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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25

Suffolk City Offices Closed – Christmas Holiday



In observance of Christmas, Suffolk City offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Offices will reopen for normal operations on Thursday, December 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The City observes all State-designated holidays. Christmas Eve and Christmas are considered holidays for the Commonwealth of Virginia and all State offices are closed on these days.

For the period of December 25 through December 28, **trash collection** will run on a one-day delay with Wednesday's route picked up on Thursday, Thursday's route on Friday, and Friday's route on Saturday. **TFC Recycling** will also follow the holiday schedule with a one-day delay schedule for the period of December 25 through December 28. **Businesses located in the Downtown Business Overlay District (DBOD) will remain on a regular schedule and will have their collection days run on Tuesday and Friday.** The Suffolk Public Works Department reminds you that trash must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of collection. For more information on refuse collection, please call Public Works at 514-7630.

From December 26, 2019 through January 7, 2020, the Suffolk Department of Public Works Refuse Division will collect all Christmas trees and boxes as a special collection. During this time, Christmas trees and boxes will not be counted towards the 12 free special collections. Any Christmas trees put out for collection after January 7, 2020 will be picked up but will count as a special collection. The trees and boxes will need to be placed at the curb the same day as the residence's regular collection. The trees do not have to be secured and the boxes do not have to be collapsed.

Friday, December 27

Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour

See Suffolk through the eyes of years gone by. Suffolk's rich heritage dates back to the early 17th century when Captain John Smith first encountered the Nansemond Indians on the Nansemond River. Guided by a Suffolk historian, you meet the people and places that made Suffolk the City it is today. Highlights of this windshield tour include Cedar Hill Cemetery, Riddick's Folly House Museum, Constant's Wharf, College Court and Suffolk's historic Lakeside neighborhood. This tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, conveniently located at 524 North Main Street, and is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for each tour are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors (60+), military and children ages 9 to 12. For more information, call 757.514.4130.

Friday, December 27

Cedar Hill Cemetery Stroll

An official Virginia Civil War Trail site, Cedar Hill Cemetery has long been an attraction for history buffs and even walking groups. The Suffolk Division of Tourism offers a guided stroll through the serene 32-acre cemetery, rich in history and natural beauty. The 90-minute daytime tour will offer unique insights into Suffolk's heritage as tour goers traverse the cedar-lined terrain dotted with timeworn headstones. The tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center and is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Special rates are available for groups of 12 or more. Cost is \$7 adults; \$5 seniors (60+), military. Not recommended for children under 12. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, December 28

Great Dismal Swamp Safari – Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

The Great Dismal Swamp is anything but dismal. The narrated *Swamp Safari*, one of Suffolk's most popular attractions, fills up quickly. This four-hour tour, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is led by a biologist specializing in the unique habitat of the Great Dismal. Learn about the history, lore, vegetation and wildlife with this adventure that includes a brief walk to Lake Drummond. Sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. A small snack and beverage is provided. This tour is not recommended for very small children. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot. Cost is \$10 adults; \$8 seniors (60+), military, and children ages 3 to 12.

There are more interesting and exciting events happening in the City of Suffolk!

See what Suffolk Parks & Recreation has to offer! Visit www.SuffolkVa.us/parks. For a complete listing of Suffolk Public Library events, visit www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com. For a complete listing of Suffolk Tourism events, visit www.VisitSuffolkva.com. To view other City events, visit www.SuffolkVa.us/calendar.aspx.

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