



# Calvert County NEWS

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### September in Calvert County, Md.

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – August 31, 2011** – Even though the kids are back in school and summer officially ends soon, the fun doesn't have to stop. In Calvert County, September is full of festivals, fairs and plenty of outdoor activities.

Friday, September 2 (5-8 p.m.)

#### **First Free Friday**

Calvert Marine Museum  
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons  
410-326-2042 • [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

The first Friday of every month features the first free Friday program when the museum is open and free to the public from 5-8 p.m. The Drum Point Lighthouse will be open and 30-minute cruises are available on the *Wm. B. Tennison*. Please visit the website for complete details.

Saturday, September 3 (9 a.m.-noon)

#### **Maker's Market**

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
13480 Dowell Road, Solomons  
410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Annamarie Garden hosts Maker's Market on the first Saturday of the month, featuring vendors selling fresh produce, handmade crafts and products.

Sunday, September 4 (Gates open at 5 p.m.)

#### **St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department Concert Series – Blake Shelton**

St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department  
200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard  
410-586-1713 • [www.slvfd.com](http://www.slvfd.com)

Country musician Blake Shelton is an all-American from Oklahoma. Hear some of his greatest songs including *Austin*, *Blake Shelton's Barn & Grill* and *The Dreamer*, which have cemented his place on the Billboard Hot Country songs chart. Proceeds benefit the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department. Ticket information can be found at [www.slvfd.com](http://www.slvfd.com). Sponsored by Bayside Toyota.

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Thursday, September 8 (7:30 p.m.)

**Bay Breeze Concert Series – The Dixie Power Trio**

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • [www.cbrm.org](http://www.cbrm.org)

Look forward to an evening of authentic New Orleans jazz and original compositions with the Dixie Power Trio. A variety of instruments and six talented musicians will make you a fan. All concerts are outdoors on the museum porch starting at 7:30 p.m. and free. This series of concerts is made possible with the cooperation of the Calvert County Commissioners and the financial assistance from HELP Associates, Inc., the Town of Chesapeake Beach and generous memberships.

Saturday, September 10 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

**Fossil Field Experience**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

This program is designed for adults and children eight and older who want to learn more about fossils, where to find them, how to identify them and what they tell us about the past. Space is limited and registration is required.

Saturday, September 10 (Noon-6 p.m.)

**Bay Harvestfest**

5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

410-257-9618 • [www.ci.north-beach.md.us](http://www.ci.north-beach.md.us)

The first annual Bay Harvestfest event will be a combination of craft vendors with local farmers. For additional information or to apply to participate please contact North Beach Town Hall by calling 410-257-9618 or emailing [northbeach@northbeachmd.org](mailto:northbeach@northbeachmd.org).

Saturday, September 10 (12:30-3:30 p.m.)

**Guided Canoe Trip**

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warriors Rest Sanctuary, 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • [www.aclt.org](http://www.aclt.org)

Reservations are required; call 410-414-3400 or email [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org) for more information. Please note that canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours (frequently against wind and tides), and may require participants to help carry a canoe for up to one-quarter mile over sand to access the creek.

Friday, September 16 (7 p.m.)

**Campfire on the Beach**

5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

301-855-6681 • 410-257-9618 • [www.ci.north-beach.md.us](http://www.ci.north-beach.md.us)

Come to the beach for a campfire while we roast marshmallows and tell children's stories.

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Saturday, September 17 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

### **Girl Scout Archaeology Day**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Explore interactive exhibits, tour the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, and spend time with professional archaeologists learning how they use artifacts to solve history's mysteries. Advance registration required.

Saturday-Sunday, September 17-18 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

### **Maryland Lighthouse Challenge**

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • [www.calvertmarinemuseum.com](http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com)

Join the Chesapeake Chapter and the lighthouse organizations of Maryland as they host this educational and fun-filled weekend celebrating the lighthouses of Maryland. Tour any number of the lighthouse attractions along the challenge route (Turkey Point, Concord Point, the Lightship Chesapeake, Seven Foot Knoll, Hooper Strait, Drum Point, Cove Point, Point Lookout, Piney Point and Fort Washington) and receive a special souvenir at each, with a specially designed "completer" souvenir for those who visit all! For more information visit [www.cheslights.org](http://www.cheslights.org) or contact Karen Rosage at [challenge@cheslights.org](mailto:challenge@cheslights.org) or 410-437-0741.

Saturday-Sunday, September 17-18 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

### **Artsfest**

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)

Recognized as one of the top outdoor arts festivals in the mid-Atlantic, Artsfest brings together some of the country's most accomplished artists for a weekend of art, music, food and fine brews at the Garden. Music and entertainment and an outstanding array of food and drink for every palate will be available.

Sunday, September 18 (Noon)

### **Calvert County Watermen's Festival**

Waterman's Wharf, Solomons

410-326-3929 • [www.calvertwatermen.org](http://www.calvertwatermen.org)

Best known for the boat-docking contest where work boats and charter boats compete for cash, prizes and trophies. Beer, food and soft drink sales and exhibits will also be available. Live entertainment provided by Deanna Dove, the Island Girl.

Saturday, September 24 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

### **War of 1812**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Discover and experience the site of Maryland's largest naval engagement. All ages will enjoy this living history event with American and "British" reenactors demonstrating battle reenactments and camp life. Historic craft demonstrations and hands-on activities.

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Saturday, September 24 (6-10 p.m.)

**Tavern Night**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8601 • [www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

Huzzah! Celebrate the “high spirits” of 1812 as you unwind in our version of an 1800s tavern.

Games, song and lively entertainment; food and beverage available for purchase. For information call 410-586-8515.

Friday-Saturday, September 24-25

**Solomons Offshore Grand Prix**

Solomons Riverwalk, Glascock Field, Solomons

[www.solomonsrace.com](http://www.solomonsrace.com)

Offshore racing fans can look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Solomons Offshore Grand Prix sponsored by Bayside Chevrolet-Toyota. Spectators will get a firsthand look at the boats as they tour the pits on Friday. Up to 50 boats will compete in this amazing race with trials on Saturday, September 24. Race will occur on Sunday, September 25, and can be viewed from Solomons Riverwalk.

Wednesday-Sunday, September 28-October 2

**Calvert County Fair**

Calvert County Fairgrounds

140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick

410-535-0026 • 410-286-0877 • [www.calvertcountyfair.com](http://www.calvertcountyfair.com)

Calvert County’s long agricultural heritage and history is celebrated each year with an old-fashioned county fair complete with farm animals, displays, demonstrations and delicious Southern Maryland cooking.

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](mailto:info@ecalvert.com), or visit online at [www.ecalvert.com](http://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.*