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What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend...

SATURDAY, October 8

- *Legends of Main Street: A Suffolk Ghost Walk*



Whispers of legends and lore lurk in the autumn shadows of downtown Suffolk's historic Main Street as *Legends of Main Street: A Suffolk Ghost Walk* gets underway. Suffolk Tourism successfully introduced this 90-minute guided walking tour in the fall of 2010 and has increased the tour dates for 2011 based on an overwhelming response from the public. The Suffolk ghost walk season kicks off 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8, with a Ghost Walk departing from the Suffolk Visitor Center located inside the historic Nansemond County Courthouse at 524 North Main Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. This evening stroll offers a look into the persistent, sometimes eerie, occurrences of Suffolk's Main Street and beyond and is not recommended for the very young or the faint of heart. Reservations are required for all Ghost Walks as space is limited. Contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your supernatural adventure today!

- *Suffolk Farmer's Market*

Launched in 2005, the Suffolk Farmers' Market is an open-air gathering place offering fresh, locally-grown foods, value-added products and crafts. Held beneath brightly striped tents at "Market Park" (the mini-park next to the Seaboard Station Railroad Museum at 326 North Main Street), the Market will operate rain or shine on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. through the fall. The



Market and all associated activities are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130, or visit Suffolk-Fun.com.

FRIDAY, October 7 through SUNDAY, October 9

- *34th Annual Suffolk Peanut Festival*



This year marks the 34th anniversary of Suffolk's premier festival. This family-friendly event honors the city's agriculture heritage and devotion to peanuts.

Known for its fun family activities, Suffolk Peanut Fest offers concerts, amusement rides, contests and competitions, a demolition derby, a truck and tractor pull, motorcycle rally, fireworks and much more. Combine all of these great activities with local and national entertainment and you have a weekend full of good times!

The Suffolk Peanut Fest plays host to as many as 200,000 visitors over four days, attracting folks from as far north as Canada, stretching down the east coast and to the mid-west. With something for everyone, Suffolk Peanut Fest is the ideal event to create new memories and family traditions. For more information, visit www.suffolkfest.org

SUNDAY, October 9

- *Suffolk Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally*



The Suffolk Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally will make its tenth annual 80-mile lap around the perimeter of the Great Dismal Swamp on Sunday, October 9. If past rides are any indicator, Suffolk Tourism expects approximately 900 motorcycle enthusiasts to join the celebration—a decade in the making. Staging of bikes begins at 9:00 a.m. with a send-off at 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$20 per participant and includes the official ride T-shirt and V.I.P. Reception following the ride. Pre-registration is encouraged but on-site registrants are gladly accepted. Additional shirts, lapel pins and Swamp Roar merchandise will be available for purchase during the V.I.P. Reception. Since its beginning, the Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally has increased awareness of the Great Dismal's fragile eco-system and helped to fund nature-based tourism and interpretative programs such as the award-winning Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival.

The Tenth Annual Suffolk Swamp Roar is sponsored by Suffolk Festivals, Inc., All Out Cycles, Budweiser, R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home and Crematory and the Suffolk Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Downloadable registration forms are available on line at Suffolk-Fun.com. For more information, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 or email

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MONDAY, October 10

In observance of Columbus Day, Suffolk City offices will be closed Monday, October 10, 2011. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, October 11, at 8:30 a.m. The City observes all state-designated holidays. Columbus Day is considered a holiday for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and all state offices are closed on these days.

All **Suffolk City libraries** are closed Monday, October 10, and will reopen on Tuesday, October 11, at 9 a.m. The City's **Tourism Visitor Center** will remain open on Monday, October 10th. The **Suffolk Art Gallery** will be closed Monday, October 10, and will reopen on Tuesday, October 11, at 10 a.m.

All Suffolk **Recreation Centers** will be open on their regular schedule Monday, October 10 except for **East Suffolk Recreation Center**. East Suffolk Recreation will reopen Tuesday, October 11 from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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.

Suffolk Public Works Department will **pick up trash as scheduled** next week. Please remember that trash must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the **regular day** of collection. For more information on refuse collection, please call Public Works at 514-7630.

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