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Calendar of Events

Thru Jan. 1

10th Annual Ornament Show and Sale

Various dates and times

[Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center](#)

Thru Dec. 30

Art Show "Small Works" for December

Various dates and times

[Artworks@7th, North Beach](#)

Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9

A Tuna Christmas

7-9:30 p.m.

[Long Beach Community Center](#)

Dec. 1

Behind the Scenes Tours at the MAC Lab

1-2:30 p.m.

Jing-Jang-Jingle!

Make Holiday Memories in Solomons

Solomons comes alive with seasonal merrymaking this month when visitors discover a wonderland of holiday spirit during the 33rd annual Christmas Walk weekend. Stroll our lumina-ria-lit streets, enjoy holiday home decorations, visit the many open houses at our shops and restaurants and enjoy the sights and sounds of this magical season.



On Friday, Dec. 1, from 4 to 8 p.m., shop the Christmas Market on the island next to the Lore Oyster House. Be front and center at 6:30 p.m. for lighting of the boardwalk and Christmas tree followed by the arrival of a certain Jolly Old Man and his elf by fire truck. On Saturday, Dec. 2, come back for a second night of Christmas Market shopping and the lighted boat parade along the Riverwalk at 6:30 p.m. Children can also enjoy a

special puppet show at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church at 7 p.m.

Celebrate the spirit of the holidays in Solomons, a festive Chesapeake Bay village - where memories are made. [Visit online for more information.](#)

Nights Ablaze

A Winter Garden in Lights

Dec. 1
Christmas Walk & First Free Friday
6-9 p.m.
[Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Dec. 2, 9, 16
Indoor Holiday Maker's Market
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
[Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center](#)

Dec. 2
Holiday Open House
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
[Medart Galleries, Dunkirk](#)

Dec. 2
"Small Works" Opening Reception
Noon-5 p.m.
[Artworks@7th, North Beach](#)

Dec. 2
The Taming of the Shoe
2-3:30 p.m.
[Long Beach Community Center](#)

Dec. 2
Solomons Christmas Walk
6-9 p.m.
[Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Dec. 9
Winter Waterbirds for Beginners
9:30 a.m. - Noon
[Flag Ponds Nature Park](#)

Dec. 10 & 17
Gingerbread Lighthouse
11 a.m. - Noon
[Calvert Marine Museum](#)

Dec. 15
Dramatic Reading of the Polar Express
5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
[Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum](#)

Dec. 16
Chronicles of Christmas Bus Tour around Chesapeake Beach
5:30-9:30 p.m.
[Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum](#)

Lions, tigers, princesses and pirates decorate the night at the annual Garden in Lights at Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center in Dowell. From Dec. 1, 2017, through Jan. 1, 2018, enjoy a nightly cavalcade of light, sound, holiday fun and surprise from 6 to 9 p.m. on a magical tour taking visitors on a trip through glittering woods.



Strolling the protected path, you are transported to a fantastical place of lights and amazing, one-of-a-kind light sculptures featuring mythical beasts, circus performers, dinosaurs and more. Enjoy the "Holiday I Spy Game," nightly entertainment, special discount nights, sweet treats and other fun activities.



Start your tour in the Arts Building where you will also find the Ornament Show & Sale, nightly entertainment, exhibits and the Holiday Café. [Click here for more details and a \\$1 off coupon.](#)
(Closed Dec. 4, 5, 24 and 25.)

DIY Wreaths With a Little Help from the Friends

The Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum in St. Leonard host their annual wreath-making workshops on Saturday, Dec. 2 in two sessions: 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Make a beautiful holiday wreath with greens



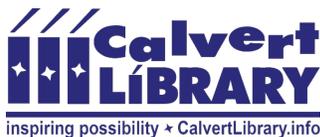
- boxwood, magnolia, holly, pine cones and magnolia seed pods - cut fresh from JPPM's Point Farm gardens. The \$25 fee includes all materials, grapevine base, bows, ornaments, and hands-on instruction from the Friends. Registration required; only 20 spots per session. Free Ornaments Workshop for Santa's Elves with workshop registration; up to three children per registration. [Visit online for details.](#)

Dec. 17
Scuba with Santa at HAC!
Noon-4 p.m.
[Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center](#)

Dec. 17
Afternoon with the Grinch
2-4 p.m.
[Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill, Dowell](#)

Dec. 31- Jan. 1
New Year's Eve Party On The Pier
7 p.m. - 1 a.m.
[The North Beach Pier](#)

Dec. 31- Jan. 1
New Year's Eve Party
8:45 p.m.
[Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa](#)



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Frigid Fun Plunge into 2018



Start off the New Year on Jan. 1 at 1 p.m. with the coolest event of the season - the annual Polar Bear Plunge in North Beach. Whether you're a quick dipper, a mad dasher or a leisurely backstroker, you will earn a year's worth of bragging rights in this annual splash fest.

Afterwards, enjoy hot cocoa and roast marshmallows around a toasty beachfront bonfire.

The event is free, but paying participants receive a certificate and T-shirt with net proceeds going to a charity chosen by the Town of North Beach. This event draws hundreds of brave participants and spectators and always delivers a good time. [For more information, visit online.](#)

Bright Bayside Beacons Beach Towns Bedazzled for the Season

The Towns of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach get into the holiday spirit again this year with parades, lights, shopping -- and a little competition.

North Beach lights up the town at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, at the town pavilion with carols and a sparkling tree-lighting ceremony. On Saturday, Dec. 2, visit the North Beach Christmas Market from 10 a.m. to 3



p.m. on 5th Street and be front and center on the boardwalk for the Annual Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade at noon. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with children and give them a special treat then the whole family can roast marshmallows and warm up around a beachfront campfire.

In Chesapeake Beach, homeowners and businesses compete for bragging rights in the annual holiday decorating contest that goes through New Year's Day. Enjoy a self-guided driving tour of this bayside town any evening during December and see shops, homes and even boats all dressed up in their holiday finery. [Check the website](#) on Dec. 22 to learn who has earned the 2017 title of

"Brightest Beacon on the Bay."

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