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Calvert County to Celebrate Lower Marlboro Freedom Day

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Sept. 27, 2023 – Citizens are invited to celebrate and revel in Calvert County history during Lower Marlboro Freedom Day; a celebration to commemorate freedom of those who escaped slavery with the help of the British during the War of 1812.

The celebration will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with events at Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church, located at 6519 Lower Marlboro Lane in Owings, and Lower Marlboro Hall, located at 3911 Lower Marlboro Road in Owings. Festivities include a walking tour, speakers, entertainment, food and exhibits. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host free fishing on the pier. Individuals under the age of 16 do not require a fishing license; those over 16 should apply for a fishing or crabbing license prior the event. Fishing rods and bait will be provided by DNR. This event is for experienced anglers or first-time fisherman. You can apply for a fishing license at compass.dnr.maryland.gov/.

As the War of 1812 raged into the summer of 1814, British troops sailed up the Patuxent River in a bid to take Washington, D.C. While stopped at the port of Lower Marlboro – modern-day Owings – to commandeer supplies, the British offered freedom to local enslaved men and women in exchange for their service to the British war effort. Fourteen people ultimately won their freedom, which is now commemorated as Lower Marlboro Freedom Day.

Lower Marlboro Freedom Day is sponsored by residents of Lower Marlboro, Calvert County Historical Society, Calvert County Historic District Commission, Calvert County Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Division, Calvert County Library, Calvert County Nature

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Society, Gray-Ray Post #220, Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, Maryland State Archives and Mt. Harmony-Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church.

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