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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week...

WEDNESDAY, November 30

- *Painting the Town for the Holidays*



The spirit of the season is invading Downtown Suffolk with the help of students from Suffolk Public Schools. They will provide holiday cheer while showing off their artistic talents on November 30th. That's when local businesses will have their windows transformed into wonderful winter holiday scenes. Painting the Town for the Holidays is an annual Suffolk event. This marks the 11th year that the Downtown Business Association has sponsored the event and partnered with Suffolk Public Schools and the City of Suffolk.

This holiday tradition brings a festive touch to downtown Suffolk and makes the season bright for all employees and shoppers. The theme this year is "A Storybook Holiday". More than 55 students from City elementary, middle and high schools will show off their talents. The participating businesses are:

Suffolk News-Herald, 130 S. Saratoga Street

Sun Trust Bank, 123 N. Main Street

BB&T, Corner Washington & N. Main Street

Wells Fargo, Corner Market and N. Main Street

Bank of America, 210 W. Washington Street

Select Source, 127 E. Washington Street

The kids will begin their work around 9 a.m. and should finish by 11:45 a.m.

FRIDAY, December 2 – SUNDAY, December 4

- *“A Storybook Holiday” Open House*



Downtown Suffolk’s merchants, restaurants, galleries, museums and venues, have joined together to present “A Storybook Holiday” Open House, December 2 - 4.

Throughout downtown, shoppers will find discounts and holiday specials, complimentary refreshments, live entertainment, crafts, dining incentives, workshops, afternoon tea, visits with Santa and more! A part of Suffolk’s “shop, dine and play locally” initiative, the

Downtown Suffolk Holiday Open House encourages residents and visitors to support owner-operated business, as well as the arts and culture community. Participants include Amici’s Italian Restaurant, Cordially Invited, Embroidery Etc., Grits & Gravy, Jester’s, Mosaic by Holland’s, outRAGEous Tea Room, Primo 116 Bistro Italiano, Richardson & Nash Clothiers, Riddick’s Folly House Museum, Seaboard Station Railroad Museum, Shooting Star Gallery, Suffolk Art Gallery, Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, Suffolk Tire & Auto, Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society, Suffolk Visitor Center & Gift Shop, The Plaid Turnip and UniquelyLeo’s. A free trolley will loop through

downtown, shuttling shoppers and diners on Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.–7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. A downloadable event brochure is available on line at Suffolk-Fun.com. For more information, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 or email VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us.

SATURDAY, December 3, 2011- SUNDAY, December 4, 2011

• *Nansemond Suffolk Historical Society Candlelight Tour*



The Society's popular Candlelight Tour returns this year with a wide variety of featured sites in the downtown area. Included in the tour will be three homes in College Court, the Obici Healthcare Foundation, the Phillips-Dawson House, Riddick's Folly, and Suffolk Seaboard Station Railroad Museum. In addition, First Baptist Church, Main Street United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Suffolk Christian Church will open their doors to visitors. This year's tour will take place on December 3 and 4, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. The churches will be open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm each day.

Adult tickets are \$15.00 each and may be purchased at the Train Station and the Tourism Office on North Main Street, and at A. Dodson's, 2948 Bridge Road in northern Suffolk. Children's tickets (under 12) are \$5.00 each. Many downtown restaurants will be open at special hours and offer special prices. Don't miss this highlight of Suffolk's holiday season!

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