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Calvert County Community Survey Results Highlight Areas for Improvement and Strengths

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – June 11, 2024 – Calvert County Government is pleased to announce the results of the latest community survey, reflecting the opinions and insights of 869 residents. Of these, 690 respondents were digitally recruited using platforms such as social media, mobile apps, local websites and survey panels, which targeted respondents through ads to ensure an unbiased sample of county residents. The survey offers a comprehensive look at the strengths and areas that residents believe need improvement within the community.

The survey identified three primary areas for improvement:

- **Arts and Culture:** The survey revealed a low score in arts and culture. Calvert County Government is advancing initiatives to incorporate the arts into county facilities, including plans to add murals at Appeal Landfill and park basketball courts.
- **Public Transportation:** Despite continued county efforts to better meet community transportation needs, transportation continues to score low among residents. In addition to updated transportation route maps, education and outreach regarding transportation use, Calvert County is transitioning to fare-free bus services starting July 1, aimed at making public transportation more accessible and convenient for all residents.
- **Zoning:** Zoning issues remain a concern, with increased interest from residents in more information from Planning & Zoning. Residents are encouraged to review the proposed [Zoning Ordinance articles and submit feedback during the public](#)

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[comment period](#) this summer. County staff are considering opportunities and channels to increase information and engagement in this area.

The survey included a set of questions specific to community resources and communication. Of note, 27% of respondents think a lack of awareness of eligibility is the biggest barrier to accessing veterans' benefits in Calvert County. To address this, staff are working with the Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC) on various efforts, including a new monthly [veterans newsletter](#).

When asked about communication with residents, 56% of respondents would like to see increased transparency and 37% want more frequent updates from local government. Staff is working to address these concerns with a newly launched mobile app that allows custom notifications for topics of interest and quick access to submitting feedback or contacting county staff.

The survey also highlighted key areas respondents feel are strengths:

- **Safety:** Overall safety continues to score high. The establishment of new Sheriff's Office district stations in Dunkirk and Lusby is a significant step in maintaining and improving this essential area.
- **Libraries and Education:** Quality of libraries and education funding are consistently praised. The recent addition of a new library and ongoing county funding for education reflect our commitment to these essential services.

The survey showed that 77% of surveyed residents expressed overall satisfaction with life in Calvert County. This significant figure highlights an overall positive sentiment within our community and motivates staff to continue working on areas needing improvement.

Full survey results are available at www.calvertcountymd.gov/SurveyResults.

Calvert County residents are encouraged to participate in the latest community survey. The survey is available at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Survey through Aug. 31. Residents who have participated in previous surveys are strongly encouraged to respond again. Continuous feedback is invaluable in helping county officials and staff to identify and address community concerns, strengths and areas that need improvement.

Survey responses are confidential and anonymous; however, a respondent may choose to share their email address if they wish to receive updates about future surveys. The survey will not collect an individual's name, address or any other identifying information.

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