



Calvert Currents

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Welcome to the October issue of **Calvert Currents**. This month we take a look at plans for the interim Calvert Library Southern Branch. We also preview the annual Farm Tour, recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, honor our local volunteers and announce three upcoming public hearings. Thanks for reading.



The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners members are, from left, Steven R. Weems, Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark, Susan Shaw, Evan K. Slaughenhaupt Jr. and Pat Nutter.

Calvert Library Southern Branch Will Move to Solomons

Interim Solution Will Help Expand Services

At its Sept. 13 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved budget measures that are a first step to relocating the Calvert Library Southern Branch in Lusby to a vacant Patuxent Plaza retail space in Solomons.

The relocation of the Southern Branch is an interim solution that will help expand services beyond those now offered at the current Southern

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Three Public Hearings Scheduled for Oct. 18

The Board of County Commissioners and the Calvert County Planning Commission are holding joint public hearings covering three local

Community Center site. Ideally we will reach a permanent solution for a library site in the Lusby Town Center, but this interim move is vital for meeting the current demand for library services in southern Calvert County.



The current Southern Branch, at just 3,250 square feet, saw nearly 125,000 customers in Fiscal Year 2011 and averages more than 400 customers a day. Its popularity poses many challenges. There is often a waiting list for the few computers on hand, the children's area is tiny and the small, open library layout becomes quite noisy as the number of visitors increases.

Originally identified by the Calvert Library Board of Trustees, the 9,000-square-foot lease space will allow room for more computers, a children's section, a larger teen area, a quiet study area and more community space. When the branch moves out of its current location, more space will be available for Office on Aging and Parks and

Recreation services at the Southern Community Center.

It is also important to note that the move will not increase the current county budget. Capital costs totaling \$833,000 for preparing the site and providing furniture and equipment will be paid out of a premium the county received from its most recent bond sale. Operating costs of \$114,000 in Fiscal Year 2012 including rent, taxes, snow removal and utilities, will be drawn from commissioners' contingency fund.

We believe this new library space will attract even more customers. After all, libraries are much more than a place to check out books. They are a resource for parents. They are a job center, a meeting space, a quiet classroom, a computer lab and a safe place for children to gather. This expansion will enable library staff to more adequately fulfill these roles. We look forward to its completion.

[Visit Calvert Library online.](#)

Family Fun on the Farm

Annual County Farm Tour is This Weekend

Get to know Calvert County's rural community by spending the day on three working farms during the 14th annual Farm Tour Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at three local farms:

- **Fridays Creek Winery**
3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings
410-286-WINE or www.fridayscreek.com
- **Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC**
1935 Emmanuel Church Road, Huntingtown
410-610-4849 or www.luckycricketfarm.com
- **Spider Hall Farm**
3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick
410-610-0094



issues on Tuesday, Oct. 18. All hearings will be in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 205 Main Street, Prince Frederick.

Floodplain Regulations and Floodplain Maps

[View the preliminary maps here.](#)

[Proposed revisions to Calvert County floodplain regulations are available online here.](#)

Calvert County Water and Sewerage Plan

[View the plan changes in their entirety online.](#)

Huntingtown Town Center Master Plan Amendments

[Proposed amendments regard transportation infrastructure; view them here.](#)

What's Happening in Calvert County

October 15-16
13th Annual Calvert County Farm Tour
Three Calvert County Farms
Call 410-535-4583 for more.

October 16
Annual Fall Family

Enjoy food, demonstrations and activities unique to each farm location. For more information, visit www.calvertag.com, or contact the Calvert County Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583, 800-331-9771 or 301-855-1880 or via email at info@ecalvert.com.

Calvert County Is In the Pink

Commissioners Proclaim Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Maryland ranks fifth in the nation for breast cancer mortality rates and across the U.S. it is estimated that there will be 39,520 breast cancer deaths this year. Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists, has worked since 1982 to save lives through awareness and fund raising. In support of the Maryland affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the Board of County Commissioners has designated October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Calvert County.



As part of the effort to raise awareness, the board voted to join counties across the state and light a prominent local landmark in pink for the month of October. All this month the Drum Point Lighthouse at the Calvert Marine Museum will be bathed in pink each evening as part of the 2011 statewide pink lighting project.

Help us recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Do what you can to be aware of the disease and support organizations working to research its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. Below are a couple of links to get started.

- [Visit Susan G. Komen for the Cure online.](#)
- [Learn about Calvert Memorial Hospital's Center for Breast Care.](#)

"Beautiful" Volunteers Are Honored at Annual Awards Ceremony

Calvert County is full of beautiful people who volunteer in our community and make the county a great place to live. The Board of County Commissioners honored 22 outstanding community volunteers during the county's annual Calvert You Are Beautiful program September 20.



The Calvert You Are Beautiful nominees touched the lives of countless county residents. Bill Stanton was named Volunteer of the Year for his years of work at

Fun Day
Chesapeake Beach
Railway Museum

October 19
Halloween Scavenger
Hunt!
Calvert Library,
Prince Frederick

October 20
Healthcare Careers
Expo
Calvert Library,
Prince Frederick

October 21
Gordon Bok
Appearing Live
Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons

October 22
Fossil Field
Experience
Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons

October 22
Halloween in the
Garden
Annmarie Sculpture
Garden & Arts
Center, Solomons

October 23
Sunday
Conversations with
Chesapeake Authors:
Dr. Ralph Eshelman
Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons

October 23
Haunted Waterpark
Chesapeake Beach
Water Park

October 27
PEM TALKS: Lost
Landmarks
Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons

October 29
Fall Foliage Hike at
Double Oak Farm
American Chestnut
Land Trust,



Volunteer of the Year
William "Bill" Stanton.

Project ECHO, Calvert County's homeless shelter.

Congratulations to all of this year's nominees. We are truly proud of them. To view the full list of winners and descriptions of their good works, [visit the Calvert Your Are Beautiful section](#) on the county website.

Thanks for reading **Calvert Currents**. Now we want to hear from you! Click the Feedback link at the right to send us your questions or story ideas.

Sincerely,
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Pat Nutter, Vice President
Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark
Evan K. Slaughenhaupt Jr.
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Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

Prince Frederick

October 29
10th Annual Monster
Mash Cruise
*Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons*

November 5
Maker's Market
*Annmarie Sculpture
Garden & Arts
Center, Solomons*

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more.**



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