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*We have long known that Calvert County is a special place made all the more special by its wonderfully giving residents. Each year we recognize those who make our community great through the Calvert You Are Beautiful program. Below you will learn more about this year's nominees. We also take a look at the Solomons Town Center planning process and catch up with some recently completed bridge projects. Additionally, we have two important announcements about household hazardous waste collection and an upcoming temporary water service outage in Solomons. Thanks for reading **Calvert Currents**.*

Solomons Town Center Master Plan Update

Community Input Key to Establishing Goals of Plan

On August 25, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the revised Solomons Town Center Master Plan following 27 months of work by Calvert County staff, the Calvert County Planning Commission and the citizens of Solomons.



Solomons was the first Town Center to have a Master Plan, adopted in 1986, and the first to have its master plan updated. The updated Master Plan is the result of extensive public participation that included a bus, boat and walking tour and a three-day design workshop for the Village Core (the area from the Tide Box south to Charles

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Street).

The goal of the Master Plan is "to develop the Solomons Town Center as an attractive, convenient, and interesting place to live, work and shop while protecting the natural assets of the area and preserving the historic character for future generations." The purposes of the Master Plan are to provide comprehensive policies, direct future growth and development, protect and enhance residential areas and encourage compatible commercial and marine development.

The reorganized and updated Solomons Town Center Master Plan:

- Builds upon the 1986 Solomons Master Plan
- Expands the plan's objectives to include protecting the environment and promoting a balanced, complete transportation system to enhance mobility for all users: pedestrian, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders
- Establishes a tree canopy goal of at least 40 percent for the Town Center
- Includes policies and actions to support and enhance a mix of uses in the Solomons Island Village Core that are family-friendly, encourage year-round activity and are visually compatible with the architectural heritage that makes Solomons a distinctive destination
- Encourages the retention of historic buildings
- Includes policies and actions to improve the visual quality of the Village Core, including identifying and protecting a preferred location for an underground utility right-of-way along Solomons Island Road to eventually relocate above-ground power lines

We extend our sincere thanks to the Solomons citizens and business owners who took time to participate in the process and to the Planning Commission, and to county staff for preparing the Master Plan. You may [view the updated plan and related documents](#) on the county Web site.

County Revises Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services

The Board of County Commissioners has approved revised procedures for the collection of household hazardous waste from county residents.

Effective October 1, 2009, county customer convenience centers are no longer accepting household hazardous waste, which includes materials such as oil-based paints, pool chemicals, solvents, fertilizers and other items usually labeled with the words "DANGER," "POISON" or "WARNING." Household hazardous waste will be collected at central points four times a year during designated household hazardous waste collection days. Collection days will be held one Saturday in March and September at the Mt. Hope Customer Convenience Center and one Saturday in June and November at the Appeal Municipal Landfill.

The first household hazardous waste collection day will be held on **November 14, 2009, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (rain or shine) at the**

Public water service to the Solomons area will be interrupted during the night of November 17 as crews install a valve in the main line of the water distribution system. The work will be performed beginning at 11 p.m. November 17. Service is expected to be restored prior to 5:30 a.m. on November 18.

Solomons-area water customers are urged, prior to the outage, to stockpile water that may be needed during the maintenance period. Once the work is complete, customers may notice cloudy water or air in the water supply system. If this occurs, customers may run the water for several minutes until the lines clear.

Customers who believe the outage will adversely affect their home or business may call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Division of Water and Sewerage, at 410-535-1600, extension 2329.

UPDATE: Keeping Calvert Green

The first annual **Calvert County Green Expo** on September 27 was a great success. Hundreds attended the event to view

Appeal Landfill. Collection is limited to Calvert County residents only and proof of residency is required. Commercial businesses are prohibited.

A licensed waste disposal contractor will collect household hazardous waste at the Appeal and Mt. Hope sites. The service, which is typical of programs implemented by other Maryland counties, is necessary to ensure that Calvert County meets all state and federal requirements with regard to the safe collection of household hazardous waste.

County residents may still drop off trash, recyclables and certain other materials at customer convenience centers, including motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, batteries and various types of light bulbs.

For more information, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Division of Solid Waste, at 410-326-0210 or visit the [household hazardous waste collection page](#) for a full listing of materials accepted.



Annual Awards Event Honors Local Volunteers

Twenty-six outstanding community volunteers were honored during the annual Calvert You Are Beautiful program September 22. Chesapeake Beach resident JoAnn Adams was named Volunteer of the Year for her work with a variety of Calvert County organizations over a period of more than 40 years.



JoAnn Adams accepts the Calvert You Are Beautiful Volunteer of the Year award from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners.

The Calvert You Are Beautiful nominees touched the lives of county residents in myriad ways. The 2009 nominees are:

JoAnn Adams, for work with the ARC of Southern Maryland and the Legionettes Majorettes and Drum Corps

Christa Allen, for her participation with the Huntingtown High School Environmental Club and the Girl Scouts

Linda Lee Bracey, for work with groups including Friends of Calvert Women and Adult Day Care

Linda Buckley, for her participation in many Girl Scouts programs

Clara Mae Buckmaster, for 55 years of volunteerism in the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department and other groups

Sarah "Sally" Donaldson, for her work with the North Beach House and Garden Club and the Bayside Boys and Girls Club

Kevin and Patricia Fitzgerald, for volunteerism with Patuxent Habitat for

displays and demonstrations from more than 60 businesses and organizations, along with presentations from expert speakers. [Click here](#) for details and photos.

Calvert County is also moving ahead with initiatives to save energy and resources, and to reduce its impact on the environment. Recent actions include:

- Implementation of new heating and air conditioning settings to reduce energy consumption in county buildings.

- Assessment of interior building lighting and the reduction of lighting, in some cases, by as much as 50 percent.

- Approval of a resolution mandating the purchase of only low-phosphorous fertilizers for county use.

To learn more, visit the county's [Green Team](#) web section.

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The Calvert County Department of

Humanity

Paul Flanagan, for work with Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Janet Gibson, for her activities with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Calvert Animal Welfare League and other efforts

Betty Frances Goldstein, for work as an elementary school teacher and school volunteer

Anne E. Harmon, for volunteerism with Special Olympics and ARC of Southern Maryland

Help Association, Inc. Volunteers, for work with the Help Association thrift shop

Julie Ann Hilgenberg, for various volunteer efforts with Emmanuel Church in Huntingtown

Jean Moyer, for work with Our Lady Star of the Sea's 75th anniversary celebration

Dave Newton, for volunteerism with Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Clare O'Shea, for work with entertainment programs provided to Calvert Pines Senior Center

Austin "Bob" Platt and Pam Platt, for volunteerism with Calvert Marine Museum

Leah Ann Rayburn, for work with Calvert Therapeutic Riding Center

Betty Jane Reynolds, for work with special needs children in Calvert County Public Schools and with ARC of Southern Maryland

Spiggy & Friends Committee, for charity fundraising through the annual Spiggy and Friends Celebrity Golf Tournament

Paula Walker, for volunteerism with Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Marian Wilkerson, for work with Calvert Meals on Wheels and the American Legion

Dave and Lois Zonderman, for work with Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Volunteer of the Year winner JoAnn Adams was honored for helping create the North Beach Youth Group in 1967 and for years of volunteerism since. She was instrumental in establishing the Legionettes Majorettes and Drum Corps that has provided youth recreation opportunities for 25 years. Adams has also worked for more than 10 years with ARC of Southern Maryland and has been president of the organization's board for the past two years.

Judges for the Calvert You Are Beautiful program were Judi Coyle, 2008 Calvert You Are Beautiful Winner; Carrie Lovejoy of The Calvert Recorder; Marty Madden of the Calvert Independent; Sandra O. Martin of Bay Weekly; and Rich Romer of the Voice of Southern Maryland.

Visit our [Calvert You Are Beautiful Web section](#) for photos of all the nominees, along with the nomination narratives.

To learn more about the Calvert You Are Beautiful program, contact the Calvert County Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583 or e-mail info@ecalvert.com.

Completed Bridge Projects Enhance Local Roadways

Two recently completed county bridge projects showcase the efforts of the Department of Public Works



Economic Development is compiling information for the 2010 Calvert County Visitors Guide and Calendar of Events.

The Visitors Guide section provides free promotion for museums, dining and shopping destinations, hotels, inns and recreational boating organizations with locations in Calvert County.

Forms are available by calling

410.535.4583 or

800.331.9771 or

online at

www.ecalvert.com.

Information is due no later than **November 15, 2009**.

Information for the 2010 Calvert County Calendar of Events is being gathered online at www.ecalvert.com.

The online entry system allows organizations to update online listings throughout the year with the latest information.

Community groups, civic organizations, churches, visitor sites, cultural and arts societies, or other associations

producing an event in Calvert County are encouraged to submit

2010 events for inclusion in the online calendar free of charge. To enter

events or for further instructions, visit www.ecalvert.com.

Every effort will be made to include complete descriptions

to maintain and improve our local roadways.

In the northern Calvert County region of Lower Marlboro, a bridge over Graham Creek near the Patuxent River was replaced during an eight-month endeavor. A new two-span continuous laminated timber bridge was built to replace the aging structure and approximately 400 feet of Chaneyville Road were improved. A defining feature is the roadway made up of stamped asphalt. Work on the project wrapped up approximately four months ahead of schedule at a cost of \$1.2 million.

Another aging bridge on Stoakley Road just north of the Prince Frederick Town Center was also recently completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Construction on the Mill Creek Bridge was scheduled for the summer in order to avoid disruption to school bus routes. The old bridge deck, built in 1930, was replaced along with the parapet walls. The new parapet features ornate rails to replicate the style of the previous structure. Work was completed August 14, a week ahead of schedule. Originally estimated to cost \$209,000, the project came in at \$192,000.

Maryland state and county finances have been in the news lately as elected leaders try to close budget gaps. While Calvert County has a relatively stable budget outlook, we still must make local cuts to meet cuts passed down by the state. County staff is looking at operations and making recommendations for how we can save. However, our goal remains to preserve the local government services you deserve. In future **Calvert Currents** issues we will report on how the county is meeting this challenge. As always, your input is welcomed.

Sincerely,
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Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

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for Visitors Guide and Calendar of Events listings. However, due to space limitations, the Department of Economic Development reserves the right to edit or omit listings as necessary.

What's Happening in Calvert County

November 7

Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse Step-by-Step 5K Fun Run/Walk
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

November 13

Fabulous Thunderbirds in Concert
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

November 29

Christmas Lights: Brightest Beacon on the Bay
Town of Chesapeake Beach

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