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Greetings!

Welcome to Encouraging Business, a quarterly electronic news bulletin developed by the Department of Economic Development. Through this bulletin, the department hopes to share useful information with the business community. Please email us at info@ecalvert.com to let us know what is on your mind and how we might assist you and your business enterprise.

Calvert County Businesses Invited to Participate in County Job Fair

As the fall and winter recruiting season approaches, Calvert County businesses once again have the opportunity to appeal to local job seekers at the 2011 Calvert County Job Fair. This annual event will be held Wednesday, August 31, 2011, from noon until 5 p.m. at the Calvert County Fairgrounds in Barstow.

The Job Fair is co-sponsored by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development and the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce with support from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

Last year, nearly 20 businesses participated in the Calvert County Job Fair and more than 420 job seekers visited the event.

Registration for the event is free and limited to the Calvert County business community. Businesses should be actively seeking employees for full- or part-time work, and multi-level marketing organizations and businesses are not permitted. Registration includes a six-foot table and two chairs, company listing in the event brochure and two tickets for light refreshments. Registration deadline is August 19, 2011.

For more information, or to register for this event, please contact Maria Dorsett at the Calvert County Department of Economic Development at 410.535.4583, via email at dorsettm@co.cal.md.us or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

Calvert County's Fast-Track Permit Process

Did you know the Calvert County Inspections and Permits Office has a Permit Fast-Tracking process? This is a "while you wait" permitting process for residential accessory structures, additions, and renovations, such as decks, sheds, above-ground swimming pools, etc. This service is





About CCDED

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development provides a number of services and resources to support the growth and development of County businesses. Free business services include:

- online commercial real estate listings
- confidential in-house counseling
- online employment classifieds
- marketing assistance
- an ombudsman program
- training and educational seminars

The county offers an Incentive Loan Fund and Economic Development Loan Fund for well-qualified businesses and produces a number of publications including quarterly business newsletters, an annual Calendar of Events and Visitors Guide and the annual State of the Economy. Additionally, the county's business retention program serves as a resource for local business owners to help them grow and succeed. For information on the Calvert County, Maryland, Department of Economic Development and services available to assist county businesses, call 410.535.4583,

available to customers every Wednesday between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The following permit applications are not eligible for fast-tracking:

- *Building permit applications to resolve code violations;*
- *Building permit applications where the property is located in the Critical Area;*
- *Building permit applications that require grading permits; and*
- *Commercial building permit applications.*

For instructions on how to fast-track a permit, visit the Inspections and Permits [website](#) or call (410) 535-1600 x2552.

Tax-Free Week in Maryland



The second Sunday of August to the following Saturday are designated as Shop Maryland Week each year. That means qualifying apparel and footwear \$100 or less are exempt from the Maryland 6 percent sales tax. This year, Shop Maryland Week is **August 14-20**. Accessory items are not included.

Additionally, there will be a tax-free, three-day weekend during which the sales and use tax will not apply to the sale of any Energy Star Product listed below, or solar water heater. **This tax-free weekend will occur the weekend of February 18, 2012, through February 20, 2012.**

Energy Star product means an air conditioner, clothes washer or dryer, furnace, heat pump, standard size refrigerator, compact fluorescent light bulb, dehumidifier, or programmable thermostat that has been designated as meeting or exceeding the applicable Energy Star Efficiency requirements developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. For more information, visit the [Comptroller's website](#).

SBA and Red Cross Join Forces for Disaster Recovery



The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the American Red Cross have joined forces to intensify outreach efforts to educate the public about the importance of having a disaster recovery plan in place.

"Given the recent devastation caused by tornadoes and flooding in communities from New England and the Midwest to the Southern states, and the start of the Atlantic Hurricane season, we recognize the importance of helping people learn how to protect themselves," said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. "This collaboration with the Red Cross will allow us to draw on each other's resources to make emergency preparedness a way of life for individuals and businesses."

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The core of the SBA-Red Cross agreement is a plan to work with SBA District Offices and its resource partners such as SCORE, the Small Business Development Centers and the Women's Business Development Centers to promote and, along with local Red Cross chapters, sponsor preparedness training workshops. The two agencies will also work to increase awareness in the business community about the Red Cross Ready Rating™ program. Ready Rating (www.readyrating.org)™ is a free, self-paced, web-based membership program that helps a business measure its ability to deal with emergencies, and gives customized feedback on how to improve those efforts. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Special Events



Saturday, August 13

Eat, Drink, Go Local - North Beach

Come to North Beach for a pairing of the best of what Southern Maryland has to offer.

Browse local produce from regional farmers and enjoy cooking demonstrations, all while learning which local wines to pair with local fare.

Ticket Options

Entry into the Eat-Drink-Go LOCAL event is free; attendees can shop the market and enjoy chef cooking demonstrations throughout the day.

- For \$15, attendees can purchase a TASTING PASS and receive a stemless sampling glass and samples of Maryland Wine.
- For \$25, attendees can purchase a FOOD & WINE PAIRING PASS and receive a stemless sampling glass, samples of Maryland wine, a six-bottle carrier (for wine & produce!) and pairings of local ingredients and local wines.
- Maryland Wine Passport program participants who have redeemed at least eight winery codes receive \$5 off Tasting Pass tickets.

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk · North Beach, MD 20714
310-855-6681 · 410-257-9618 · Click [here](#) for additional information.

Thursday, September 15

Archaeology Speakers Series - Search for the USS Scorpion: Recent Investigations of the War of 1812 Chesapeake Flotilla

7 p.m.

Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory · Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road · St. Leonard, MD 20685

410-586-8501 · www.jefpat.org

Lecturer: Troy Nowalk, Assistant Underwater Archaeologist, Maryland Historic Trust

Underwater archaeologists have returned to the Patuxent River to explore and study the Chesapeake Flotilla, scuttled in 1814. Join Mr. Nowalk as he reveals recent discoveries, provides a historical overview and discusses future research plans. This six-year project is conducted by the Maryland State Highway Administration, Naval History and Heritage Command and the Maryland Historical Trust.

***Friday-Sunday, September 23-24
Solomons Offshore Grand Prix***

Solomons Riverwalk · Glascock Field · Solomons, MD 20688
<http://www.solomonsrace.com/>

Offshore racing fans can look forward to the 2nd Annual Solomons Offshore Grand Prix sponsored by Bayside Chevrolet-Toyota. Spectators will get a firsthand look at the boats as they tour the pits on Friday. Up to 50 boats will compete in this amazing race with trials on Saturday, September 24. Races will occur on Sunday, September 24, and can be viewed from Solomons Riverwalk.

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