

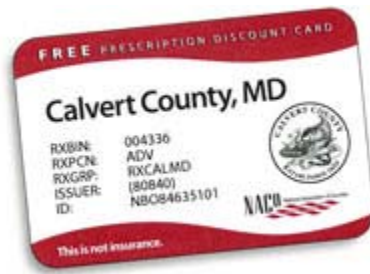


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*In hard economic times, any way to save money is welcomed. Calvert County's prescription drug discount program is doing just that for many residents. Read on to learn more. Another way to save is through the upcoming animal license amnesty week. In this issue of **Calvert Currents** we also offer ways to serve your community through county advisory committees and recognize some award-winning work. Thanks for reading.*



\$6,300 and Counting

Prescription Drug Discount Program Reaps Savings

During the first three months since the introduction of Calvert County's free prescription drug discount program, county residents filled 463 prescriptions at discounts averaging nearly 22 percent (\$13.64 per prescription), for a total savings of more than \$6,300.

Calvert County launched the program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage and are accepted at all of the county's pharmacies. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also honors the card.

Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to use the card. Even residents who have insurance coverage can use the card when their plan does not cover a particular drug. The card also covers pet medications available at participating pharmacies.

Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their

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Economic Development Department Wins National Awards

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development received several awards for its literature and promotions from the Northeastern

prescriptions are not covered by insurance. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use.

There is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Calvert County to make these money-saving cards available to our residents.

Cards are available at all Calvert County libraries, senior centers, the Health Department and the Calvert County Department of Community Resources, located at 30 Duke Street in Prince Frederick. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit www.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program. [Click here for a fact sheet](#) on the prescription drug discount card.

County Offers Animal License Amnesty Week

Reduced-cost Licenses Available One Week Only

For one week the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Unit will be offering reduced-cost animal licenses to county residents. By having their pet registered, owners increase the probability that the animal will be returned to them if lost, rather than taken to the Tri-County Animal Shelter.

The amnesty will take place November 30 through December 6 at the following locations:



Calvert County Sheriff's Office

Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 through Sunday, December 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

North Beach Volunteer Fire Department

Monday, November 30, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department

Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Solomons Volunteer Fire Department

Thursday, December 3, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For amnesty week, spayed or neutered pet licenses are \$3 (regularly \$7) and non-spayed and non-neutered pet licenses are \$10 (regularly \$20). Residents need to bring cash or check and a copy of their pet's current rabies certification. These reduced rates are only applicable at the listed locations and only during amnesty week.

Copies of the county Animal Control Ordinance will be available for residents and is also [viewable online here](#).

County Advisory Committees Provide Ways to Serve Your Community

Economic Developers Association (NEDA).

The county received commendations for the Calvert County Visitor Guide and Calendar of Events, the Patuxent Wine Trail ad campaign, the Patuxent Wine Trail brochure, the Calvert Prospector Web site, the ecalvert.com home page and the county's collectible coin.

For more information on the Department of Economic Development 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 ecalvert.com.

What's Happening in Calvert County

November 29

Christmas Lights:
Brightest Beacon
on the Bay

*Town of Chesapeake
Beach*

December 4 through January 2

Garden in Lights
*Annmarie Garden
Sculpture Park and
Arts Center*

December 5

Christmas
Marketplace
*Chesapeake Beach
Town Hall*

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants for a variety of local advisory committees. If you have expertise or an interest in any of the areas covered by the committees listed below, please consider applying.

Committee membership is open to residents who are registered voters in Calvert County. Applications may be obtained from the Commissioners' Office (175 Main Street, Room 205, Prince Frederick, MD), any Calvert County Public Library branch, or [online here](#). If you have any questions, call 410-535-1600, extension 2214 or 301-855-1243, extension 2214.

Adult Guardianship Review Board: Two vacancies; ONLY physicians and individuals with a physical disability should apply

Agriculture Commission: Three vacancies; residents of District 2 should apply

Agriculture Preservation Advisory Board: One vacancy

Agriculture Preservation Advisory Committee: Three vacancies

Board of Library Trustees: One vacancy

Calvert County Family Network Board of Directors: Two vacancies

Calvert Housing Opportunities Committee: Two vacancies; ONLY members of the banking community and homeless services organizations should apply

Commission for Women: One vacancy

Common Ownership Infrastructure Advisory Committee: Two vacancies; citizens residing in private or commonly owned communities in District 2 or 3 should apply

Environmental Commission: Two vacancies

Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees: One vacancy; residents with expertise in funding retiree health benefits or investing pension fund assets should apply

Owings Architectural Review Committee: One vacancy; residents and business owners should apply

Prince Frederick Architectural Review Committee: One vacancy; business owners should apply.

Social Services Advisory Board: One vacancy

Tri-County Youth Services Bureau Board of Directors: Two vacancies; citizens, as well as members of law enforcement, the Department of Social Services, the Health Department, or the educational system should apply

Solomons Town Center Master Plan Wins Statewide Award

The Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) has selected the Solomons Town Center Master Plan as co-winner of its

December 5
Christmas on the
Beach and Holiday
Parade
Town of North Beach

December 6
Annual Christmas
Parade
*Fox Run Shopping
Center, Prince
Frederick*

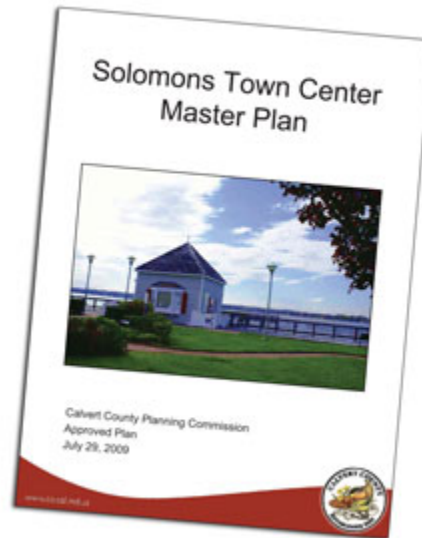
Visit the [events calendar](#) to learn more.



We want to hear from you. [Click here](#) to e-mail your feedback.

Outstanding Plan Award. The Garrett County Master Plan shares the honor, which was presented at the Maryland APA award ceremony in Annapolis on November 4.

Conducted every two years, the Maryland APA awards recognize plans, projects and individuals contributing to the improvement of the quality of life for Marylanders. The Solomons Town Center Master Plan award was in the category of outstanding plan in jurisdictions with populations of less than 100,000 residents. The award was presented to the Calvert County Planning Commission and staff. The planning commission and the board of county commissioners extend a special thanks to the citizens of Solomons for their work on the plan.



At the awards ceremony, the Maryland APA also honored Jenny Plummer-Welker, principal planner with the Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, for outstanding service to the chapter. Plummer-Welker is a past president of the Maryland APA.

Congratulations to all those who were involved in crafting the Solomons Town Center Master Plan.

More information about the Maryland APA is [available on the Web](#). Learn more about the [Calvert County Planning Commission here](#). For details on the Solomons Town Center Master Plan, [click here](#).

The days may be shorter as we head into winter, but there is no shortage of fun and interesting things to do in Calvert County. Check out our online events calendar for a full listing of events right here in your community. Also, if you have questions or ideas for future issues of **Calvert Currents**, please let us know.

Sincerely,
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 Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark, Vice President
 Linda L. Kelley
 Susan Shaw
 Barbara A. Stinnett
 Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

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