



Calvert County NEWS

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December in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – December 1, 2011 – The holidays are upon us and festivities abound in Calvert County.

Through January 14, 2012 (Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Holiday Train Garden

Tan's Cycles

9032A Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach
301-855-8337 • 410-257-6619

Visit this wonderful holiday display of trains. The train garden is on a 20' x 20' platform with five levels. There are 25 trains, seven super streets, carnival, waterfall, construction site, disappearing trains, tunnels, bridges and much more. The display is free to the public.

Through January 1, 2012 (Evenings)

Brightest Beacon on the Bay

Chesapeake Beach

410-257-2230 • 301-855-0043 • www.chesapeake-beach.md.us

Tens of thousands of holiday lights twinkle in Chesapeake Beach to make it the Brightest Beacon on the Bay. Bring your family to the official start of the holiday season where all of the lights are magically lit from the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall by our own "Mother Christmas," on the Sunday after Thanksgiving at 6 p.m. Then ride through town to enjoy the holiday sights.

Through December 11 (Fridays & Saturdays 7 p.m.; Sundays 3 p.m.)

A Christmas Carol

North Beach Firehouse

www.twinbeachplayers.com

The Twin Beach Players will present "A Christmas Carol" on weekends from November 25 through December 11 at the North Beach Firehouse banquet hall. This all children's musical will put you in the holiday spirit. The Twin Beach Players Youth Troupe is comprised of students in the first through twelfth grades interested in learning about all aspects of the theater, from action to running lights. For more information on dates, times and admission, visit www.twinbeachplayers.com.

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Friday – Saturday, December 2 – 3 (6 – 9 p.m.)

First Free Friday

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

In December the First Free Friday program will be open on both Friday and Saturday. The museum is open free to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. with special entertainment and activities. Please visit the museum's website for complete details.

Friday –Saturday, December 2 –3 (6 – 9 p.m.)

Solomons Christmas Walk

Solomons

www.solomonsmaryland.com

Stroll Solomons' candlelit streets, browse in unique shops, enjoy art, music, entertainment and a puppet show. On Friday Santa is welcomed with carols and a tree-lighting ceremony. A lighted boat parade occurs on Saturday evening.

December 2 – January 1 (Dusk)

Garden in Lights

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-5650 • www.annmariegarden.org

Surround yourself and your family with colorful, one-of-a-kind creations as you walk the quarter mile loop. Mythical creatures, spectacular wild animals, illuminated works of art, hidden beasts and more will delight all ages. After your walk enjoy a hot drink, entertainment, the Ornament Show, the Celebrations Glass Exhibit and more in the Arts Building. Regular admission fees apply.

December 3 (Noon – 3 p.m.)

Bay Business Group Holiday Parade in North Beach “Christmas on the Beach”

North Beach

5th Street & Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk

301-855-6681 • 410-257-9618 • www.northbeachmd.org

Immediately following the holiday parade, bring the children to sit on Santa's lap, give him their wish lists and receive small presents and candy in return. Afterwards roast marshmallows on the bonfire and drink hot apple cider to warm the insides on a cold winter's day.

Saturday – Sunday, December 3 – 4 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Antique Christmas Festival

Throughout Calvert County

Antique stores from North Beach to Solomons will offer holiday shoppers novel antiques, quilts, unique gifts, china, tools, furniture, glassware, books and other collectibles. Complimentary refreshments served at various locations.

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Saturday, December 3 (Session I: 10 a.m. – noon; Session II: 1–3 p.m.)

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Make a beautiful holiday wreath with greens from Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum's Point Farm gardens – magnolia, boxwood, holly, pinecones and magnolia seed pods. Grapevine base, bows and ornaments are included in the fee. Advance registration and payment are required. For more information call 410-586-8501 or email jppm@mdp.state.md.us.

Saturday, December 3

Designs for the Holidays – Greens Show

All Saints Church Hall

Intersection of Routes 2 and 4, Sunderland

410-535-5714

Christmas greens show “Design for the Holidays” presented by the Chesapeake Garden Club featuring design program, fresh greens, swags, centerpieces, silent auction, 50/50 and light refreshments. Advance tickets \$12, at the door \$15.

Saturday, December 4 (2 p.m.)

Annual Holiday Parade

Fox Run Shopping Center

Prince Frederick

Welcome Santa at this annual holiday parade sponsored by the Calvert County Optimists and the Calvert County Fair Board. The parade includes marching bands, floats, tire trucks, classic cars and Santa!

Saturday, December 4 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad Museum Annual Holiday Open House

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3982 • www.cbrm.org

Come see the museum decorated for the holidays. Free annual event to celebrate the season.

Friday, December 9 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Greens Sale Prep Day & Wreath Making Workshop

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warrior's Rest, 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Join ACLT's prep day and wreath making workshop. Pay \$25 to make at least two wreaths, one of which you can take home with you, or donate all your handmade wreaths to the Greens Sale and join us for free! Lunch is provided. Registration is required.

Saturday, December 10 (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Greens Sale & Beach Hayride

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warrior's Rest, 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Purchase freshly cut evergreens, wreaths and garland for holiday decorations, drink hot cider and take a hayride to the beach. Greens Sale benefits Warrior's Rest Sanctuary.

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Saturday, December 10

Designs for the Holidays – Greens Show

All Saints Church Hall

Intersection of Routes 2 and 4, Sunderland

410-257-6306

Terrific local craftspeople will help you to find the perfect present for that special someone on your holiday list. Lunch, baked goodies and authentic glühwein to add to your holiday spirit will also be available. Proceeds benefit parish and community projects.

Saturday, December 10 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Northern High School Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Northern High School

2950 Chaneyville Road, Owings

301-775-0416

Shopping for that special gift? Plan to attend the 2011 Northern High School Holiday Craft Fair showcasing unique gifts and crafts. Benefits the Northern High School Music Boosters.

Saturday, December 10 (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Lusby Town Center Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bank of America

Lusby Town Center, Lusby

Saturday, December 10 (5 p.m.)

2nd Annual Luminary Holiday Walk

North Beach

Join the Town of North Beach and the North Beach Business Loop for an evening of holiday shopping, caroling and cheer. Streets will be lined with candles and businesses will be open late with specials, holiday refreshments and more. Sing along with local carolers and let the holiday spirit take over.

Sunday, December 11 (4 p.m.)

TUBACHRISTMAS

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

225 Alexander Lane, Solomons

410-326-3535 • www.tubachristmas.com

Local musicians from Southern Maryland look forward to this event every year and invite the public to join them for this unique holiday celebration. The TUBACHRISTMAS performance is open to the public and free. All low brass players in the local area are welcomed to play in the group. TUBACHRISTMAS features traditional Christmas carols arranged for tuba and baritone horn players.

Thursday, December 22 (6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.)

Polar Express

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

Come share in the classic children's story. Afterwards we'll tour Chesapeake Beach and look at holiday lights on the town trolley. Registration required. Limited seating.

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For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, visitor sites and attractions and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583, 800-331-9771 or 301-855-1880; send an email to info@ecalvert.com, or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

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