

Public Participation Project
[until we get a better name]

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Media Advisory

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**Meeting to Figure Out What's Next for the
Calhoun County Public Participation Project**

- Who:** Anyone who is interested in helping to discuss and figure out/decide what the project should do next – including picking a better name.
- What:** So far, the “Public Participation Project” has gathered information on the dates/times and locations of meetings of local governing bodies across Calhoun County. That information has been posted on line and sent to public libraries countywide. Information has also been gathered on the governing boards’ policies in selected areas: receiving comments from the public at meetings and handling Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. This first meeting is to find out who is interested in doing what next with the project.
- When:** Sunday, March 22, 2009 -- starts at 1:30pm
(library opens at 1pm, closes at 4pm)
- Where:** Marshall District Library
124 West Green Street (at Jefferson)
in the Reference Room unless attendance overflows
- Why:** The first section of Michigan’s FOIA statute states the law’s purpose: “The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process.” This project is aimed at helping the people of Calhoun County inform themselves, and so participate fully and effectively.

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