



Calvert County NEWS

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Calvert County, Md., Shows Appreciation for Business

11th Annual Business Appreciation Week Celebrates Women Entrepreneurs May 2-6

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 5, 2016 – Sometimes the best man for the job is a woman. According to the 2012 U.S. Census, women own 36 percent of all businesses, a 30 percent increase over 2007. At the local level, women entrepreneurs are a driving force in the small business sector.

Calvert County celebrates Business Appreciation Week 2016 with a salute to women entrepreneurs. During the first full week of May, the Calvert County Department of Economic Development is organizing a series of events focusing on the vital role of women business owners in our local economy. Join the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners for this week of special events, workshops, networking activities and personal visits with county business owners.

Schedule of Events

(Please note seating may be limited and advanced online registration is required at www.ecalvert.com.)

Monday, May 2

Department of Economic Development Business Appreciation Week Open House

2-5 p.m., Courthouse Square Building, Prince Frederick

The Department of Economic Development is opening its doors to the community. Come meet the staff, hear about current projects and visit with several economic development resource partners. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your network and find out more about the valuable resources available to the business community.

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Tuesday, May 3

Board of County Commissioners Company Site Visits with Ambassador Teams

11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., various locations

Contact: Calvert County Department of Economic Development, 410-535-4583

Calvert County Minority Business Alliance Event:

You've Built a Successful Business... What's Next? The ABCs of Succession Planning
6:30-8:30 p.m., Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 75 Sherry Lane, Prince Frederick

Join the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance in a panel discussion on developing and implementing a succession plan for your business. Learn about options for continuing your business once you are no longer involved. In addition, some business owners will speak about their succession plans and how it worked for them. Business owners, budding entrepreneurs, community organization reps and students are encouraged to attend. Networking and light refreshments will be served at this free event. Seating is limited. [Register online](#) or email info@calvertcountymba.org for more information.

Wednesday, May 4

Women's Business Roundtable Networking Event:

"Building a Successful Business - A Woman's Perspective"

6-8 p.m.

Harriet Elizabeth Brown Interim Community Center

901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick

Women understand that success doesn't just happen. The difference between the many who try to start a business and those who succeed is the ability to learn from the successes and mistakes of those who came before you. That's why you should take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to learn directly from some of Calvert County's most innovative women business owners. These women have done what it takes to build a successful business and will share their insights with you. Free; seating is limited. [Register online](#) or contact Kathy MacAdams at 410-535-4583. Co-hosted by the Small Business Development Center and Calvert County Department of Economic Development.

Thursday, May 5

Getting Back to Business: Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Workshop

9-11 a.m.

Courthouse Square Building Hearing Room, Prince Frederick

In this workshop, you will learn about things you need to consider when creating a business continuity plan. You will get a better understanding of how to ensure your business and employees can resume normal activities after a disaster as soon as possible. Co-sponsored by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development, Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Maryland Small Business Development Center and Carrie Polk Insurance, Inc., seating is limited at this free event. [Register here](#) or contact Gypsy Stephenson at 410-535-4583

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Thursday, May 5

Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer

5:30-7 p.m., 132 Main Street, Prince Frederick

Network with other business owners in a casual atmosphere.

Hosted by Davis, Upton & Palumbo, LLC, this event is free and open to Chamber members and non-members. Contact the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce at 410-535-2577 or visit www.calvertchamber.org.

Friday, May 6

Calvert County Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Golf Classic

Registration is 8 a.m.; shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course

11352 H. G. Trueman Road, Lusby

The event cost includes green fees and cart, breakfast and lunch, beverages and goody bag. Hosted by Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. Open to Chamber members and non-members. Contact the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce at 410-535-2577 or online at www.calvertchamber.org.

Media outlets interested in covering Business Appreciation Week events may preregister online at www.ecalvert.com. Interviews with business owners and key event hosts and sponsors can be scheduled in advance by contacting the Calvert County Department of Economic Development.

For more information on Calvert County's Business Appreciation Week, including updates on planned activities and events, or to learn about the many services the county offers the business community, contact the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880; by email at info@ecalvert.com; or visit www.ecalvert.com. Like Calvert County Government on [Facebook](#).

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.