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December in Calvert County, Maryland

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – November 25, 2009 – Don't let the holidays slip by without enjoying some of Calvert County's special events and seasonal celebrations.

November 29, 2009 – January 3, 2010 (Evenings)

Brightest Beacon on the Bay

Throughout Chesapeake Beach
Chesapeake Beach, MD

Ride through town and enjoy tens of thousands of holiday lights making Chesapeake Beach the Brightest Beacon on the Bay. www.chesapeake-beach.md.us or 410-257-2230

December 4 – 5, 2009

25th Annual Solomons Christmas Walk

Solomons, MD

Stroll the candlelit streets of Solomons and browse unique shops, enjoy art, music, entertainment and a puppet show. On Friday, Santa is welcomed with carols and a tree-lighting ceremony. Don't miss the famous boat light parade Saturday at dusk. www.solomonsmaryland.com

December 4, 2009 – January 2, 2010 (6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Closed December 7, 8, 14, 16, 24 and 25)

Garden in Lights

Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD

Surround yourself 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. New this year: golf cart tours, pet night and special discounts for military, police and more. Admission fee. www.annmariegarden.org or 410-326-4640

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Saturday, December 5, 2009 (Noon – 3 p.m.)

Parade and Christmas on the Beach

North Beach

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach, MD

Children write a wish list to give to Santa while they wait in line to sit on his lap. Then they enjoy hot apple cider and roast marshmallows around a roaring fire. www.ci.north-beach.md.us or 301-855-6681 or 410-257-9618

Saturday, December 5, 2009 (Noon – 4 p.m.)

Chesapeake Beach Garden Club's Designs for the Holidays

St. Anthony's Church Hall, North Beach, MD

Join Garden Club members as they demonstrate beautiful designs for your home. Bid on fabulous silent auction items. Purchase fresh greens and take a chance on raffle items. Light refreshments. Fee.

Sunday, December 6, 2009 (Noon – 2 p.m. Rain date December 13)

Annual Holiday Parade

Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick, MD

Annual Christmas parade featuring local school bands, floats, custom and antique cars and trucks and Santa. 410-535-0026

Saturday, December 12, 2009 (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Greens Sale and Beach Hayride

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warrior's Rest

1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic, MD

Purchase freshly cut evergreens, wreaths and garland for holiday decorations. Drink hot cider and take a hayride to the beach. www.acltweb.org or 410-414-3400

Saturday, December 12, 2009 (8 a.m. – Noon)

Pancakes with Santa

Patuxent High School Cafeteria

12485 Southern Connector Boulevard, Lusby, MD

Hosted by the Patuxent High School Band. Bring the kids to visit with Santa and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and sausage. A photographer will capture the moment. Fee. 410-535-7806

Saturday, December 12, 2009 (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Holiday Art Walk

Prince Frederick, MD

Galleries will be open for a special holiday walk. Featuring CalvART Gallery, Main Street Gallery and House of Frames. www.calvertarts.org or 410-257-7005

Saturday, December 12, 2009 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Northern High School Music Boosters Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar

Northern High School

2950 Chaneyville Road, Owings, MD

Shopping for a unique gift? Attend Northern High School's holiday craft bazaar showcasing unique gifts and crafters. 410-257-5984

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Sunday, December 13, 2009 (5 p.m.)

COSMIC Symphony and Community Chorus

Crossroad Christian Church, St. Leonard, MD

Celebrate a classic Christmas concert with COSMIC Symphony and Community Chorus as they present Handel's Messiah. Tickets available at local businesses listed at www.cosmicmusic.com or at the door. Individual tickets \$10, students, seniors, military and special needs \$8.

Friday, December 18, 2009

Polar Express Reading

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD

Storytellers will bring "Polar Express" alive for children and the young at heart. Truly a way to make holiday memories. Refreshments provided. www.cbrm.org or 410-257-3892

Thursday, December 31, 2009 (7:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.)

New Year's Eve Celebration 2010

Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa

4160 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD

Ring in the New Year at the Rod 'N' Reel. \$125 per person includes music by The New Monopoly, Surf 'N' Turf Dinner Buffet and Open Bar all night. www.chesapeakebeachresort.spa.com or 410-257-2735

Thursday, December 31, 2009 (7 p.m.)

Celebrate Under the Stars with the Fabulous Hubcaps

Holiday Inn Solomons Conference Center & Marina

155 Holiday Drive, Solomons, MD

New Year's Eve package including one-night accommodations for two, hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, dessert, three complimentary bar drinks per person, party favors, champagne toast and live entertainment. Call 410-326-6311, extensions 2191, 2181 and 2172

For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, our 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 e-mail 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. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.