight a new Web program, winning senior center programs, progress on the Calvert Cliffs reactor project and important personnel changes in county government. We also encourage you to take the Buy Local Challenge and enjoy one of Southern Maryland's many farm-grown summer products. Here's hoping that you are having a great summer.

Take the Buy Local Challenge

Support Local Farms July 18-26



Calvert County has a rich agricultural heritage, and there is no better way to honor and support our farmers than through the Buy Local Challenge. Each summer, this event celebrates the freshness and diversity of local foods.

From July 18 to July 26, everyone is encouraged to buy local products or dine at restaurants featuring local food. You can learn more about how to

participate, along with the many benefits of buying local, at the [Buy Local Challenge Web site](#).

Visit a nearby farmers market, farm stand or restaurant. Calvert County now enjoys thriving farmers markets in North Beach, Prince Frederick and Solomons. You can find information about them and other local sources at the [Calvert County agriculture Web site](#).

Spread the word about the Buy Local Challenge. You will help support regional agriculture, strengthen our local economy and find some great tasting food.

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Capital for a Day

On June 19, Calvert County was Maryland's 'Capital for a Day' as Governor Martin O'Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown and members of the Executive Cabinet visited the county to explore local issues. The monthly program was launched by O'Malley in 2007 to bring the

Calvert County Unveils Web-Based Site Selection Program for Businesses

Site selection professionals now have access to the latest online information showcasing Calvert County as a business destination through the new CalvertProspector.com Web utility.



CalvertProspector.com is an interactive mapping program that allows users to search for available commercial buildings and sites as well as generate site-specific demographic and business analysis reports. Calvert County is the first jurisdiction in the state to use this powerful technology.

The Web-based program simplifies the process of site selection so that companies can quickly identify the optimal location for their business start-up, expansion or relocation. Instead of spending days researching information from multiple government offices, real estate companies and data sources, all the information is provided through CalvertProspector.com in minutes for free.

Businesses define their desired community and property characteristics, then CalvertProspector.com displays the locations that exactly match the company's needs. The use of consistent, third-party data -- including demographics, consumer expenditures, business and workforce statistics, employment wages and more -- ensures that searchers can make apples-to-apples comparisons of locations across the United States.

Visit CalvertProspector.com to learn more. For information on other business services offered by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development call 410.535.4583 or 301.855.1880; e-mail info@ecalvert.com, or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

Office on Aging Programs Win State Awards *Maryland Association of Senior Centers Recognizes Six Programs of Excellence*

The Calvert County Office on Aging recently won six Maryland Association of Senior Centers (MASC) Programs of Excellence awards for programs offered to the county's age 50 and over population. The annual awards honor outstanding senior center efforts throughout the state of Maryland.

The **Live History** program held at



state capital to every corner of Maryland.

As cabinet members joined local officials on tours across the county, the governor opened the day with a prayer breakfast in North Beach before joining the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Calvert Memorial Hospital Medical Arts Center. The day concluded with a full cabinet meeting and public gathering at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in St. Leonard.

What's Happening in Calvert County

July 18

Guided Canoe Trip
American Chestnut Land Trust, Port Republic

July 20-24

Intergenerational Summer Camp
Calvert Pines Senior Center, Prince Frederick

July 24

Date Night @ AMG
Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park and Arts Center, Solomons

July 25

Movies on Main Street:
Ghostbusters
Prince Frederick

July 28-29

Summer Fun Event: Reptile World
Calvert Library, Four Locations

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





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Southern Pines Senior Center won the 2009 Education Award. In Live History, middle and high school students experienced history brought to life during monthly panel discussions held by seniors who spoke of their experiences from historical periods such as World War II and the civil rights movement.

Calvert County programs swept the 2009 Leadership, Civic Engagement and Community Development Award category. The winning **Workforce Series** held at Calvert Pines Senior Center helped seniors prepare for volunteer and job opportunities. **Remembering Courage and Honoring Sacrifices** held at Southern Pines Senior Center, which honored county veterans during a day-long event, took honorable mention. The 2009 Expressive and Creative Arts Award went to the **Dancing 101** program held at Calvert Pines Senior Center. Seniors and their grandchildren got an aerobic workout in this program while sharing period dances.

An Honorable Mention was presented in the MASC Fundraising category for the **Christmas Market and Cookie Sale** held at Calvert Pines Senior Center, which raised \$400. A second honorable mention was awarded in the Special Event category for the Calvert Pines Senior Center **National Night Out cookout**, which also received an award from the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse.

To learn more about the award-winning programs offered through the Calvert County Office on Aging, call 410-535-4606 or 301-855-1170 or visit www.co.cal.md.us/residents/health/aging/default.asp.

State Approves Proposed Calvert Cliffs 3 Reactor

The Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) gave final approval on June 26 for a new nuclear reactor at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby. The approval came after an 18-month review that included multiple public hearings in Calvert County.



The PSC granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the project, which is required before construction can begin on the proposed 1,600 megawatt reactor. The CPCN addresses potential environmental impacts on air,

water and wetlands, along with historic impacts. The CPCN application was submitted by UniStar Nuclear Energy, a joint venture of Constellation Energy and EDF Group of France. UniStar is also seeking federal approval for the new reactor through the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Constellation Energy has also said the [Calvert Cliffs 3 project](#) is dependent upon the successful close of the pending joint venture with EDF, which has offered to purchase almost half of Constellation Energy's five existing reactors, including the two existing units at Calvert Cliffs.

The proposed reactor project continues to gain momentum. On May 19, Constellation Energy announced that U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) selected Calvert Cliffs 3 as one of four projects to enter final negotiations for a portion of \$18.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for advanced nuclear projects. Receipt of a loan guarantee commitment by the end of 2009 would position UniStar to make a final decision to proceed with Calvert Cliffs 3. Finally, on June 1 the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, the National Construction Alliance II and all affiliated international unions along with Bechtel Construction Company announced a Project Labor Agreement to supply labor for the construction of Calvert Cliffs 3.

At the Board's June 23 meeting, we announced the appointment of Terry L. Shannon as County Administrator and V. Wilson Freeland as Director of the county Department of General Services. The appointments followed the retirement of County Administrator and Director of General Services A. Douglas Parran Jr.

Shannon served as the county's Director of Finance and Budget since 1999. She was named acting County Administrator in November 2008. Ms. Shannon was the county's first female Director of Budget and Finance, and becomes Southern Maryland's first female County Administrator. Freeland, a 27-year employee with the county, takes over as Director of General Services after serving as acting director of the department.

Both individuals possess a wealth of knowledge and experience, and we believe Calvert County government will benefit greatly from their leadership. We also thank Doug Parran for over 14 years of government service and wish him well in his retirement.

Sincerely,
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Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark, Vice President
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Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

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