Commissioners Applaud Dominion As Cove Point LNG Goes In Service

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) congratulated Dominion Energy Cove Point for recently placing the Cove Point Liquefaction Project in service. The project, valued at approximately $4 billion, has had significant economic impact on the county throughout construction and will bring notable new revenue for years to come.

"The expansion of the Dominion Cove Point facility is one of Maryland's largest economic development projects in terms of capital investment," said board President Evan Slaughenhoupt Jr. "Throughout construction, the project brought approximately 3,600 temporary construction jobs to the county, and now that Cove Point has been placed in service, we have an additional 99 permanent jobs in Calvert County, bringing the total number of jobs at Dominion Cove Point to nearly 200."

"The previous BOCC negotiated a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) agreement that was vital in seizing the expansion Prevent unused and expired prescription medications from being misused by turning them in at a no-questions-asked event sponsored by the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc.

Residents are urged to properly dispose of unused prescriptions Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at several locations throughout Calvert County. For a full list of locations or for more
opportunity locally amidst the global dynamics of natural gas production," he continued. "Dominion has been a valued community partner since acquiring the facility in 2002, and we look forward to an enduring relationship."

"Bringing the LNG plant into service is the result of great corporate stewardship and steadfast state and federal oversight," shared Calvert County Administrator Terry Shannon. "I congratulate the diligent leadership at Dominion for diversifying their energy portfolio and for their commitment to safe operations at Dominion Cove Point. I also commend our county staff who worked very hard these last few years to understand the issues, attend public hearings and represent our constituents' support and concerns. This is an enormously successful project that will have an important fiscal impact for all Calvert County citizens for years to come."

Calvert County entered into the PILOT agreement in November 2013. The terms of the PILOT agreement include a one-time payment in Fiscal Year 2018 of $25 million, which the county received in January 2018. Upon completion of the five-year PILOT, Dominion Cove Point will receive 42 percent relief on real and personal property taxes for nine years. At the end of the tax relief period, the facility becomes taxable at 100 percent of its value.

Progress Report:
Animal Shelter Is Purring Along!

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter, expected to open in the fall of 2018, is well underway. Now under construction on Route 231 in Prince Frederick, the shelter will have nearly 13,000 square feet of space within the main building and be able to care for an estimated 200 animals. Check out this video to watch the exciting progress unfold.

Participate in the Patuxent Challenge

Citizens are being challenged to participate in a social media event aimed at sharing the awesome sights and adventures to be had along the Patuxent River.

During the 2018 Patuxent Challenge, paddle a kayak or canoe at Kings Landing Park, take a hike along the Patuxent River at Jefferson Patterson Park or visit a favorite location along the river to take in the scenic views and enjoy the beauty of nature. And then snap a photo and share! Visit online to learn how to participate in the Patuxent River Challenge.

Recognize Those Who Preserve History

The Department of Planning & Zoning is accepting nominations for the 29th annual Calvert County Historic Preservation Awards.

Have you noticed an old house being restored as you drive around the county? Does someone in your community record its history or the stories behind it? The Department of Planning & Zoning is accepting nominations for the 29th annual Calvert County Historic Preservation Awards. For more information, visit online.

The county commissioner's 13th annual Business Appreciation Week will salute the county's major employers. During Business Appreciation Week, May 7-10, the Calvert County Department of Economic Development will host a series of events focusing on the vital role major employers have in our local economy.

For more information on Calvert County's Business Appreciation Week, including updates on planned activities and coverage of events, visit online.
April is Autism Awareness Month

The county commissioners designated April as Autism Awareness Month in Calvert County. Autism affects one in every 68 children and is the fastest growing, serious developmental disability that results from a neurological disorder. It is known as a spectrum disorder because of its varying forms of difficulties. Autism not only affects the person with the disorder, but also greatly impacts families, friends, schools and local communities.

Deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office recently trained with the public safety non-profit organization "Project Lifesaver" to learn how to quickly locate individuals with cognizant disorders, including autism, through the use of radio-frequency transmitters worn on the individuals' wrist. The board commended all those who have committed to providing outreach, education, advocacy, scientific research and services to all citizens, including those with developmental disabilities.

Pictured above with the board to receive the proclamation from left are Calvert County Sheriff's Deputy William Durner, Deputy First Class Mark Robshaw, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Joy Weir, Calvert County Public Schools Director of Special Education Christina Harris, Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning Permit Technician Kathleen Lockwood and her son Skyler, Cpl. Glenn Libby, Nick Finamore III and his mother Christine Finamore, who is an environmental planner with the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning, and Autism Project members Linda Gaither and Robert "Chip" Gaither.

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