



Issue #30

September 2011

Welcome to the September issue of **Calvert Currents** after a wild August when Mother Nature brought us a rare East Coast earthquake and Hurricane Irene. Below we review the county's ongoing response to the storm. We also announce new grant funding for the challenging cliff erosion problem, preview new hours for the Hall Aquatic Center and announce both the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and a rescheduled public hearing on the county's Water and Sewerage Plan. Thanks for reading.

In This Issue

[Fdoqhuw#Frqxaw#Edwchv#
Luhgh](#)

[Lhgud#Jdqw#Z_kh#Khas#
Fdi#Krp_hrz_qhu#z_lk#
Wlhu#Ehhwh#vvxh](#)

[Kd#Dtxdwf#Fhwhu#
Rshq#z_lk#Ohz#Krxuv](#)

[Krxvkr#Kd#durxv#
Z_dvh#Frhfwrq#Gd#lv#
Vhsw#:](#)

[Z_dhu#lga#Vhz_hudjh#
S@q#Sxedf#Khdulqj#
Uhfkhq#q#ru#R_fw#4:](#)

[Z_kdw#Kdsshq#qj#q#
Fdoqhuw#Frqxaw#](#)

Quick Links

[Frqxaw#Frp_p_lvbrahuw#
P_hhwqj#xp_p_dulhv](#)

[Frqxaw#Jrvhuq#haw#q#
wh#Z_he](#)

[Fdoqhuw#Frqxaw#
Exvqhvv#lga#Wrxukp](#)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Sept. 17

The county is hosting a household hazardous waste collection day on **Saturday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Mt. Hope



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 County Battles Irene

Major Storm Puts County Response to the Test

It was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it hit on the evening of August 29, but Hurricane Irene did extensive damage in parts of Calvert County. The effects are still being felt by residents who continue to work through the aftermath.



Areas like Scientists Cliffs, top, were hit hard. Governor Martin O'Malley, center, received a briefing in the Emergency Operations Center with commissioners Pat Nutter and Susan Shaw. State and county staff set up a Disaster Recovery Center, bottom, to help residents.

[collection of tree and green debris and free disposal of debris](#) at the Appeal and Barstow landfills through Sept. 30, along with free disposal of demolition debris such as carpeting, drywall and roofing.

The [county website](#) includes further information on how to deal with fallen trees, post-storm hygiene recommendations, insurance recovery guidelines and more. Please use the feedback link at the bottom of this edition if you have comments or ideas about the county's storm response efforts.

Federal Grant Will Help Cliff Homeowners with Tiger Beetle Issue

Local Properties to be Purchased as Conservation Easements

Events like the storm test us all, and we are proud of our first responders and county staff who worked around the clock to help our residents.

Representatives from many county and state agencies staffed our Emergency Operations Center throughout the event to coordinate response efforts. Emergency crews did heroic work during the height of the storm to assist those in need. Others offered sandbags to residents, set up temporary shelters at school sites, opened county facilities for those needing water and shower facilities and provided food and supplies. In the days after the storm we opened a Disaster Recovery Center in Prince Frederick staffed with county and state representatives to help residents get back on their feet.

Much still needs to be done in the hardest hit areas like the Chesapeake Ranch Estates and Scientists Cliffs. We have responded by [fast-tracking permits for tree removal and structure repairs and temporarily suspending permit fees](#) through Oct. 31. We are also offering [free roadside](#)

Community Center
at 104 Pushaw
Station Road in
Sunderland.

The event will allow residents to safely dispose of hazardous substances free of charge. A licensed contractor will collect household hazardous waste for proper disposal. Collection is limited to Calvert County residents only and proof of residency is required. Commercial businesses are prohibited.

[Visit online for a list of materials accepted.](#)

Water and Sewerage Plan Public Hearing Rescheduled for Oct. 18

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners and the Calvert County Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on **Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m.** to consider the proposed update to the Calvert County Water and Sewerage Plan. The hearing will be held at Courthouse Square, 205 Main Street in Prince Frederick.

The plan includes updated statistics, demographics and water and sewer data. Also included are updated county policies and actions

A federal grant announced in August will create Puritan Tiger Beetle conservation easements along the Chesapeake Bay in Calvert County and move us closer to solutions for cliffside homeowners seeking to protect their properties from erosion.

The Recovery Land Acquisition Grant allocates more than \$2.4 million for Cecil and Calvert counties. The funds will purchase permanent conservation easements on six properties comprising 456 acres of forestland and eroding cliffs. The land will be protected as habitat for the recovery of these species in Maryland.



More than 200 homes lie within 100 feet of Calvert County's cliffs along the Chesapeake Bay.

This is good news for the owners of eroding cliff properties. Presence of the beetle prevented some homeowners from protecting their shorelines against erosion. Now they may have more latitude under federal and state endangered species laws since the conservation areas set aside for the beetle help decrease the risk of its extinction. Of the 234 properties within 100 feet of the cliffs, 114 are home to the beetle.

Progress also continues on the county's application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant. The federal grant funds would pay up to 75 percent of eligible costs associated with buying out or relocating the most critical properties. The remaining amount would be contributed by state or local sources. FEMA representatives will soon conduct surveys of the affected properties that are part of the grant application.

For further background on the cliff erosion issue, see the [October 2010](#) and [November 2010](#) editions of the Calvert Current.

Hall Aquatic Center Open with New Hours

The Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center in Prince Frederick is open after temporary closure for annual maintenance and cleaning with the following revised operational hours:

- Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sundays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

As usual, the pool closes 15 minutes prior to facility closing time.

In addition, revised holiday hours are as follows:

- New Year's Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Memorial Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



to match the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

[Visit online for more details.](#)

What's Happening in Calvert County

Sept. 17

Friends of the Library
Gently Used Book Sale
*Calvert Library,
Prince Frederick*

Sept. 17

Cheese & Cracker Cruise on the Wm. B. Tennison
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

Sept. 17-18

Maryland Lighthouse Challenge
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

Sept. 17-18

Artsfest
Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Solomons

Sept. 18

Calvert County Watermen's Festival
Waterman's Wharf, Solomons

Sept. 24

War of 1812
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, St. Leonard

Sept. 24

Tavern Night
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, St. Leonard

Sept. 24-25

Solomons Offshore Grand Prix

- Independence Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Labor Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Christmas Eve 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- New Year's Eve, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pool will be closed on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. To learn more about Calvert County Parks & Recreation aquatic operations, [visit online](#).

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,
Susan Shaw, President
Pat Nutter, Vice President
Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark
Evan K. Slaughenhaupt Jr.
Steven R. Weems
Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

*Solomons Riverwalk,
Solomons*

Sept. 28-Oct. 2
Calvert County Fair
*Calvert County
Fairgrounds, Prince
Frederick*

Sept. 30
Chesapeake Beach
Railway Trail
Dedication
*Gordon Stinnett
Avenue, Chesapeake
Beach*

Oct. 7
Patuxent River State
of the River Summit
*Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons*

Oct. 8
Patuxent River
Appreciation Days
*Calvert Marine
Museum, Solomons*

Oct. 15
American Indian
Heritage Day
*Jefferson Patterson
Park & Museum,
St. Leonard*

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



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

[Forward email](#)



Try it FREE today.

WkL#hp dLz dv#hqw#r#waj0nuC fr1fdap g1xv#e | #[qirC fr1fdap g1xv](#) ;#
[Xscdw#Surib2hp dldDcuhv](#) ;#qwdq#hp ryd0z lk#[/dihXqvxfueh0](#) # [Sulvdf|#Srdf](#)|1

Fdyhu#Frqxw|#Erdug#i#Frqxw|#Frp p lvrqhuw#i#Frwkrxvh#i#Subfh#Luhghuln#i#P G #i#539: ;