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### **Suffolk Holiday Parade This Saturday**

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (December 2, 2010) - Suffolk is ready to “shine” for the City’s annual Holiday Parade. The festivities will kick off Saturday, December 4th at 10 a.m. rain or shine.

The parade’s Grand Marshal is the Lakeland High School Group AAA State Champion Girls Field Hockey Team. The parade theme is “A Musical Holiday”, and WAVY-TV 10 anchor Cheryl Tan is the guest emcee.

The parade follows the “traditional” route, starting at the corner of West Washington Street and South Broad Street. Parade participants will go down West Washington, turning left onto North Main Street and ending at West Finney Avenue.

Groups taking part in the holiday parade include motorized units, equestrian units, marching units, floats and marching bands. In fact, all three Suffolk high school bands are in the parade. And last, but certainly not least, Santa will join the parade to the delight of everyone. The event is free and open to the public.

To add to the holiday cheer after the parade finale, the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, located at the end of the parade route at 110 West Finney Avenue, also has a full day of events planned, including the family favorite Sugar Plum Tea at 1:30 p.m. This is a delightful afternoon affair with friends and family, as well as members of “The Nutcracker” cast, where children will walk through the Enchanted Forest, enjoy

delicious treats, and create a holiday keepsake. The cost for this event is \$15.00 per child.

Following the Sugar Plum Tea, Ballet Virginia International will delight guests at 3:00 p.m. with a magical performance of "The Nutcracker", which has been slightly abbreviated for family enjoyment. Tickets for this event are \$25.00 for adults, and \$15.00 for children.

Mosaic Cafe will be open for lunch and dinner, and Jester's Gallery Shop is having their open house on Saturday, as well. For more information regarding events at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, call 923-0003.

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