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### **2016 TASTE OF SUFFOLK DOWNTOWN STREET FESTIVAL**

SUFFOLK, VA (August 30, 2016) Want to sample great food, enjoy fabulous entertainment, and experience fun activities for children all within walking distance of each other? Take a bite out of the annual Taste of Suffolk Downtown Street Festival on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Suffolk's historic downtown.

The Taste of Suffolk is in its tenth year having attracted residents, as well as visitors, from all over Hampton Roads. The event site will stretch down Main Street starting from Finney Avenue and cover Washington Street from Commerce Street to Saratoga Street. The Taste of Suffolk will feature some of Suffolk's best eateries offering a limited menu of their best cuisine offerings. Participating restaurants include: Suffolk BBQ, Al Forno, Planter's Peanut Store, Derl'z, Plaid Turnip, East Coast Taco, Baron's Pub, Harper's Table, Un'Corkd, Rajput, Totoy's Filipino Store, Plaza Azteca, That Good BBQ, Bog D's Shaved Ice, Mosaic's and featuring the new restaurant at the Suffolk Executive Airport, the Cock Pit. These restaurants will be offering their items at minimal pricing, allowing event attendees to try food from some of Suffolk's best eateries.

Merchandise vendors will be on site displaying a variety of goods and services featuring everything from home improvement items to handmade fabric pieces to decorative items. The Suffolk Master Gardeners are hosting live plant sales showcasing a variety of flora and fauna. There will also be a new car exhibition with local Suffolk dealerships. Washington Street will host the Children's Area featuring bounce houses, crafts, face painting, amusements and more for children of all ages. A petting zoo will be at the Obici-Oderzo Fountain area located beside the Mills Godwin Courthouse from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's festival will feature live musical entertainment on the Main Street stage beginning at 11 a.m.:

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| 11 a.m.    | TBD             |
| 12:30 p.m. | Wesley Spangler |
| 3 p.m.     | Joe Gosman Band |

The Market Street Stage will host the famous Buffalo Wild Wings Wing Eating contests for adults, which will be held throughout the day. Interested contestants can sign up on the day of the event at the contest tent. Also new this year is a showcase featuring craft brews from local and statewide breweries. Everyone is sure to find something to enjoy at this year's Taste of Suffolk.

Free parking is available all through downtown: Cherry Street parking lot located off of Saratoga Street, the Saratoga Street parking lot, First Baptist Parking Lot, Godwin Courts Building parking lot, Market Park parking lot and the Prentis Street Parking lot. There is no shuttle service for this event. The following roads will be closed for the festival beginning at 6 a.m.: Finney Avenue and North Main Street down to Fayette Street, Oakdale Terrace, Freemason Street and Finney Avenue, Washington Street from Commerce Street to Saratoga Street and Bank Street at Commerce Street. The roads will reopen at 8 p.m.

Taste of Suffolk is hosted by Suffolk Parks & Recreation and sponsored by the Suffolk Economic Development Authority, Blair Brothers and TowneBank. Organizers would like to thank First Baptist Church and Suffolk Tourism for their continued support of Parks & Recreation.

For more event information, contact Emily Upton, Special Events Coordinator, at 757-514-7250 or [eupton@suffolkva.us](mailto:eupton@suffolkva.us).

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