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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Week...

**SATURDAY, December 10 – SUNDAY, December 18**

- *First Annual Neighborhood Decorating Contest*



Do your outdoor Christmas displays rival those in a movie? The City of Suffolk has you in mind as it sponsors the First Annual Neighborhood Decorating Contest. Get in the holiday spirit and channel your inner Clark Griswold as you proudly show us what your neighborhood can do. Want your own house to

be in the running? A separate "People's Choice" contest will allow you to enter your house as a single entry. Decorate it with as much pizzazz and color as possible. Incorporate as many twinkling lights as your house (and electric bill) can handle, as you illustrate our 2011 Holiday Theme, Light Up The Night with Holiday Spirit. If your entry makes the Top 20, your entry will be placed online for city-wide voting.

Individual entries are due on December 10; neighborhood entries are due on December 14. Judging will take place on Friday, December 16 to determine the Best in the Borough, as well as Top 20 for People's Choice. Online voting will commence December 15-18.

For more information visit <http://www.suffolkva.us/holidays/decorating-contest.html> or call Dawn Evans at 757-514-4000.

## **SATURDAY, December 10**

- *2011 Lunch with Santa*

Have you been naughty or nice this year? Only Santa knows! So join him for lunch while enjoying entertainment, games, arts and crafts, food, a moon walk, popcorn, cotton candy and more! The cost for adults who plan to eat is \$5. Children must bring an unwrapped toy. Registration deadline is December 3rd but space is limited so be sure to sign up soon! For more information, contact Lee Wilson at (757) 514-4500.



- *2011 Downtown Holiday Parade*



The City of Suffolk is pleased to announce the 2011 Downtown Holiday Parade will take place Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The last evening parade in Suffolk was held in 2005 and was considered a resounding success by the nearly 3,500 spectators who enjoyed the celebration.

Along with the time change, we have selected a parade route that encompasses most of historic downtown and provides for limited disruption to vehicular traffic. The staging area, where floats, marching bands,

cars, and dancers set up, will be established along Western Avenue extending from the U.S. Post Office into the Riverview Neighborhood, and may include parts of North Broad Street and surrounding access points. Groups taking part in the holiday parade include motorized units, equestrian units, marching units, floats and marching bands. Santa will join the parade to the delight of everyone! The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Lori Carter at 514-7267 or visit our website at <http://www.suffolkva.us/holidays/holiday-parade>

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