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BUSINESS NEWS & INFORMATION:

Message from the Director – First, First Friday

We welcome 2011 with an especially lengthy e-newsletter, probably better called an enewsucopia... Reasons being there's a lot going on, and we've not published one in 3 weeks. Please examine this e-newsletter in detail as there is much here. Note that tonight is Leonardtown's first, First Friday of 2011 beginning at 5pm, see www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com As many of you know, the Town of Leonardtown is in the midst of a renaissance with a very unique, quaint feel that's also neighborhood to a growing residential community. Most recently, Leonardtown has been selected by the readers of Maryland Life Magazine as the Free State's Finest *Best* Historic Downtown in the southern region of Maryland. Maryland Life Magazine asked over 300,000 readers to vote on who they felt is the Best of the Best in the region of Maryland they live in. The ballots have been counted and the winners are being notified, all winners will be officially announced in the magazine's March/April issue, see www.marylandlife.com For now, enjoy Leonardtown, "A Most Convenient Place."

Happy 2011, Bob

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Forever Eden Organic Collection Coming to Local Stores

The Forever Eden Organic Collection a Southern Maryland company based out of St. Mary's County recently announced it will bring handcrafted 100 percent organic products to local retail stores. Owner Wynne Briscoe said going wholesale is the next logical step from a company driven by a loyal and growing customer base.

Forever Eden now has over 40 products in its collection which are made of 100 percent organic ingredients. The company purchases and blends bulk organic ingredients from around the world according to their recipes and places the goods into Eco-Friendly packaging for sale. The products have a year shelf life and are currently available in Journey and Personal sizes with Family and Professional sizes coming soon.

Customers currently using Forever Eden purchase their products at community events or while attending complimentary pamper parties held at customers' locations. The majority of sales are via the Forever Eden company website (www.myforevereden.com) with both local and national orders. Within the last three months Forever Eden has received orders spanning the east coast from New York to Florida and as far west as California.

One secret of Forever Eden's success is they researched the most common skincare products being consumed and have priced their organic products to match or offer for less. Customers requested products be available in local retail stores for their added convenience. Forever Eden which turned a profit within its first year of business will offer the same expertise, energy and customer service to the retail stores. Retailers know their customers and will be permitted to choose the products they wish to sell. They would also have the option of trading products which aren't selling so that the retailer feels Forever Eden is a partner in their endeavor. The company offers flexibility not normally found when working with larger companies. Forever Eden will provide display fixtures and samples to its retail partners for their customers to experience the products. Every retail agreement gives the promise of free advertising on the company website and at Forever Eden community events. This free

advertisement will drive loyal Forever Eden customers into the local stores where they may have not normally shopped in the past.

For more information, please visit www.myforevereden.com

Sabre Systems, Inc. Announces Schuster's and Perrygo's Promotions

Sabre Systems, Inc. is pleased to announce the recent appointment of former Principal Subject Matter Expert, Joel Schuster, to Executive Director, Program Management Support and former Business Director, Chris Perrygo, to Executive Director.

In his new role, Mr. Schuster will manage the Sabre team supporting the Maritime, Patrol, Reconnaissance Forces Aircraft Program at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, Md., while continuing to provide Program Management support to the P-8 Joint Program Office (JPO)/Cooperative International Program. Mr. Schuster joined Sabre in July 2010. He holds a bachelor's degree in general studies from Excelsior College and a master's degree in technology management from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Perrygo will serve as the Program Manager for Sabre's Information Technology (IT) / Information Management (IM) support team at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, Md. He will also continue to manage existing projects at the Naval Aviation Community for Rotorcraft Advancement (NACRA) and RiskExchange at the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office. Mr. Perrygo joined Sabre in August 2005. He holds a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park.

For more information, visit www.sabresystems.com

St. Mary's County Government Vacancy Announcement

Position: Emergency Management Manager, G-S09, \$49,670 + Fringe Benefits

Job Summary: Manages, coordinates, and assesses the work of assigned staff to facilitate the achievement of the goals and objectives of the assigned area within the department; typically responsible for larger and more complex service areas or programs; manages operations, activities, services, and programs within the assigned area of the department.

Department: Public Safety, Opening Date: 01-05-11, Closing Date: 01-19-11

To see the entire description for this and other open positions in county government go to:

www.stmarysmd.com/hro/vacancy.asp

New Technology Guide Helps Entrepreneurs Grow Their Small Businesses and Create Jobs

A new technology tool for small businesses is now available to help them grow and create jobs. The new education resource, Business Technology Simplified, helps small business owners connect the dots between entrepreneurship and technology to give them a competitive edge.

The U.S. Small Business Administration and Microsoft have teamed up to develop this free, comprehensive guide on how technology can improve the small business owner's chances for success. The Business Technology Simplified guidebook includes fundamentals on the importance of technology, and on how it can be used to achieve a business's goals. In the guidebook's foreword, Earvin "Magic" Johnson writes about his journey in developing a multimillion dollar company and the value of technology to remain competitive.

Business Technology Simplified offers straightforward tips on how to use technology and innovation to make businesses work more efficiently. The guidebook incorporates relevant and practical material on simplifying work tasks, do it yourself marketing, cloud computing, time management, finding and cultivating customers, and much more.

Business Technology Simplified is available in a printed format in SBA district offices and local SBA resource partners, or may be accessed online as an electronic publication and as an electronic distance learning course. The new online course has been created for self-paced access to practical guidance

on applying technology to build and grow strong companies.

The Business Technology Simplified online course allows quick access by small business owners to learn more about basic technology tools that can help their companies run more efficiently. The course features an audio guided lesson indexed by modules that includes information on how to use technology to save time in day-to-day tasks, how to better manage a business, mobile solutions that work, and tips on expanding customer base.

To access the course, go to www.sba.gov/training, then click Business Technology Simplified in the Highlighted Courses section. It is one of nearly 30 online tutorials offered by the SBA, and is available 24/7.

Read the full article at www.sba.gov/news

Young Professionals Bring One St. Mary's Family a Happier Holiday

The Young Professionals Initiative of St. Mary's County hosted a small surprise party for three kids in need this holiday season. The group "adopted" a family through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maryland and collectively supplied great gifts for the children ages 8, 7 and 2. The group gathered at the Lexington Park Library Monday evening, readied the food and gifts, put on the cheerful Christmas tunes and prepped their very own St. Nick. Anticipation ran high as they awaited the arrival of the children which were sure to be delighted by the bikes, toys, clothing and private holiday party that awaited them.

The group of roughly 60 members decided to reach out during the holidays and bring cheer to a family in need. YPI members purchased gifts from the kids' wish lists, chipped in for the bicycles and gave their time putting them together and arranging the surprise party. Many made contributions during the group's "Ridiculously Gaudy Holiday Party" earlier in December and have become big brothers or big sisters after learning more about the non-profit during YPI's Volunteer Awareness Fair in September.

For those who'd like to learn more about YPI-SMC and their variety of events, visit www.ypi-smc.org, and take a look at their Facebook page. The group's next meeting will be held at the Lexington Park Library, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. The focus will be on financial planning for young professionals.

Read the full article at

http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm/fa/viewStory/story_ID/20817/d/12202010

AFCEA Airborne Networking Conference Call for Abstracts

AFCEA invites you to submit abstracts on all technical subjects proposed for presentation at the upcoming Airborne Networking Conference March 1 through 3 at the Holiday Inn, Solomons. The deadline to submit papers closes January 20. Selected presenters will be notified by January 31.

Topics of Interest may include some of the following:

Communications Density Issues and Potential Resolutions

Protective Networking: Sharing Without Giving Away the Store

Increasing Sophistication of the Asymmetrical Foe

Beyond Networking – What Next

Operating in a Zero Network Environment

CW vs. Digital Comms – Trends in Dealing With An Electronically Hostile Environment

Means for Prioritizing Defensive / Offensive Measures

Submission Guidelines:

Submitted via email to simeona_dottie@bah.com or owen.miller@navy.mil

More than one abstract may be submitted for consideration however, submissions must be made separately (one abstract per submission). Submissions must include a 150 word session description to be included in the conference program. Abstracts of the proposed papers are to be no longer than 300 words in length. The abstract should include a summary of the principal issues, research methods and

conclusions of the paper. This information will assist program coordinators in selecting the most appropriate papers for presentation in each track and session. Abstracts may be published in the online show guide. The abstract submitter should be prepared to include a 100 word curriculum vitae of the presenter upon submission of the abstract. Abstracts/papers that are deemed to be sales or marketing presentations of an organization's products or capabilities will be rejected by the Technical Committee. Time allocations for paper presentation will be 25 minutes, including questions and answers. If selected to present, the author is responsible for ensuring that the paper is unclassified and releasable no later than February 21.

For more information, please email simeona_dottie@bah.com or owen.miller@navy.mil

Free Environmental Technology Training at CSM

The College of Southern Maryland is one of four Maryland community colleges selected to receive federal grant funds to provide tuition-free courses in environmental technology. The Chesapeake Area Consortium for Higher Education (CACHE) Institute for Environmental Careers has approved curriculum for environmental technology courses that will qualify for a letter of recognition or certificate through CSM for qualified students through fall 2012.

Letters of recognition are awarded to students who complete three courses in a prescribed sequence focused on a specific skill set such as ecosystems restoration, environmental monitoring and assessment, environmental planning and environmental management. Certificates are awarded to students who earn from 25-35 credits in discipline areas providing skill upgrades for immediate application in employment in ecosystems restoration, environmental monitoring and assessment, environmental planning, environmental technology and environmental energy.

In addition to applying to CSM and taking placement tests, students are required to enroll in the Maryland Workforce Exchange and meet with an official at the Exchange's One-Stop Career Center for grant eligibility screening.

Maryland is one of 34 states to earn a competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Labor worth \$5.8 million to provide more than 2,000 Marylanders with skills and jobs in green industries, including energy efficiency and renewable energy.

CSM is offering five environmental technology classes and labs during the spring 2011 semester in traditional and online options.

New! Approved Projects in St. Mary's County

A new feature is now available through the Department of Economic and Community Development weekly e-newsletter and web page – all the projects that are approved through the Department of Land Use and Growth Management will be listed with a map of locations. The report will be published the first week of each month, so stay tuned to find out what is coming to St. Mary's County! The following is the list of all approved projects in the last four months of 2010.

Go to www.co.saint-marys.md.us/docs/Approved%20Projects,%204Q%202010.pdf to see this list with the locations map.

September 2010

1. Allston Building
29955 Three Notch Rd, Charlotte Hall
2. Home 2 Suites
46025 Valley Drive, Lexington Park
3. Dawn on the Chesapeake (Bed and Breakfast)
48725 Spring Ridge Rd, Lexington Park

October 2010

4. Cape Henry Launch Service
23724 Saint Clair Rd, Town Creek
5. Town Creek Marina
23900 N. Patuxent Beach Rd, Town Creek
6. Thompson Seafood Retail Store
20630 Golden Thompson Rd, Avenue
7. Leah's House (Re-approval)
45200 Happyland Rd, Valley Lee

November 2010

8. US Colored Troop Civil War Memorial
21550 Willows Rd, Lexington Park
9. Real Life Wesleyan Church
27933 Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville
10. Seaboch's Auto Sales & Service
27671 Three Notch Rd, Mechanicsville
11. Lettie Dent Elementary
37840 New Market Turner Rd, Mechanicsville
12. Sixty-Six Beans Coffee Lounge
29948 Three Notch Rd, California

December 2010

13. Dynard Elementary
23510 Bushwood Rd, Chaptico
14. Twisted Wine & Spirits
22608 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park
15. Griffins Barbeque
30090 Three Notch Rd, Charlotte Hall
16. Cape St. Mary's Marina Boat Sales
27290 Holly Lane, Hollywood

UPCOMING EVENTS:**Governor O'Malley to Host Next Three Maryland Forward Forums – January 7, 10, & 13**

A series of five forums, hosted by Governor O'Malley, has begun throughout the state and the topic of the next forum is Sustainability. It will be held on **Friday, January 7** at Chesapeake College (Rufus M. and Loraine Hall Todd Performing Arts Center, Routes 50 & 213, Wye Mills). NOTE: Due to space limitations and security procedures, registration for participation in the morning sessions for this Maryland Forward Forum has closed. The public is welcome to join at 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon session with Governor O'Malley. Those interested in participating in this forum, please RSVP to <https://servicedesk.wufoo.com/forms/governors-forumsustainability/>

The fourth forum, on children and health, will be held on **Monday, January 10** at Coppin State University (Physical Education Complex, 2500 West North Avenue, Baltimore). Opening remarks will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed at 11:00 a.m. with stakeholder breakout sessions. A presentation and discussion with Governor O'Malley will be held at 1:00 p.m. Those interested in participating in this forum, please RSVP to <https://servicedesk.wufoo.com/forms/governors-forumchildren-and-health/>

The final forum, on public safety and security, will be held on **Thursday, January 13** at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (550 Taylor Ave, Annapolis). The event entrance is Stadium Gate C, off of Lob B. Opening remarks will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed at 10:00 a.m. with stakeholder breakout sessions. A presentation and discussion with Governor O'Malley will be held at 1:00 p.m. Those interested in participating in this forum, please RSVP to <https://servicedesk.wufoo.com/forms/governors-forum-security/>

The "Maryland Forward" forum series serve to develop strategies for the O'Malley-Brown Administration's second term, and generate concrete actions and recommendations that support the Administration's 15 strategic goals. To view video excerpts, PowerPoint slides and other information from the forums, log on to the governor's website at www.governor.maryland.gov.

The North End Gallery Celebrates 25 Years – January 7

The North End Gallery is kicking off its 25th anniversary year with a silent auction. The auction will be held during the first Friday reception event held on **January 7** from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the auction from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The North End Gallery wishes to recognize 25 years of continued support from our community and with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for that support, more than 30 of the North End Gallery artists are donating art work for the gallery's own silent auction to raise funds to give back to the community. Some other local businesses are contributing as well. The proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the St. Mary's County Public Schools Fine Arts Camps to help inspire and encourage young artists. It is the gallery's way of saying to the community, THANK YOU for valuing art, and THANK YOU for your support for the past 25 years! Please join in the celebration and help fill our community with art.

Pepper's Pet Pantry Ribbon Cutting – January 10

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting for Pepper's Pet Pantry (Callaway Shopping center, 20865 Callaway Village Way) on **Monday, January 10** at 4:30 p.m.

LUGM to Present Summary of Major Land Use Issues Expected in 2011 and 2012 to BOCC – January 11

St. Mary's County Land Use & Growth Management Director Derick Berlage will present 2011 and 2012 expected land use issues to the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting this **Tuesday, January 11** at 10:00 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building. This meeting is also broadcast live on MetroCast Channel 95 or online at the county's website at www.stmaysmd.com. Click on Videos. The meeting will be available for viewing from the county's website on Wednesday, January 12 and rebroadcast on Ch. 95 later that week. Check the county's website at for a Channel 95 schedule. Minutes from the January 11 meeting, containing a summary of the presentation, will be posted to the county's website after January 18.

AFCEA Sponsors Vice Adm. David Architzel Brief on Centennial of Naval Aviation (CONA) – January 12

The Southern Maryland Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) invites you to a breakfast event commemorating Naval Aviation's 100th year of flight on **Wednesday, January 12** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The breakfast will feature a speech from Vice Adm. David Architzel, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, at the JT Daugherty Conference Center, RSVP at www.somd-afcea.org

U.S. Green Building Council – Southern Maryland Branch Strategic Planning Meeting – January 12

The U.S. Green Building Council, Southern Maryland Branch, will be holding a Strategic Planning Meeting on **Wednesday, January 12** at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free program, but registration is required. Please visit www.eventbrite.com/event/1169910233 to register.

The goal of this strategic planning session is to clearly define the Branch's mission and define its priorities over the next five years. Maryland Chapter Leadership will discuss the evolution of the Maryland Chapter and the Chapter's priorities. Specific breakout sessions will include discussion and exploration of LEED, Education, Government, Community, Business, and/or Health Care.

CTSi Fabrication and Prototyping Facility Open House – January 13

The public is invited to CTSi (Coherent Technical Services Inc) Open House of new Fabrication and Prototyping Facility **Thursday, January 13** from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 22762 Three Notch Rd in California (old Hayden's Auto Supply across from La Quinta Inn). Learn about CTSi's rapid prototyping capability including metal & composite services, prototype machining services, electro mechanical assembly & integration. Featuring unmanned air vehicle (UAV) work. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Tom Sanders at Tom.Sanders@goCTSi.com or 301-880-3341.

Technology Security Associates Open House – January 13

The public is invited to the 8th Annual TSA Open House on **Thursday, January 13** from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The open house will be held at Technology Security Associates The Office Station (22685 Three Notch Road, Suite E, California. Please RSVP to kathy_sears@theTSAteam.com

Air Expo '11 Poster Contest Entries Due – January 15

The Executive Steering Committee for Air Expo '11 is holding a design contest for the official Air Expo '11 poster. Each submission must be in a digital format and should include the dates for Air Expo '11 (September 3 - 4), the words "NAS Patuxent River Air Expo '11" and "Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation." Submissions should be photo ready and include the Blue Angels who are the headlining act for the Air Expo. The poster should also allow space for placement of sponsor logos at the bottom.

All entries must be submitted by email to Events Coordinator, Katie Coughlan at katherine.coughlan.ctr@navy.mil by **January 15**. The contest winner will be announced by January 31 and will be awarded four tickets to Friday night's "Meet the Performers Party" and four tickets to the Hospitality Chalet (for either Saturday or Sunday.) NAS Patuxent River and Air Expo '11 will retain all rights to the artwork/graphic content of the poster.

This contest is open to everyone. For more information contact Katie Coughlan at katherine.coughlan.ctr@navy.mil or Kim Upshaw at kim.upshaw.ctr@navy.mil.

7th Annual Southern Maryland Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast – January 17

St. Mary's College of Maryland's Center for the Study of Democracy and the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission invite the public to attend the 7th Annual Southern Maryland Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on **Monday, January 17** at 7:00 a.m. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. The Prayer Breakfast is being held at St. Mary's College of Maryland, J. Frank Raley Great Room in the Campus Center.

There will be full breakfast service for a fee of \$8 and performances by Gospel choir of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and Youth choir of First Missionary Baptist Church. The invocation and benediction will be by Fr. Scott Woods of St. Peter Claver and St. Cecelia Parishes.

What Healthy Communities Need from Their Transportation Networks Webinars – January 18, February 15, March 15 & April 5

Public health and transportation professionals have the opportunity to participate in a new, free, four-part webinar series that covers how transportation systems impact health in diverse communities across the nation.

There will be one webinar each month on a Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The first webinar will be **January 18** with the topic "Community Health and Transportation Planning." The second webinar will be **February 15** with the topic "The Health Benefits from Active Transportation." The third webinar will be **March 15** with the topic "Health Impact Assessments (HIAS) in Transportation", and the final fourth webinar will be **April 5** with the topic "Preventing Roadway Fatalities and Injuries."

The series, entitled "*What Healthy Communities Need from Their Transportation Networks*," will explore the intersections between health and transportation, highlight innovative state and local programs that leverage opportunities in transportation that benefit health, and explain what the future may hold for the federal surface transportation authorization.

For more information and to register, please visit

www.apha.org/advocacy/priorities/issues/transportation/Webinars.htm

St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Member's Luncheon – January 19

Join the Chamber at Outback Steakhouse in California for the Quarterly Member's Luncheon on **Wednesday, January 19**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon is \$15/person and includes your choice of steak or chicken with a salad, seasoned rice, and beverage. New members will have an opportunity to introduce their businesses to the other members in attendance. RSVP to the Chamber by January 14 at <http://smcchamber.com> Proceeds benefit the BECA Scholarship Fund, see smcbeca.org

HR Professionals Focus on Gender Differences in the Workplace - January 19

The Human Resources Association of Southern Maryland (HRASM) will meet on **Wednesday, January 19** from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the SMECO Headquarters (15035 Burnt Store Road, Hughesville). Judy Dudley, SMECO Compliance and Employee Relations and Bernadette Lewis, SMECO Community and Cultural Relations Director will present this month's topic. Participants will learn to recognize how the other gender behaves differently, thinks differently and talks differently – in the same situations. You will learn to value each other's cultures in order to be more successful in working together – both in the professional and personal settings.

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in Human Resources issues. The cost is \$13.00 for members and \$18.00 for nonmembers, which includes lunch. To RSVP, email Anne Mary Cullins at acullins@metcom.org by noon on **January 14**.

More information about HRASM can be found at <http://hrasmonline.shrm.org>.

"Meet and Greet" at St. Mary's Ryken - January 20

Want to know more about St. Mary's Ryken and their college-prep curriculum? St. Mary's Ryken invites parents of middle school students to a "Meet & Greet" with President Mary Joy Hurlburt, Principal Rick Wood, Dean of Academics Barbara Ives, Director of Admissions Bob Harmon, Director of Athletics Dave Tallman, current students and parents. The Meet and Greet will be held on **Thursday, January 20** from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Country Inn & Suites, California (44941 Worth Lane). Refreshments provided.

Back At Your Best, Chiropractic and Physical Therapy, LLC Ribbon Cutting – January 21

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting for the new Back At Your Best Chiropractic and Physical Therapy office located in Wildewood Plaza, next to Sears and World Gym (23415 Three Notch Rd, Suite 2045, California) on **Friday, January 21** at 4:30 p.m.

UCAC Annual Business Meeting and Martin Luther King Remembrance Program– January 22

The community is invited to attend the annual business meeting and Martin Luther King Remembrance Program, hosted by The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions on **Saturday, January 22** from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. This program will be held at St. Mary's College of Maryland (18952 E. Fisher Rd, St. Mary's City) in the Parris N. Glendening Hall (19095 Hill Common Drive, St. Mary's City).

Gathering and refreshments will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., and the business meeting and speakers will begin at 12:00 p.m. The meeting and speakers will give updates on the USCT Memorial Monument, Juneteenth 2011, Minority Health, A Salute to Dr. King, and the Facing Fences Exhibit.

At 2:00 p.m., join UCAC and the NAACP at the Boyden Gallery in Montgomery Hall to enjoy a special reception sponsored by St. Mary's College for the community to view the *Facing Fences – Southern Maryland* Exhibit. Excerpts from UCAC's Exhibit *Strive to Excel: Remember the Past, Look to the Future* will also be on display.

For more information, please contact Nathaniel Scroggins or Janice Walthour. RSVP on or before January 15 by calling 240-538-5681 or email info@ucaconline.org

St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at North End Gallery – January 26

Help the North End Gallery kick off its 25th Anniversary Year! Join the Chamber on **Wednesday, January 26** at 5:30 p.m. at North End Gallery (41652 Fenwick St., Leonardtown.) Come for great food provided by Quality Street Kitchen and Catering, networking, door prizes and the 50/50 raffle. RSVP to the Chamber office.

Maryland Rural Agricultural and Business Innovation Forum – Southern Maryland – January 27

The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO, www.MarylandTEDCO.org) and USDA ARS are holding an innovation forum on **Thursday, January 27** from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center & Marina (155 Holiday Drive, Solomons.) The forum will discuss current farming issues in Southern Maryland. Scientists from ARS and the University System of Maryland and Maryland Ag Extension Service who have practical farm, nursery and agricultural product development experience, will lead round table discussions with agriculture professionals, and local farmers and growers.

The morning session will focus on the topics of profitable alternative crops and products including potatoes, catnip and lavender. The afternoon program will cover sustainable land management, farming systems, crop modeling and land conservation programs. There will also be a special luncheon and networking session for all attendees.

The participation fee is \$25 per person, and registration closes on January 25. Please visit www.marylandtedco.org/calendarofevents to register. Farmers/growers, agricultural specialists, natural resources experts, government and community development organizations, and any other interested individuals are invited.

2nd Annual Southern MD Jeopardy Tournament – January 28

Local Businesses are encouraged to sponsor an employee to compete as a participant in an all category Jeopardy Tournament similar to the popular Game Show. The tournament will be held on **Friday, January 28** at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Mills High School Auditorium. The winner is awarded a trophy and all sponsors will be recognized.

There is \$5 entrance fee payable at the door to watch the tournament. All proceeds benefit the Great Mills High School Engineering Club. Proceeds are used to pay for registration fees and travel expenses to compete in national and international engineering competitions such as the Botball Robotics and the UAVSI Student UAS competition.

More information on the tournament can be found at <http://schools.smcps.org/gmhs/engineering-club> or by contacting Allen Skinner at caskinner@smcps.org

2011 Scholarship Fair – February 2

Attention graduating High School seniors, parents and guardians, and others needing college financial assistance. Plan to attend the 2011 Scholarship Fair on **Wednesday, February 2** at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Fair will be held at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center (24005 Pt. Lookout Road, Leonardtown).

Come and meet the many scholarship providers listed on the 2011 St. Mary's County Common Scholarship Application, learn how to complete the Common Application, attend a session on Financial Aid Basics, and ask questions about how to finance your college career. Note that more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships have been awarded through BECA's Common Scholarship Application process since 2007.

The Scholarship Fair and Common Scholarship Application is sponsored by St. Mary's County Business, Education & Community Alliance (BECA), 46940 South Shangri-La Drive, Suite 100; Lexington Park, MD 20653 301-863-7707. For more information see smcbeca.org.

Community Business Expo 2011- March 10

St. Mary's County Public Schools in partnership with St. Mary's County Business, Education and Community Alliance and the St. Mary's County Dept. of Economic and Community Development will sponsor a Community Business Expo for more than 500 juniors and seniors from all SMCPs high schools on **Thursday, March 10** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at Chopticon High School (25390 Colton Point. Rd., Morganza).

An estimated 40-50 companies will participate in this event to provide students an opportunity to gather information about future training and employment opportunities. Through exposure to a variety of community businesses, students will be better prepared to develop meaningful goals for the future. This is a key component in the growth and development of a local workforce that will ultimately promote workforce retention and stability within our community.

Contact Chris White for details: 301-475-5511 ext. 124, cmwhite@smcps.org

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

Includes upcoming events featured this week and in previous Business e-Newsletters.

Date	Time	Event Name
Second Wednesday of every month	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Lexington Park Business Community Association meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bay District Social Hall, the next meeting is Jan. 12.
Second Friday of every month	8:30 a.m.	All Leonardtown Businesses are invited to attend the monthly Leonardtown Business Association (LBA) meetings. For more information, and to join the LBA, please visit www.thelba.org or call Dan Norris at 301-475-9300 or email dnorris@drnenvironmentalsolutions.com .
Every Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	BNI Lexington Park weekly meetings are held at Remax 100 (23076 Three Notch Road, California, MD) What makes BNI unique is that it allows only one person per profession. Training tools and skills for effective networking and public speaking are provided in a supportive, positive meeting environment. Bring 20 business cards/flyers. Join us and bring a friend! More info: Tracey Eno 443-624-8022, traceyeno@comcast.net , www.bnimaryland.com .

January 7 New	5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	The North End Gallery is kicking off its 25 th anniversary year with a silent auction. The event is free and open to the public. More than 30 of the North End Gallery artists are donating art work for the gallery's silent auction to raise funds to give back to the community. Some other local businesses are contributing as well. The proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the St. Mary's County Public Schools Fine Arts Camps to help inspire and encourage young artists.
January 7	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Join Historic Leonardtown's art galleries, restaurants, cafes, gift shops, antique shops, bookstores, winery and more as the town hosts a free evening of art, entertainment, and specials on First Friday! The event is held in downtown Leonardtown, off Route 5. Please call 301-475-9791 or visit www.LeonardtownFirstFridays.com for more information.
January 7, 10, & 13 New		<p>The first forum, on sustainability, will be held at Chesapeake College (Rufus M. and Loraine Hall Todd Performing Arts Center, Routes 50 & 213, Wye Mills). Opening remarks will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed at 10:00 a.m. with stakeholder breakout sessions. A presentation and discussion with Governor O'Malley will be held at 1:00 p.m. Those interested in participating in this forum, please RSVP to https://servicedesk.wufoo.com/forms/governors-forumsustainability/</p> <p>The second forum, on children and health, will be held at Coppin State University (Physical Education Complex, 2500 West North Avenue, Baltimore). Opening remarks will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed at 11:00 a.m. with stakeholder breakout sessions. A presentation and discussion with Governor O'Malley will be held at 1:00 p.m. Those interested in participating in this forum, please RSVP to https://servicedesk.wufoo.com/forms/governors-forumchildren-and-health/</p> <p>The third forum, on public safety and security, will be held at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (550 Taylor Ave, Annapolis). The event entrance is Stadium Gate C, off of Lob B. Opening remarks will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed at 10:00 a.m. with stakeholder breakout sessions. A presentation and discussion with Governor O'Malley will be held at 1:00 p.m. Those interested in participating in this forum, please RSVP to https://servicedesk.wufoo.com/forms/governors-forum-security/</p>
January 10 New	4:30 p.m.	The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting for Pepper's Pet Pantry (Callaway Shopping center, 20865 Callaway Village Way.)
January 11 New	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary's County Land Use & Growth Management Director Derick Berlage presents 2011 land use initiatives to the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting in the Chesapeake Building. Also broadcast live on MetroCast Channel 95 or online at mms://media1.co.saint-marys.md.us/live95
January 11	10:00a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting three Clean Marina Roundtable workshops for marina and boatyard operators. The Southern Maryland workshop is at the Spring Cove Marina, Solomons. The roundtables will discuss Maryland's Clean Marina Initiative, a voluntary program that promotes and celebrates the efforts of marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs to reduce their pollution. Free copies of the <i>Clean Marina Guidebook</i> , award checklists and educational materials for operators and staff will be provided. Participants will network with local Clean Marina managers and program staff to learn how they can meet award criteria. Other workshop dates are January 13 at Port Annapolis Marina, Annapolis and January 20 at Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Georgetown. There is no charge to attend. Advanced registration is requested as space is limited. Marina managers may register by sending an email to dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us and indicating which roundtable they wish to attend. The roundtables are for operators and staff of Maryland marine facilities and not for product demonstrations, solicitation, or similar purposes. Information on the Maryland Clean Marina Initiative can be found at www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/cleanmarina/ or by contacting Donna Morrow at 410-260-8773.

January 12	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	The Southern Maryland Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) invites you to a breakfast event commemorating Naval Aviation's 100th year of flight. The breakfast will feature a speech from Vice Adm. David Architzel at the JT Daugherty Conference Center, please RSVP at www.somd-afcea.org
January 12 New	3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	The U.S. Green Building Council, Southern Maryland Branch, will be holding a Strategic Planning Meeting at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free program, but registration is required. Please visit www.eventbrite.com/event/1169910233 to register. The goal of this strategic planning session is to clearly define the Branch's mission and define it's priorities over the next five years. Maryland Chapter Leadership will discuss the evolution of the Maryland Chapter and the Chapter's priorities. Specific breakout sessions will include discussion and exploration of LEED, Education, Government, Community, Business, and/or Health Care.
January 13	8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	MEDA 2011 Winter Conference, Sponsored by Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation. Registration is now open for the MEDA Winter Conference, held at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. This event is ALWAYS sold out so don't delay in getting your registration in today. Early bird rates are available until December 20. For more information and to register, please visit www.medamd.com/content/meetings/winterconf2011/index.cfm
January 13 New	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	CTSi (Coherent Technical Services Inc) Open House of new Fabrication and Prototyping Facility Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at 22762 Three Notch Rd in California (old Hayden's Auto Supply across from La Quinta Inn). Learn about CTSi's rapid prototyping capability including metal & composite services, prototype machining services, electro mechanical assembly & integration. Featuring unmanned air vehicle (UAV) work. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Tom Sanders at Tom.Sanders@goCTSi.com or 301-880-3341.
January 13 New	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	The public is invited to the 8 th Annual TSA Open House at Technology Security Associates The Office Station (22685 Three Notch Road, Suite E, California. Please RSVP to kathy_sears@theTSAteam.com
January 15 New		The Executive Steering Committee for Air Expo '11 is holding a design contest for the official Air Expo '11 poster. Each submission must be in a digital format and should include the dates for Air Expo '11 (September 3 - 4, 2011), the words "NAS Patuxent River Air Expo '11" and "Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation." Submissions should be photo ready and include the Blue Angels who are the headlining act for the Air Expo. The poster should also allow space for placement of sponsor logos at the bottom. All entries must be submitted by e-mail to Events Coordinator, Katie Coughlan at katherine.coughlan.ctr@navy.mil by January 15 . This contest is open to everyone. For more information contact Katie Coughlan at katherine.coughlan.ctr@navy.mil or Kim Upshaw at kim.upshaw.ctr@navy.mil .
January 17 New	7:00 a.m.	St. Mary's College of Maryland's Center for the Study of Democracy and the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission invite the public to attend the 7 th Annual Southern Maryland Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. The Prayer Breakfast is being held at St. Mary's College of Maryland, J. Frank Raley Great Room in the Campus Center. There will be full breakfast service for a fee of \$8 and performances by Gospel choir of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and Youth choir of First Missionary Baptist Church. The invocation and benediction will be by Fr. Scott Woods of St. Peter Claver and St. Cecelia Parishes.

January 18 New	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public health and transportation professionals have the opportunity to participate in a new, free, four-part webinar series that covers how transportation systems impact health in diverse communities across the nation. There will be one webinar each month on a Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The first webinar will be “Community Health and Transportation Planning.” The series, entitled “ <i>What Healthy Communities Need from Their Transportation Networks</i> ,” will explore the intersections between health and transportation, highlight innovative state and local programs that leverage opportunities in transportation that benefit health, and explain what the future may hold for the federal surface transportation authorization. For more information and to register, please visit www.apha.org/advocacy/priorities/issues/transportation/Webinars.htm
January 19	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	The Patuxent Partnership invites members and the regional community to a briefing with Special Guest Speaker Mr. Edward Greer, Director, Developmental Test and Evaluation (DDT&E), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics on at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, Building 2, Center Hall,) (44219 Airport Road, California). There is limited seating so advance registration is required to guarantee your seat. Doors open at 7:00 am. No participation fee. To register, please visit www.paxpartnership.org .
January 19 New	11:30 a.m.	Join the Chamber at Outback Steakhouse in California for the Quarterly Member’s Luncheon. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon is \$15.00/person and includes your choice of steak or chicken with a salad, seasoned rice, and beverage. New members will have an opportunity to introduce their businesses to the other members in attendance. RSVP to the Chamber by January 14 th . Proceeds benefit the BECA Scholarship Fund.
January 19 New	11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	The Human Resources Association of Southern Maryland (HRASM) will meet on at the SMECO Headquarters (15035 Burnt Store Road, Hughesville). Judy Dudley, SMECO Compliance and Employee Relations and Bernadette Lewis, SMECO Community and Cultural Relations Director will present this month’s topic. Participants will learn to recognize how the other gender behaves differently, thinks differently and talks differently – in the same situations. You will learn to value each other’s cultures in order to be more successful in working together – both in the professional and personal settings. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in Human Resources issues. The cost is \$13.00 for members and \$18.00 for nonmembers, which includes lunch. To RSVP, email Anne Mary Cullins at acullins@metcom.org by noon on January 14 . More information about HRASM can be found at http://hrasmonline.shrm.org .
January 20 New	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Want to know more about St. Mary’s Ryken and their college-prep curriculum? St. Mary’s Ryken invites parents of middle school students to a “Meet & Greet” with President Mary Joy Hurlburt, Principal Rick Wood, Dean of Academics Barbara Ives, Director of Admissions Bob Harmon, Director of Athletics Dave Tallman, current students and parents. The Meet and Greet will be held at the Country Inn & Suites, California (44941 Worth Lane). Refreshments provided.
January 21 New	4:30 p.m.	The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting for the new Back At Your Best Chiropractic and Physical Therapy office located in Wildewood Plaza, next to Sears and World Gym (23415 Three Notch Rd, Suite 2045, California.)

January 22 New	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	The community is invited to attend the annual business meeting and Martin Luther King Remembrance Program, hosted by The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions held at St. Mary's College of Maryland (18952 E. Fisher Rd, St. Mary's City) in the Parris N. Glendening Hall (19095 Hill Common Drive, St. Mary's City). Gathering and refreshments will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., and the business meeting and speakers will begin at 12:00 p.m. The meeting and speakers will give updates on the USCT Memorial Monument, Juneteenth 2011, Minority Health, A Salute to Dr. King, and the Facing Fences Exhibit. At 2:00 p.m., join UCAC and the NAACP at the Boyden Gallery in Montgomery Hall to enjoy a special reception sponsored by St. Mary's College for the community to view the <i>Facing Fences – Southern Maryland</i> Exhibit. Excerpts from UCAC's Exhibit <i>Strive to Excel: Remember the Past, Look to the Future</i> will also be on display. For more information, please contact Nathaniel Scroggins or Janice Walthour. RSVP on or before January 15 by calling 240-538-5681 or email info@ucaconline.org
January 25	3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Job Zone conducts three Patuxent River events per year, bringing 700 to 1000 job candidates and 35 to 55 companies together. Space is typically maximized, so please reserve your space today. The January Job Fair will be held at the JT Daugherty Conference Center, Lexington Park. If you sign up for all three events (January, April, and August), you can receive a discount. The individual price for each event is \$600, but when signing up for all three together the fee is \$1500. For more information or to sign up today, please visit www.jobzoneonline.com
January 26 New	5:30 p.m.	Help the North End Gallery kick off its 25 th Anniversary Year! Join the Chamber for Business After Hours at North End Gallery (41652 Fenwick St. in Leonardtown. Come for great food provided by Quality Street Kitchen and Catering, networking, door prizes and the 50/50 raffle. RSVP to the Chamber office.
January 27		SeaPort e-Boot Camp is an intensive one-day session that will give your company the winning edge and reveal the secrets the government can't tell you. The e-Boot Camp will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Solomons. Two custom-designed tracks will take you exactly where you need to go, and the general session will arm you with advanced tactics to win more task orders. Iona Moon has helped over 150 companies win the SeaPort-e prime contract and SeaPort-e task orders. The most-requested guidance and expertise are all included in this must-attend course. You will come away knowing what you must do, with clear objectives, milestones, and quality metrics to ensure your success. Advanced registration is now open, with a discounted rate of only \$499 until December 31. Group rates are also available, \$948 for two; \$1397 for three. The rate is \$549 after January 1, 2011. Pick the track that will concentrate your time on the most valuable outcome for your participation. For more information on available tracks or to register, please visit www.ionamoon.com/?page_id=761
January 27 New	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO, www.MarylandTEDCO.org) and USDA ARS are holding an innovation forum at the Holiday Inn Conference Center & Marina (155 Holiday Drive, Solomons.) The forum will discuss current farming issues in Southern Maryland. Scientists from ARS and the University System of Maryland and Maryland Ag Extension Service who have practical farm, nursery and agricultural product development experience, will lead round table discussions with agriculture professionals, and local farmers and growers. The morning session will focus on the topics of profitable alternative crops and products including potatoes, catnip and lavender. The afternoon program will cover sustainable land management, farming systems, crop modeling and land conservation programs. There will also be a special luncheon and networking session for all attendees. The participation fee is \$25 per person, and registration closes on January 25. Please visit www.marylandtedco.org/calendarofevents to register. Farmers/growers, agricultural specialists, natural resources experts, government and community development organizations, and any other interested individuals are invited.

January 28 New	6:30 p.m.	Local Businesses are encouraged to sponsor an employee to compete as a participant in an all-category Jeopardy Tournament similar to the popular Game Show. The tournament will be held in the Great Mills High School Auditorium. The winner is awarded a trophy and all sponsors will be recognized. There is \$5 entrance fee payable at the door to watch the tournament. All proceeds benefit the Great Mills High School Engineering Club. Proceeds are used to pay for registration fees and travel expenses to compete in national and international engineering competitions such as the Botball Robotics and the UAVSI Student UAS competition. More information on the tournament can be found at http://schools.smcps.org/gmhs/engineering-club or by contacting Allen Skinner at caskinner@smcps.org
February 2 New	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	2011 Scholarship Fair - Attention graduating High School seniors, parents and guardians, and others needing college financial assistance. Plan to attend the 2011 Scholarship Fair on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Fair will be held at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, 24005 Pt. Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD. Come and meet the many scholarship providers listed on the 2011 St. Mary's County Common Scholarship Application, learn how to complete the Common Application, attend a session on Financial Aid Basics, and ask questions about how to finance your college career. Note that more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships have been awarded through BECA's Common Scholarship Application process since 2007. The Scholarship Fair and Common Scholarship Application is sponsored by St. Mary's County Business, Education & Community Alliance (BECA), 46940 South Shangri-La Drive, Suite 100; Lexington Park, MD 20653 301-863-7707. For more information see smcbeca.org .
February 15	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	A free training course is being offered to provide an overview of the Commercial Provisions of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with highlights from ASHRE Standard 90.1.2007 as they apply to all commercial buildings. The local course will be held in Lexington Park. Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge. A certificate of completion will be awarded along with six Continuing Education Units (CEU's) towards ICC Certification and AIAContact Hours. All training materials will be given to each participant free of charge. To sign up for these free courses call Jim Magliano at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development at 410-514-7216. www.mdhousing.org .
February 15 New	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public health and transportation professionals have the opportunity to participate in a new, free, four-part webinar series that covers how transportation systems impact health in diverse communities across the nation. There will be one webinar each month on a Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The second webinar will be "The Health Benefits from Active Transportation." The series, entitled " <i>What Healthy Communities Need from Their Transportation Networks</i> ," will explore the intersections between health and transportation, highlight innovative state and local programs that leverage opportunities in transportation that benefit health, and explain what the future may hold for the federal surface transportation authorization. For more information and to register, please visit www.apha.org/advocacy/priorities/issues/transportation/Webinars.htm
March 10 New	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	St. Mary's County Public Schools in partnership with St. Mary's County Business, Education and Community Alliance and the St. Mary's County Dept. of Economic and Community Development will sponsor a Community Business Expo for more than 500 juniors and seniors from all SMCPs high schools held at Chopticon High School (25390 Colton Point. Rd., Morganza). This is a key component in the growth and development of a local workforce that will ultimately promote workforce retention and stability within our community. Contact Chris White for details: 301-475-5511 ext. 124, cmwhite@smcps.org

March 15 New	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public health and transportation professionals have the opportunity to participate in a new, free, four-part webinar series that covers how transportation systems impact health in diverse communities across the nation. There will be one webinar each month on a Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The third webinar will be "Health Impact Assessments (HIAS) in Transportation." The series, entitled " <i>What Healthy Communities Need from Their Transportation Networks</i> ," will explore the intersections between health and transportation, highlight innovative state and local programs that leverage opportunities in transportation that benefit health, and explain what the future may hold for the federal surface transportation authorization. For more information and to register, please visit www.apha.org/advocacy/priorities/issues/transportation/Webinars.htm
March 31, 2011		'Disney's Approach to Business Excellence' by the Disney Institute. Are you ready to bring clarity to your business? To being a new era of focused leadership that will inspire excellence throughout your organization? Then you're ready to D'Think. The program will be held at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for participants and two breaks are included. The standard rate is \$499.00 per participant, with groups over 10 receiving a discounted rate of \$399.00 per participant. An Early Bird Special is available to those who sign up now through January 31, 2011 of only \$449.00 per participant. To receive this discount, you must contact Linda Schleip at 301-934-7548 or Karen O'Connor at 240-725-5479. Special offers cannot be combined.
March 26 & April 2, May 14 & 15	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	St Mary's County Government has scheduled two CERT training opportunities for the citizens of St. Mary's County in 2011. Both classes will be held at the Department of Public Safety (23090 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown) from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. To attend a CERT Training class or for more information, please call the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division at 301-475-4200 Ext. 2124 or 2125 or email Gerald.Gardiner@co.saint-marys.md.us
April 5 New	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public health and transportation professionals have the opportunity to participate in a new, free, four-part webinar series that covers how transportation systems impact health in diverse communities across the nation. The final fourth webinar will be "Preventing Roadway Fatalities and Injuries." The series, entitled " <i>What Healthy Communities Need from Their Transportation Networks</i> ," will explore the intersections between health and transportation, highlight innovative state and local programs that leverage opportunities in transportation that benefit health, and explain what the future may hold for the federal surface transportation authorization. For more information and to register, please visit www.apha.org/advocacy/priorities/issues/transportation/Webinars.htm
May 21-22, 2011		Warrior Dash comes to Budd's Creek Maryland - Are you up for a real challenge? Warrior Dash comes to St. Mary's County for the first time in 2011. This challenging event is a 3.11 mile race filled with twelve challenging obstacles. The Dash will be held on the Budd's Creek Motocross facility grounds. Thousands of participants are expected. Sign up today! Form a team and challenge your friends and coworkers. For additional information go to www.warriordash.com/register2011_maryland.php Register by April 25 for a \$55 fee, and pay \$65 until 3:00 p.m. CST on Monday, May 9.
August 15 – 18		The 2011 Annual National Small Business Conference and Expo will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Go to the website below to sign up and receive email updates on registration, agenda, speakers, and other announcements. www.nationalveteransconference.com
September 3-4, 2011		NAS Patuxent River Air Show featuring the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

Visit the St. Mary's County Department of Economic & Community Development website, www.stmarysmd.com/decd for the following online resources:

Relocation & Destination Guide 2010 – A 4-color magazine describing St. Mary's County as a great place to work, live and visit. www.visitstmarysmd.com

Facts & Figures – Gain access to St. Mary's County demographic and economic data www.stmarysmd.com/decd and click on Data Center

Brief Economic Facts - <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/decd/documents/BriefEconomicFacts.pdf>

Technology Handbook Online – Search our directory of over 220 local technology firms www.stmarysmd.com/decd and click on Technology Handbook

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