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December in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Nov. 26, 2013 – The holidays are here and life is busy, but be sure to fit in some of the wonderful activities available in Calvert County in December.

Friday, Nov. 29 (7-9 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 30 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 1 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Festival of Trees (\$)

St. John Vianney Family Life Center

105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick

410-535-0892 • www.calverthospice.org

The Festival of Trees is Calvert County's premier holiday celebration and a fundraiser for Calvert Hospice. Teams of decorators from church, community and civic groups weave their holiday magic into an enchanting parade of uniquely decorated trees for visitors to enjoy. Children will love the model train display and visiting Santa in his workshop. All proceeds from the Festival of Trees benefit Calvert Hospice.

Sunday, Dec. 1 (2-4 p.m.)

Prince Frederick Holiday Parade

Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick

410-586-3664

Join the Optimist Club of Calvert County and the Calvert County Fair Board as they herald in the holiday season with the 22nd annual Prince Frederick Holiday Parade. Parade participants include school marching bands, ROTC groups, scouts, soccer and baseball teams, 4-H clubs, fire engines and, of course, the main attraction – Santa Claus.

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Sunday, Dec. 1 (6-8 p.m.)

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-2230 • www.chesapeake-beach.md.us

See town officials flip the switch to light up the town for the holidays. Special guests include Mr. and Mrs. Claus. There will be treats for the kids.

Thursday, Dec. 5 (6:30-9 p.m.)

29th Annual Solomons Christmas Walk Gala Dinner Kick-Off (\$)

Back Creek Bistro

14415 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-9900

All are welcome to the Solomons Christmas Walk Gala Dinner kick-off event at the Back Creek Bistro. The evening features heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, dancing, one complimentary adult eggnog, cash bar, plus a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

Friday, Dec. 6 (1 p.m.)

Tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Enjoy a free behind-the-scenes tour of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility that houses more than 8 million artifacts, including collections from every county in Maryland. Visitors can get up close and personal with conservators and collections. Group tours are offered year round for a small fee. Call or email jppm@mdp.state.md.us for more information.

Reservations are not required.

Friday, Dec. 6 (7-8 p.m.)

Light Up the Town

The Town of North Beach

9032 Bay Ave., North Beach

301-855-6681 • www.northbeachmd.org

North Beach begins the festive holiday season by lighting up the town. Onlookers gather on the pavilion as town officials flip the switch to light up the town Christmas tree and holiday displays. Don't forget to stop by Tan's Cycles & Parts to view the holiday train display.

Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7 (All day)

29th Annual Solomons Christmas Walk

Various locations around Solomons

www.solomonsmaryland.com

Visit Solomons for the 29th annual Christmas Walk. Events abound for all ages. It's a fun-filled weekend of special children's activities, a live puppet show, open houses at many businesses and the lighted boat parade. The Solomons Lighted Boat Parade, Dec. 7 at 6:15 p.m., leaves from Solomons Yachting Center, heads up Back Creek and then travels back down the creek for judging at Zahniser's Yachting Center. The parade will proceed up the Patuxent River along the boardwalk before returning to

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Solomons Harbor. Watch the parade from many of the restaurants and establishments on Back Creek or the Patuxent River boardwalk. The Calvert Marine Museum is free and open to the public from 6-9 p.m. both nights.

Dec. 6-8, 12-15, 19-23, 26-31 (6-9 p.m.)

Garden In Lights (\$)

Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Garden In Lights is a magical tour that takes visitors of all ages on a beautiful journey through the glittering woods. As you walk along the protected path, you will be transported to a fantastical place of spectacular lights and amazing “light sculpture.” Guests will be surrounded by superheroes, wild animals, airplanes, pirates, princesses, dinosaurs, fantasy land and outer space to name a few. All of the “light sculptures” are designed and made at Annmarie Garden; nothing in this show is commercially available.

Saturday, Dec. 7 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

ACLT Greens Sale and Beach Hayride

Warrior’s Rest Sanctuary, American Chestnut Land Trust

Scientists’ Cliffs Road, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Purchase fresh cut evergreens for holiday decorations, drink hot cider and take a hayride to the beach. Greens sale benefits Warrior’s Rest Sanctuary.

Saturday, Dec. 7 (Noon)

Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade and Santa on the Beach

The Town of North Beach

9032 Bay Ave., North Beach

301-855-6681 • www.northbeachmd.org

The annual Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade, sponsored by Bay Business Group, draws spectators from afar. The best part is when the jolly old fat man arrives by fire truck. After the parade, join Santa and Mrs. Claus on the beach at 1 p.m. as they visit with the children and give them a special treat. Warm up around the campfire and enjoy refreshments. The Santa meet-and-greet is sponsored by North Beach House & Garden Club and Town of North Beach.

Sunday, Dec. 8 (2-4 p.m.)

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum Holiday Open House

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

The train depot is dressed up for the holidays.

Saturday, Dec. 14 (6-8 p.m.)

Luminaria Event

Chesapeake Village Community, Chesapeake Beach

Drive through the community of Chesapeake Village and enjoy the beautiful luminaria event.

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Sunday, Dec. 15 (2-3:30 p.m.)

Sunday Afternoon with the Pattersons Tour (\$)

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Point Farm was the country retreat of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Patterson. In 1983 Mrs. Patterson donated the property to the state in honor of her late husband, creating Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Join us for a guided tour of this beautiful 1933 Colonial Revival brick house and gardens designed by noted female architects Gertrude Sawyer and Rose Greely. For reservations call 410-586-8501 or email jppm@mdp.state.md.us.

Sunday, Dec. 15 (3 p.m.)

War of 1812: A Legacy of Division Speaker Series Presents “1812: Tide of War”

College of Southern Maryland, Auditorium

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

War of 1812: A Legacy of Division speaker series presents Donald Shomette and Gary Rue and Company performing “1812: Tide of War.” This original musical presentation describes Maryland’s role in the events of the War of 1812. They worked together to shape into melody the stories of the Maryland heroes and heroines whose lives were caught up in the drama of the final wrenching of the fledgling America from the influence of Great Britain. A facilitated discussion will follow the program. This series is made possible by the Maryland Humanities Council, Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and the Calvert Marine Museum.

Friday, Dec. 20 (Time TBA)

Polar Express Reading

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave., Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

Bring your little ones to the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum to enjoy a dramatic reading of The Polar Express by Conductor John.

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Calvert County is Maryland’s smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services. Like us on Facebook by searching for Calvert County Government, Calvert County, Maryland.