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What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend ...

Friday, November 18

Suffolk Grand Illumination



The 2016 Holiday Season officially begins in Suffolk on Friday, November 18th at 6 p.m. with the City's Grand Illumination Ceremony at Market Park, located at 326 North Main Street in Downtown Suffolk.

Watch the 32-foot tree light up when the switch is flipped to illuminate Suffolk for the holiday season. Be there as Santa arrives in style and enjoy seasonal music, family friendly holiday themed activities, horse-drawn carriage rides for purchase, puppet shows and more! Be sure to bring along your camera to capture your children's smiling faces as they whisper their Christmas wishes to Santa Claus. Stick around to purchase tasty treats from the Stillwater House Tea Room as your children decorate their letter to Santa and visit the local Suffolk Seaboard Station Railroad Museum.

All activities are open until 8 p.m. Parking will be available at the Suffolk Visitor Center at 524 North Main Street and free shuttle service will run from the Godwin Courts Building parking lot from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 757.514.7267.

Saturday, November 19

Suffolk Farmers' Market



Don't miss your final opportunity to take advantage of the fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, meats and eggs, jellies, jams, honey, pickles and handmade crafts – perfect for the Thanksgiving table and holiday gift-giving. The Suffolk Farmer's Market will make its final appearance for the 2016 season on Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Market is conveniently located at the corner of West Constance Road and North Main Street directly behind the Suffolk Visitor Center. For more information, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 or VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us.

Saturday, November 19

Great Dismal Swamp Guided Nature Walk



“Swamped and Loving It!” Meet the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in a new way – up close and personal! On Saturday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., enjoy a biologist-led nature walk at the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge – Washington Ditch, off of White Marsh Road, as you learn about the flora, fauna, wildlife and history that abound in the 111,000-acre wilderness. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for seniors (60+), military, and children ages 3 to 12. Reservations are required and cancellations are expected no less than 48 hours prior to scheduled tour. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, November 19

BARKS (Books and Reading for Kids in Suffolk)



The Suffolk Humane Society has brought their therapy dogs and they want to hear you read! Children in grades K-5 will get a chance to practice their reading skills and to meet all types and sizes of our furry canine friends! Join us on Saturday, November 19th from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road; registration is required. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Saturday, November 19

International Games Day



Come celebrate International Games Day on Saturday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street or the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. Make a Mancala board, play life sized games and more! For more information, call 757.514.7323.

November 19 – December 11

Suffolk Art League Annual Juried Exhibition



The Suffolk Art League's 2016 Annual Juried Show will take place November 19th through December 11th at the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. This Juried Exhibition is open to all visual artists working in any medium and features approximately 100 works of art by artists from the Hampton Roads region and beyond. For more information, call 757.925.0448.

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