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CITY OFFICES NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

SUFFOLK, VA (December 26, 2013) In observance of the New Year's holiday, Suffolk City offices will be closed from Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 12 p.m. through Wednesday, January 1, 2014. Normal operations will resume Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. The City observes all state-designated holidays. The New Year's holiday is considered a holiday for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and all state offices are closed on these days.

The **Suffolk Tourism Visitor Center** will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, through Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The Visitor Center will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 9 a.m.

All **Suffolk City Libraries** will be closed from Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 12 p.m. through Wednesday, January 1, 2014. All Library Branches reopen at their normal times on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

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The **Suffolk Art Gallery** will be closed Saturday, December 21, 2013, through Monday, January 6, 2014. "Suffolk Faces," an exhibit featuring photography from Glen McClure, will be on display from January 7 through January 25, 2014.

All **Suffolk Joint Use Recreation Centers (Mack Benn, Booker T. Washington, Creekside, Northern Shores, and Oakland)** will be open for youth basketball practices ONLY on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 and will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The **East Suffolk Recreation Center** will close at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 and remain closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The **Suffolk Parks & Recreation Administration Office** will be closed from Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 12 p.m. through Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014. **Suffolk's four major parks** – Lone Star Lakes, Constant's Wharf, Sleepy Hole, and Bennett's Creek will remain open during the holiday; however, no park attendant will be on duty.

The **Suffolk Executive Airport terminal** will close on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 12 p.m. and reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014. The Airport will remain open to aviation traffic.

Trash normally scheduled for pickup on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 will be collected on Thursday, January 2. Trash normally scheduled for pickup on Thursday, January 2 will be picked up on Friday, January 3. Trash normally scheduled for pickup on Friday, January 3 will be picked up on Saturday, January 4. **TFC Recycling** will also follow the holiday schedule with a one day delay on normally scheduled routes. **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.

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From December 26, 2013 through January 8, 2014, the Suffolk Department of Public Works Refuse Division will collect all Christmas trees and boxes as a special collection. During these two weeks, Christmas trees and boxes will not be counted towards the 12 free special collections. Any Christmas trees put out for collection after January 8, 2014 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.

The **Southeastern Public Safety Authority (SPSA) Transfer Station in Suffolk** will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014, and will resume regular operating hours on Thursday, January 2. The **Regional Landfill** will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The landfill will resume regular operating hours on Thursday, January 2. Additionally, the Regional Landfill will be closed on Saturday, January 4 and the Suffolk Transfer Station will be open from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until the City of Suffolk finishes refuse collection) on Saturday, January 4.

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