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2013 TASTE OF SUFFOLK STREET FESTIVAL

SUFFOLK, VA (August 30, 2013) Prepare your taste buds for great food, fabulous entertainment, and plenty of fun as the 2013 Taste of Suffolk Street Festival returns to Main Street in downtown Suffolk on Saturday, September 14, 2013, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Celebrating its seventh year, Taste of Suffolk never fails to attract hundreds of resident and visiting foodies from all over Hampton Roads. The Main Street festival will stretch from Finney Avenue to Washington Street and offer plenty of free parking. Vendors will line Main Street with a variety of goods and services, while many of Suffolk's best restaurants present their most delectable delights. Visitors will enjoy great food and shopping while rocking to the beat of all day entertainment that is sure to get everyone on their feet.

Taste of Suffolk will feature some of Suffolk's best eateries offering a limited menu of their best cuisine offerings. Items will be offered at minimal pricing, allowing event attendees to sample what multiple eateries have to offer.

Participating restaurants include:

- Al Forno Pizzeria
- N' Dulge Eclectic Cuisine
- Madagan's
- Ricky & Roy's
- Jammin' Jerk BBQ
- Coldstone Creamery
- The Broken Egg Bistro
- Mosaic
- The Catering Place
- Suffolk BBQ Company
- C3Vino
- The American Grill
- Jo's Place
- Altitudes
- Plaid Turnip
- Baron's Pub
- Harper's Table
- Simply Susan's Bakery and Cafe.

A variety of entertainment is scheduled throughout the day on three stages located at Washington Street, Market Street, and Finney Avenue.

Finney Avenue Stage Schedule

11:15 a.m. Peanut City Cloggers

- 12 p.m. PFCWWM Fellowship Choir
- 12:45 p.m. Haley Oxtan
- 1:30 p.m. East Suffolk Steppers
- 2:15 p.m. Dynamic Movement
- 3 p.m. Various Performances

Washington Street Stage

- 12:45 p.m. Snackbar Jones
- 2:30 p.m. USAF Heritage of America- Blue Aces
- 4 p.m. Touch of Spice

A children's area located in the First Baptist Church parking lot on Main Street will offer bounce houses, clowns and face painters, a rock climbing wall, trackless train ride, bubble activities and a recycled craft activity sponsored by the Scrap Exchange. Costume characters will stroll throughout the site during the day and a petting zoo will be found at the Ordezo Fountain area, located beside the Courthouse, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For the more adventurous attendees, various food related contests will be held throughout the day at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. on the Market Street Stage. Contests include the ever-popular hot pepper eating contest and more. Those who are interested in participating in the adult eating contests can sign up at the Information Tent. The children's area will also have contests. Those interested in participating in the children's contests can sign up at the Children's Area Information Tent. For contest times and further information, call Jason Pittman at 757-514-7268.

Members of HeART and Soul will also participate in Taste of Suffolk with a community art project which honors 100 years of Planters Peanuts in Suffolk. Attendees are encouraged to make spirit flags to honor “king peanut”. Flags will be exhibited at Peanut Fest as well as the Suffolk Art Gallery. For more information, call the Suffolk Art Gallery at 757-514-7284.

Plenty of free parking can be found at the Cherry Street parking lot located off of Saratoga Street, the Saratoga Street Parking lot, Godwin Courts Building parking lot, Market Park parking lot and the Prentis Street Parking lot. Shuttles for parking will not be available. The following roads will be closed from 5:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 14th:

- Finney Avenue and North Main Street
- Oakdale Terrace
- Freemason Street and Finney Avenue
- Market Street at Washington Street
- Bank Street at Commerce Street

Taste of Suffolk is sponsored by Suffolk Economic Development Authority, Suffolk Parks & Recreation, Monarch Bank & Mortgage, and Pender & Coward. Organizers would like to thank First Baptist Church, Suffolk Christian Church, and the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, and Suffolk Art League.

For more information, visit www.suffolkva.us/TasteofSuffolk.

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