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# Peanut Fest '23



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# History of the Suffolk Peanut Festival

As the Suffolk Peanut Festival celebrates its 45th year, the history of the city's celebration of the peanut dates back to the days of World War II.

## The first festival

Suffolk held its first festival celebrating the peanut in January 1941.

The event included a parade, dances and balls and coronation of a queen, according to event history on the Peanut Fest website.

On the morning of the first fete, the Suffolk News-Herald summed up the excitement in town: "Within a few hours, the curtain will rise on Suffolk's annual National Peanut Festival. ... The whole city has been a beehive of activity. Cooperation has been had from every civic group, every private citizen and from the world at large. ... The publicity which has been received already from all over the nation, the fact that Suffolk has united in a single thought for a single purpose and the knowledge that out of the work of a whole community a celebration is rising to do credit to Suffolk and the peanut industry at large."

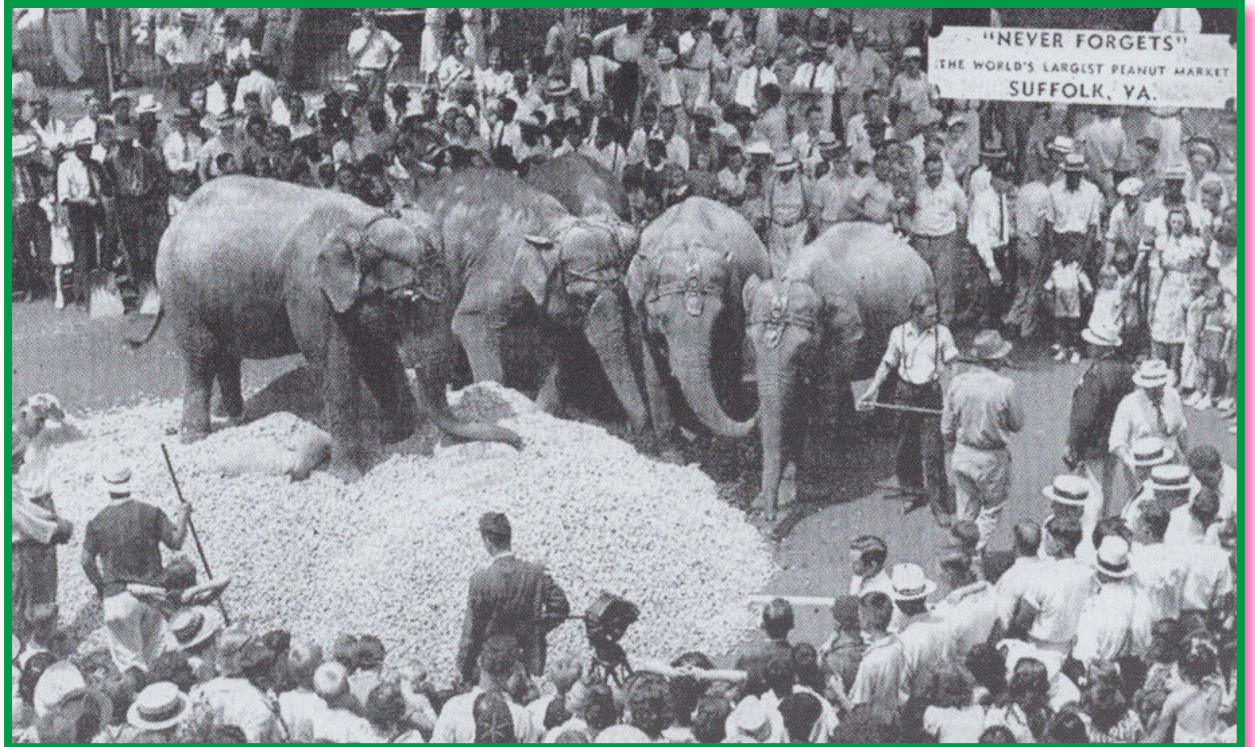
While 10,000 people turned out for the first festival, that number swelled to around 50,000 by the time the event was held again in October 1941.

## Today's festival

The modern predecessor of today's Suffolk Peanut Fest was celebrated in September 1978 in downtown Suffolk. It was called "Harvest Fest" and was produced by the local chamber of commerce.

The event featured a parade, a hot-air balloon event, Carnival, dances, concerts and a festival queen. The festival was a downtown tradition until the event moved to the municipal airport in 1981.

For four days each October, Suffolk Peanut Fest now draws more than 125,000 people and has won the accolades of professional festival organizations and national magazines.



COURTESY OF TOMMY O'CONNOR/"THE SUFFOLK PEANUT FESTIVAL" BY PATRICK EVANS-HYLTON

Peanut Festival Queen Olive Cawley relaxed in a peanut dress, on a pile of peanuts, with a giant papier-mache peanut in this publicity photo.



COURTESY OF LEE AND HENRIETTA KING/"THE SUFFOLK PEANUT FESTIVAL" BY PATRICK EVANS-HYLTON

A 1941 postcard promoted Suffolk as the world's largest peanut market using this promotional photo featuring elephants on loan from Barnum and Bailey's Circus helping themselves to peanuts in the middle of Suffolk's Main Street.



COURTESY OF TOMMY O'CONNOR/"THE SUFFOLK PEANUT FESTIVAL" BY PATRICK EVANS-HYLTON

This peanut Festival parade float from years past incorporated elephants parading across the arch over the giant peanut. Also notice the youngsters inside the giant peanut.



# Mardis Gras fun ahead for 2023 Peanut Fest

From staff reports  
Suffolk News-Herald

As the 45th Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest approaches, residents can prepare for the spirit of Fat Tuesday to take over the city.

This year's theme is "Laissez les bons temps rouler," which translates into Let the Good Times Roll, according to Suffolk Festivals Inc. 2023 event chairman Tiny Andrews.

Activities for Suffolk's premiere festival are slated for Oct. 5-8, at the Suffolk Executive Airport.

Festival goers will enjoy musical acts on the Main Stage from: The Deloreans; Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. and The Legendary IIs Sont Partis Band; American Idol's Dan Marshall; ZZ-KC: The World's Most Authentic ZZ Top Tribute; Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas; Celeste Kellogg; and Nuthin Fancy: The Ultimate Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Band.

The Peanut Stage will showcase performances by Band-it, Suffolk Public Schools' youth musicians; SnackBar Jones; Griffin Lane; Allonge Dance Academy; the Luke Willette Band; Bobby Blackhat; and the Sam Floyd Band.

This year's Peanut Fest is hosting an encore visit by the Tunnel to Towers Foundation's 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit, an 83-foot tractor-trailer that transforms into an 1,100 square-foot exhibit featuring World Trade Center Steel, aluminum façade from the buildings, radio transmissions from first responders, and items found in the rubble after the Twin Towers collapsed, according to a news release.

This unique mobile exhibit serves to honor and preserve the legacies of the first responders who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Traditional festival fun continues with the annual demolition derby, Swamp Roar motorcycle rally, Peanut Cup race, monster truck rides, plus a full carnival complete with amusement rides, games and food. Special features include the world's only peanut butter sculpting competition, Suffolk Ruritan Club Shrimp Feast, fireworks, an imagination station by ArtVentures, clogging jamboree, a touch-a-truck interactive exhibit, straw maze, chalk art contest, petting zoo and pony rides, a cornhole tournament, and

the two Princess Meet and Greet Sing-Alongs, to name a few.

The Kent Family Circus will dazzle families with its circus arts and magic, while JB Rattles will delight festival-goers with a wide variety of reptiles and insects.

Senior Bingo returns to Suffolk Peanut Fest through partnership with Suffolk Parks and Recreation.

Merchants, vendors, crafters and exhibitors will offer their wares and concessions, including beer and wine, throughout the event site.

Peanut Fest tickets are now available for purchase online at

SuffolkPeanutFest.com. General admission is \$10 per person, with children 10 and under free. Carload night is Thursday, Oct. 5, featuring free admission. Purchase up to eight all-you-can-ride wristbands for \$50 total for carload night only.

Kiddie Day is Friday, Oct. 6, with complimentary admission from 10 a.m. until noon, offering a variety of free preschool age activities.

Military Appreciation Day is Sunday, Oct. 8 with half price admission for active, retired military and active first responders. \$30 per person all-you-can-ride wristbands are available for this Sunday. Parking is free.

For more information about Suffolk Peanut Fest and associated concerts, events and activities, log onto SuffolkPeanutFest.com or contact Suffolk Festivals at 757-539-6751.

## Join in the festival

Suffolk Festivals Inc. produces Suffolk Peanut Fest with the support from volunteers, sponsors and various non-profit organizations. Sponsorship, vendor and exhibitor opportunities available.

Festival hours are 4 -10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

Learn more at SuffolkPeanutFest.com, contact Suffolk Festivals at 757-539-6751 or visit the Facebook and Instagram festival pages.



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# Schedule of Events

The festival is open to the public:  
Thursday, Oct. 6, 4-10 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
The schedule of events is subject to change.

## Thursday, October 5

- 4-10 p.m.** — Suffolk Peanut Fest is open to the public. \$10 per person, per entry. Children 10 and under are free.
- 4-10 p.m.** — Peanut Fest Carload Night. Admission and all-you-can-ride wristbands for up to eight people for \$50. Carload wristbands must be purchased onsite at the carnival.
- 4-8 p.m.** — Art Ventures Imagination Station.
- 4-7 p.m.** — Peanut Fest Touch-A-Truck. Children of all ages love to climb on big trucks and other vehicles and get the chance to do so.
- 7-8:30 p.m.** — Band-It on the Peanut Lounge Stage.

## Friday, October 6

- 10 a.m.-10 p.m.** — Suffolk Peanut Fest is open to the public. \$10 per person, per entry. Children 10 and under are free.
- 10 a.m.-noon** — Kiddie Day, Suffolk Executive Airport, 1410 Airport Rd. Free entry for Kiddie Day until noon.
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** — Suffolk Public Schools choruses, bands, orchestras and choirs perform on the Peanut Stage.
- 10 a.m.-8 p.m.** — Art Ventures Imagination Station, Suffolk Executive Airport, 1410 Airport Rd.

**Noon-6 p.m.** — 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. Learn about 9/11 with this 1,100 square foot mobile exhibit. This unique and moving education tool provided a window to the past so that future generations will learn from that tragic day. The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is committed to ensuring we will “never forget.” Tours are given by FDNY firefighters who were eyewitnesses to history and provide firsthand accounts of what happened on Sept. 11, 2001. The high-tech, 80-foot tractor-trailer transforms into a 1,100 sq. ft. exhibit, and helps to further educate citizens around the country about the events of that tragic day. The exhibit includes interactive education, steel beams from the towers, other artifacts from ground zero, documentary videos, recordings of first responder radio transmissions, and interactive guided tours from FDNY heroes.

**3-7 p.m.** — Suffolk Ruritan Club Shrimp Feast. Everyone’s fave. All-you-can-eat shrimp, barbecue, sides and libations. Live music by Island Boy. Tickets \$40 per person in advance with a limit of 1,800 tickets sold. No tickets will be sold at the gate. Make checks payable to “Suffolk Ruritan Club.”

**4-7 p.m.** — Peanut Fest Touch-A-Truck. Children of all ages love to climb on big trucks and other vehicles and get the chance to do so.

**7-9 p.m.** — The Deloreans on the Main Stage. Grab your best 80s wear — neon, big hair, fingerless gloves — and join us for everyone’s favorite retro band, The Deloreans.

**7 p.m.** — Snack Bar Jones performs on the Peanut Stage.

**8:30 p.m.** — Griffin Lane performs on the Peanut Stage.

## Saturday, October 7

**10 a.m.-10 p.m.** — Suffolk Peanut Fest is open to the public. \$10 per person, per entry. Children 10 and under are free.

**10 a.m.-8 p.m.** — Art Ventures Imagination Station.

**10 a.m.-noon** — Suffolk Parks and Recreation Annual Chalk Art Competition. Calling all artists. All supplies provided. Free and open to the public. Registration required.

**11 a.m.** — Kids Power Wheel Race is held prior to the start of the demolition derby in the festival arena.

**11:30 a.m.** — 2023 Suffolk Peanut Fest Demolition Derby. Crash! Boom! Bang! Featuring several classes of stock car racing vehicles.

**Noon** — Saturday Sing A-long and Princess Meet and Greet by Dream Entertainers on the Dominion Energy Peanut Family Stage.

**Noon-8 p.m.** — 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. Learn about 9/11 with this 1,100 square foot mobile exhibit.

**2 p.m.** — Allonge Dance Academy performs on the Peanut Stage.

**3 p.m.** — Suffolk Peanut Fest Clogging Jamboree. The Peanut City Cloggers officially formed in Suffolk in January 1983. They are a performance and competition clogging team that provides family type entertainment to the community. They strive to continue to pass on the traditional style of clogging to new generations. Numerous Members of PCC have been named to the All-American Clogging Team and as well as Team of the Decade.

**2-3 p.m.** — Peanut Butter Sculpting Contest. The world’s only peanut butter sculpting contest.

**3 p.m.** — Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. and the Legendary IIs Sont Partis Band perform on the Main Stage.

**4-7 p.m.** — Peanut Fest Touch-A-Truck. Children of all ages love to climb on big trucks and other vehicles and get the chance to do so.

**5 p.m.** — Luke Willette Band performs on the Peanut Lounge Stage featuring a little country, a little gospel and a lot of entertainment.

**6 p.m.** — Dan Marshall performs on the Main Stage.

**7:30 p.m.** — Bobby Blackhat performs on the Peanut Stage.

**8 p.m.** — ZZ-KC, the nation’s longest running national touring tribute to the amazing ZZ TOP, performs on the Main Stage.

**9 p.m.** Suffolk Peanut Fest Fireworks. Suffolk Peanut Fest Fireworks light up the sky.

## Sunday, October 8

**10 a.m.-7 p.m.** — Suffolk Peanut Fest is open to the public. \$10 per person, per entry. Children 10 and under are free.

**8 a.m.** — Registration for Suffolk Peanut Fest Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally opens.

**10 a.m.-7 p.m.** — Military Appreciation Day. Active and retired military admission is \$5 with valid ID for service members and immediate family.

**10 a.m.-7 p.m.** — All-You-Can-Ride Wristband Day. All-You-Can-Ride wristbands are available for \$30 each.

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.** — Art Ventures Imagination Station.

**10:30-11 a.m.** — Cornhole Tournament Registration. Tournament begins at 11 a.m.

**11 a.m.** — Saturday Sing A-long and Princess Meet and Greet by Dream Entertainers on the Dominion Energy Peanut Family Stage.

**11 a.m.** — The Suffolk Peanut Fest Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally send-off begins for the 21st annual event.

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** — Second annual Peanut Cup Race. Don’t miss this annual motorsports event. Participants apply online at [www.SuffolkPeanutFest.com](http://www.SuffolkPeanutFest.com).

**Noon-6 p.m.** — 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. Learn about 9/11 with this 1,100 square foot mobile exhibit.

**1 p.m.** — Nathan and The Zydeco Cha Chas, one of the most dynamic zydeco bands on the planet, performs on the Main Stage.

**2 p.m.** — Sam Floyd Band performs on the Peanut Stage.

**3 p.m.** — Nashville recording artist Celeste Kellogg performs on the Main Stage.

**4-7 p.m.** — Peanut Fest Touch-A-Truck. Children of all ages love to climb on big trucks and other vehicles and get the chance to do so.

**5 p.m.** — Nuthin’ Fancy, the ultimate Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band, performs on the Main Stage.



# Artistic skill shown in the peanut butter sculpting contest

Peanut butter is most often known for its use on sandwiches, as a topping for crackers and celery and as a main ingredient in delicious cookies and candy.

Suffolk Peanut Fest and sponsor Producer's Peanuts prove it has a much higher calling at the world's only Peanut Butter Sculpting Contest.

Returning as part of the 45th annual festival, sculptors again can try their hand at artistic creations beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Simply enter for a chance to participate. Three general public

sculpting spots are available this year and will be determined in a free, random drawing. The sculptors who are selected to participate are to be notified Wednesday, Oct. 4, and must arrive on site at Suffolk Peanut Fest by 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Spectators will enjoy watching these artists put their talents to the test to see who will win the 2023 event.

Enter online at the Peanut Fest website, [suffolkpeanutfest.com/peanut-butter-sculpting-contest.html](http://suffolkpeanutfest.com/peanut-butter-sculpting-contest.html).





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## Roar around Great Dismal Swamp at 21st annual event

Bikers from Suffolk and the region are tuning up their engines for the 21st annual Suffolk Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally.

This year's event, an 80-mile ride around the perimeter of the great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, is set for Sunday, Oct. 8.

Registration begins that morning at 8 a.m. at the Suffolk Executive Airport on Highway 13, just south of downtown Suffolk. After the blessing of the bikes, the send-off begins at 11 a.m., rain or shine.

Registration is \$20 per person and \$10 per passenger. The fee includes a commemorative event pin and admission to Suffolk Peanut Fest. The first 100 registrants also receive a barbecue box lunch and a ride T-shirt.

To preregister, visit the Suffolk Festivals Office, located at Suffolk Executive Airport. Payments must be by check or cash. The office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The registration form that is available online at the Peanut Fest website, can be mailed to P.O. Box 1852, Suffolk, VA 23439. Make checks payable to Suffolk Festivals Inc.

Those who want to register the day of the event can do so on-site at the festival.

The Swamp Roar is produced by Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group, Holidays Inc. and Suffolk Festivals Inc., in conjunction with Suffolk Peanut Fest.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit nature-based tourism, interpretive and educational programs and habitat restoration within the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

## Demolition derby returns with crashing good fun Saturday

The demolition derby returns to Suffolk Peanut Fest at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the festival arena with bangs, crashes and booms the entire family will enjoy.

James Russell, Auto Thrill Show historian, said the idea for demolition derbies was conceived in the mind of a 28-year-old stock car

driver named Larry Mendelsohn. He staged the first demo derby at Islip (Long Island, New York) Speedway in 1958. He had noticed how spectators were attracted by the crashes and smashes of stock car racing.

As it was then, Russell said, it is now with many of the fans stuck to the edge of their seats not as

anxious to witness skilled racing but to see the trauma and violence of the wrecks. This is how the now popular demolition derby was born.

The Demolition Derby begins with fun for children as the Kids Power Wheel Race begins at 11 a.m. Helmets are required and no open side power wheels.

Application forms, entry fee and prize information is available at [suffolkpeanutfest.com/demolition-derby.html](http://suffolkpeanutfest.com/demolition-derby.html).



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- 🚗 Tractor Tire Sandbox
- 🎨 Arts & Craft 🎨 Commercial Exhibits
- 🚗 Duke Automotive Gooberland Family Area
- 🚗 Monster Truck Rides

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00pm - 10:00pm  
**FESTIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC**  
**FREE ADMISSION + CARLOAD NIGHT**  
(Get up to 8 all-you-can-ride wristbands for \$50)

### MUSIC on the PEANUT STAGE

7:00pm **BAND-IT**  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00am - 10:00pm  
**FESTIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC**

10:00am  
**Tunnel to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT** arrives on site accompanied by regional and statewide first responders. Welcomed by the Virginia International Tattoo Pipe Band. Ceremony to commence upon arrival.  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

10:00am - Noon **SENIOR BINGO**

10:00am - 12:00pm **KIDDIE DAY**  
(Free Admission) Fun Activities for Young Children

10:00am  
**SUFFOLK SCHOOL PERFORMANCES**  
on the **Peanut Stage** Sponsored by Dominion Energy

10:00am Forest Glen Middle School Band  
10:20am Forest Glen Middle School Chorus  
10:40am John Yeates Middle School Band  
11:00am Col Fred Cherry Middle School Combined Band, Chorus & Orchestra  
11:20am Col Fred Cherry Middle School Combined Band, Chorus & Orchestra  
11:40am John F Kennedy Middle School Chorus  
12:00pm Nansemond River High School Orchestra - Jazz Band  
12:20pm Lakeland High School/CPPA Chorus  
12:40pm Lakeland High School/CPPA Orchestra  
1:00pm Lakeland High School/CPPA Jazz Band  
1:20pm King's Fork MS, King's Fork HS, Forest Glen MS Combined Orchestra  
1:40pm Forest Glen Middle School Chorus  
2:00pm King's Fork High School Choir

12:00pm - 10:00pm  
**JB RATTLES REPTILE SHOW**

1:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Tunnel to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT** open for visitation  
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1:00pm - 8:00pm  
**STEVE GRAYB "The PIED PIPER of PERCUSSION"**  
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3:00pm  
**SUFFOLK RURITAN CLUB SHRIMP FEAST**  
**MUSIC by ISLAND BOY**  
Shrimp Feast Area until 7:00pm; \$40/person.  
Advance Tickets Only.

### MUSIC on the MAIN STAGE

7:00pm **THE DELOREANS**  
Sponsored by Starr Motors Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep, TowneBank, Craftwork Sound, US106.1 America's Country, FM 99 WNOR, 106.9 The Fox, Real Country 101.7 and Suffolk Tourism.

### MUSIC on the PEANUT STAGE

7:00pm **SNACKBAR JONES**  
8:30pm **GRIFFIN LANE**  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00am - 10:00pm  
**FESTIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC**

10:00am **CHALK ART CONTEST**  
Produced by Suffolk Parks & Recreation

11:00am - 7:00pm  
**Tunnel to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT** open for visitation  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

11:00am  
**KIDS POWER WHEEL DERBY** at the Arena Area  
Sponsored by Barton Ford Suffolk

11:30am  
**SUFFOLK PEANUT FEST DEMOLITION DERBY** at the Arena Area Sponsored by Barton Ford Suffolk

12:00pm  
**SING A-LONG AND PRINCESS MEET & GREET** by Dream Entertainers on the Peanut Stage Sponsored by Dominion Energy

12:00pm - 10:00pm  
**JB RATTLES REPTILE SHOW**

2:00pm  
**ALLONGE DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMANCE** on the Peanut Stage  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

2:00pm - 3:00pm  
**WORLD'S ONLY PEANUT BUTTER SCULPTING CONTEST** in front of the caboose. Emcee: Rod Fitzwell, FM99  
Sponsored by Producers Peanuts

3:00pm - 4:00pm  
**CLOGGING JAMBOREE** on the Peanut Stage Sponsored by Dominion Energy

### MUSIC on the MAIN STAGE

3:00pm **BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO JR. & THE LEGENDARY ILS SONT PARTIS BAND**  
6:00pm **American Idol's DAN MARSHALL**

8:00pm **ZZ - KC (ZZ Top Tribute Band)**  
Sponsored by Starr Motors Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep, TowneBank, Craftwork Sound, US106.1 America's Country, FM 99 WNOR, 106.9 The Fox, Real Country 101.7 and Suffolk Tourism.

### MUSIC on the PEANUT STAGE

5:00pm **LUKE WILLETTE BAND**  
7:30pm **BOBBY BLACKHAT**  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

9:00pm  
**SUFFOLK PEANUT FEST FIREWORKS**  
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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00am - 11:00am **STAGING OF BIKES**  
11:00am **DEPARTURE SWAMP ROAR MOTORCYCLE RALLY**  
Sponsored by Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group, Hollydays, Inc., Abate of Virginia, The Beacons - Christian Motorcycle Assoc., Suffolk Tourism, Suffolk Festivals, Inc.

10:00am - 7:00pm  
**FESTIVAL OPEN TO PUBLIC MILITARY/FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY**  
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**All-you-can-ride Wristbands, \$30/per person.**

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[SuffolkPeanutFest.com](http://SuffolkPeanutFest.com)  
and at the entrance gate.



10:00am - 6:00pm  
**Tunnel to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT** open for visitation  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

10:30am **CORN HOLE REGISTRATION**  
11:00am **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

11:00am  
**MEET & GREET PRINCESS SING-ALONG**  
on the Peanut Stage Sponsored by Dominion Energy

11:30am - 1:30pm  
**PEANUT CUP RACE** at the Arena Area

12:00pm - 7:00pm  
**JB RATTLES REPTILE SHOW**

### MUSIC on the PEANUT STAGE

2:00pm **THE SAM FLOYD BAND**  
Sponsored by Dominion Energy

### MUSIC on the MAIN STAGE

1:00pm **NATHAN & ZYDECO CHA CHAS**  
3:00pm **CELESTE KELLOGG**  
5:00pm **NUTHIN FANCY: THE ULTIMATE LYNRYD SKYNYRD TRIBUTE**

Sponsored by Starr Motors Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep, Craftwork Sound, US 106.1 America's Country, FM 99 WNOR, 106.9 The Fox, Real Country 101.7 and Suffolk Tourism.

7:00pm **FESTIVAL CLOSES TO PUBLIC**





## Ashley Caldwell

Ashley Caldwell, 17, is a student at Nansemond River High School and participates as a martial arts instructor teaching children and adults how to defend themselves, including special needs students. Awards and achievements include a CPR certification, a WISE certification, a certification in Child Protection and Safety and taking part in singing in the Suffolk All City Choir in 2023. Volunteering and community engagement includes volunteering with her church and the Portsmouth Humane Society.



## Destiny Caravello

Destiny Mane Caravello, 17, is a student at Nansemond River High School who currently participates as a NRHS Varsity Cheerleader, Choir Member, a National Beta Club member and as a member of her church youth group. She has served on the NRHS student council as secretary and vice-president, National Beta Club as Vice-President and Convention Coordinator, a Service Project Director for the National Honors Society, a Travel & Culture Club member, and a member of the NRHS JROTC. She is a 13 year student of Dynamic Movements Dance, and has participated in the Competition Dance Team and Gymnastics Tumbling Class. Awards and achievements include NRHS Homecoming Court (Miss Junior 2022), a three-time District Choir Attendee, three-time All-City Choir Attendee, NRHS Choir Leadership and Suffolk Annual Prayer Breakfast Representative. Volunteer and community engagement includes volunteering as a Beta Food Bank Coordinator, Beta For Kids Coordinator, a Student Teacher at Nansemond Parkway Elementary School, Creekside Elementary School Library Volunteer, Suffolk Public Schools Special Olympics Volunteer, Rise Against Hunger Volunteer, Portsmouth, VA Oasis Social Ministry Volunteer, Church Youth Group Leader, Preschool Bible Study Planner and an employee for Chick-Fil-A Portsmouth.



## Nia Castellow

Nia Castellow, 17, is a student at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and has participated in cheerleading, soccer, chorus and as a club leader. She has also served as a daycare assistant/supervisor, as part of the prom committee and as a Saint's Ambassador for School. Her awards and achievements include a CPR certification, Most Valuable Player for Varsity Cheer Award, Merit Award and serving as Varsity Cheerleading Captain and Breast Cancer Awareness Club Leader. Her volunteering and community involvement includes volunteering at the SPCA Peninsula Animal Shelter, Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff, Concession Stand Volunteer for school games, cleaning at the Great Dismal Swamp and cleaning vans at the For Kids DayCare center.



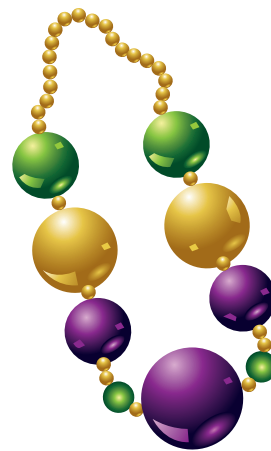
## Mia Dixon

Mia Dixon, 17, is a student at Suffolk Christian Academy where she serves as secretary of the National Beta Club. Along with participating as a National Beta Club member, she also served as class treasurer, class president, student government association representative and as student government president. She also participated in cheerleading and served as cheer captain. Her special awards and achievements include Principal's Honor Roll, a Paul Award for Outstanding Leadership, two-time Honor Roll Award, two-time Distinguished Christian High School Student Award, Best in English Award, Leadership Cheerleading Award, Homecoming Court and Homecoming Princess. Her volunteer and community involvement includes serving as a For Kids volunteer, a church volunteer, cleaning and organizing classrooms, delivering Thanksgiving boxes and participating in the Peanut Fest Goober Gang.



## Emma Graves

Emma Taylor Graves, 16, is a student at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and has participated in Varsity Girls Lacrosse, Varsity Girls Tennis, JV Volleyball, club volleyball and travel lacrosse. She has also served as president of the Girls Football Club (Powder Puff) and participated in Operation Smile Club, American Red Cross Club and the Roc Solid Foundation Club for Pediatric Cancer. She has also worked as a babysitter. Awards and achievements include Honor Roll from 8th through 11th grade, Spanish National Honors Society and serving as Junior Yearbook Editor. Her volunteer and community involvement includes volunteering at Operation Smile, the Oceanfront for the Shamrock Races, Churchland House Nursing Home, the Downtown Rescue Mission soup kitchen, the Monte Santo park clean up and the village of Providence Greenway cleanup.







## Aaniya Jackson

Aaniya Alexandria Jackson, 17, is a student at King's Fork High School as part of her church youth choir and ministry. Along with providing mentorship and assisting with teaching church youth, she participates in singing, dancing with her church ministry and creative writing. Awards and achievements include Student of the Month, Highest Average in Physical Science and earning credentials in Workplace Readiness Skills. She notes the greatest achievement for herself is overcoming the limitations from autism. Likewise, Jackson's first book "Therapy High" will be coming out on Amazon next month. Her volunteer and community involvement includes serving the Sure Foundation Reconciling Ministries Outreach team which gives necessary items such as food, clothing and blankets to the homeless and the needy.



## Elizabeth Pound

Elizabeth Pound, 17, is a student at Suffolk Christian Academy and has participated as SGA (Student Government Association) representative, class secretary and BETA Club member. Other activities include working two years at After Care and one year at the Sundays Sun Spa Shop. Her awards include three-time A-B honor roll, a Paul Award for Outstanding Leadership, Best in Algebra II and Chemistry Award. Her volunteer and community involvement includes two years at ASBC kids ministry and a year at For Kids.



## Trinidy Taliferro

Trinidy Taliferro is a student at Lakeland High School. No other information was provided.



## Jakyra Woodall

Jakyra Woodall, 17, is a student at King's Fork High School and currently participates as a KFHS volleyball player, edge volleyball club player, Project GRO creator and participant, Sister Cities participant and the Kings Fork Debate Club. Awards and Achievements include National Honors Society, IB Diploma Candidate and Honor Roll. Her volunteering and community service includes serving as a Hillpoint Elementary Volunteer, Suffolk Public Schools Student and Parent Together Volunteer and Project GRO creator.



Suffolk Peanut Festival Chairman Tiny Andrews crowns Destiny Caravello of Nansmond River High School as this year's Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen during the Suffolk Peanut Queen's Banquet and Fashions held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Hilton Garden Suffolk Riverfront.



Destiny Caravello  
2023 Peanut Queen



Proud Parents: Vincent and Precious Caravello are ecstatic to see their daughter become 2023's Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen.





# Peanut Queen crowned

BY JAMES W. ROBINSON  
STAFF WRITER

2023's Peanut Fest Queen has arrived. Among a group of equally talented young ladies, Nansemond River High School student Destiny Caravello was crowned as this year's Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen during the Suffolk Peanut Queen's Banquet and Fashions held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Hilton Garden Suffolk Riverfront. Caravello was in the running alongside fellow princesses, Ashley Caldwell of Nansemond River High School, Nia Castellow of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Mia Dixon of Suffolk Christian Academy, Emma Graves of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Aaniya Jackson of King's Fork High School, Elizabeth Pound of Suffolk Christian Academy, Trindy Taliferro of Lakeland High School and Jakyra

Woodall of King's Fork High School. Following her win, Caravello recited her winning creative essay to attendees and city officials, which highlights this year's festival theme of Mardi Gras.

"The tradition of Mardi Gras much like Peanut Fest, has been around for a long time. The tradition has grown over multiple centuries from a celebration in France to a worldwide jubilee. The parades, costumes, colors, food, music, and art make Mardi Gras special," she said. "The Suffolk Peanut Fest celebrates the diversity of our city, especially with a theme like Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras coming to the Suffolk Peanut Fest is an opportunity to bring new spirits, new flavors, and new culture to the festival. The year's Peanut Fest will be like no other!"

Following the banquet,

Caravello alongside her parents Vincent and Precious Caravello talked about how they felt about the momentous occasion.

"Honestly I'm just really excited. Excited for Peanut Fest, excited to hold this new title and to have a lot of fun," Destiny said.

Her mother Precious expressed how proud she was of her daughter.

"I am proud. Destiny has worked very hard in her essay. She was very excited when she came home to share that she was going to be a part of this great occasion and I've just supported her all the way," she said.

Her father Vincent spoke highly of his daughter's work ethic and says that he is super excited for her.

"Destiny works so hard on everything. She never goes into anything without giving 100%,

and once she does, she goes all in and we couldn't be more proud of her and what she's accomplished," Vincent said.

The banquet, produced by the Pilot Club of Suffolk, also provided a silent auction, dinner and a fashion show with the latest designs from Cecelia's Boutique and Gifts. Suffolk Tourism Developer and Peanut Fest Publicity Coordinator Theresa Earles talked about the banquet as a fundraiser as well.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to not only support Peanut Fest, but also the Pilot Club, this is a fundraiser for the Pilot Club which raises money and support for people with traumatic brain injuries... but it also gives us a chance to celebrate the students in Suffolk. And these young ladies are great in their own right, whether it's grades and sports and community activities. So it's

really the best and the brightest of Suffolk," Earles said. "It's a great opportunity to support Suffolk schools and it's a wonderful tradition."

Earles said that this will kick off Peanut Fest with the Suffolk Peanut Fest Parade taking place at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 30 in Downtown Historic Suffolk. Earles finally expressed her hopes of attendees as well as the Queen and her court understanding how important community is.

"Each year doing this, it brings more new people to the festival and the community. So hopefully when these ladies are adults, they'll come back and be part of Peanut Fest and the planning and the volunteers so we can keep continuing this local tradition for more than 45 years, which is nothing to sneeze at," she said with a laugh. "45 years is amazing."

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# Main Stage Music Schedule



## The Deloreans

**Friday, Oct. 6 - 7 p.m.**

The Deloreans are a seasoned showband comprised of six distinct vocalists that cover the most memorable artists and nostalgic songs of the 1980s. Each member is featured throughout the show, mak-

ing this band's most notable attribute its unmatched variety. The Deloreans is known for its dynamic '80s costumes, unstoppable energy and their ability to bring down the house every time.

## Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. and the Legendary Ils Sont Partis Band

**Saturday, Oct. 7 - 3 p.m.**

Carrying on his father's legacy and band, Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. now leads the bands in his legendary father's footsteps. He finds himself now the frontman to the legendary "Ils Sont Parti Band."

Traveling the world nationally and internationally by his father's side, Sir Reg, as his father would call him, began by playing the rubboard with the band at the age of 17. Seeing the great talent in his son, Buckwheat insisted he open some of his headlining shows while touring, placing him on the Hammond B-3 organ, and strapping on his famous custom monogrammed accordion to belt out a rousing opening song for the show.

As part of his father's legendary band, Buckwheat Jr. has shared the stage with some of



the greats such as Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Willie Nelson, Mavis Staples, Albert Collins, Dwight Yokem, David Hidalgo and Los Lobos, Buddy Guy and many, many more. He has performed for two inaugural balls honoring two United States presidents and is a Grammy Award winner, Emmy award winner, and five-time Grammy nominee.

## Dan Marshall

**Saturday, Oct. 7 - 6 p.m.**

Daniel Marshall Griffith hails from southeastern Virginia. Born into a Marine Corps family, he shares a great love for his country. Dan excelled in sports all through high school, playing quarterback and linebacker. He then walked on the Virginia Tech football team, where he lettered for three years and saw action in more than 30 collegiate games. Dan began to kindle his passion for music at the age of 12, learning the basics of the piano. At 18, he picked up the guitar and taught himself a few chords, quickly igniting a passion to play country music.

In 2021 Dan started to share his music on TikTok, where he caught the attention of American Idol, where he would go on to place in the top 10. Soon after the show ended Dan packed up and moved to Nashville to pursue his career in music. His style is heavily influenced by early 2000s and late 90s country music and classic rock. His main musical influences are



Garth Brooks, George Strait, Brooks and Dunn, Alan Jackson, and Toby Keith to name a few. Dan released his first single "She Wants A Ring" in May of 2023. He is steadily releasing new music throughout the rest of the summer.



## ZZ-KC

**Saturday, Oct. 7 - 8 p.m.**

For two decades ZZ-KC, the world's most authentic ZZ Top concert, has toured coast-to-coast, performing at some of America's most renowned ven-

ues and events. Proudly sharing the stage with such greats as: B.B. King, Ted Nugent, 38 Special, Foghat, Steppenwolf and Molly Hatchet, among other greats. Based out of

Kansas City, ZZ-KC is the nation's longest running national touring tribute to the amazing ZZ TOP.



## Nathan and The Zydeco Cha Chas

**Sunday, Oct. 8 - 1 p.m.**

Nathan and The Zydeco Cha Chas are one of the most dynamic zydeco bands on the planet. Led by deeply soulful Nathan Williams, the Cha Chas are a zydeco band with some serious blues chops whose sound is deeply traditional and also uniquely their own.

Nathan formed the Cha Chas back in 1985, and since then has brought his unique take on this regional south Louisiana music to all corners of the globe. From Lincoln Center in New York to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Nathan's music has crossed all barriers to speak to the very heart of his audience. Inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 2005, he was honored last year with the Zydeco Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. The Cha Chas have been voted the top Festival Band in the country and



have won the coveted Big Easy award for Best Zydeco Band for several years running. Nathan and his band have been featured in the New York Times, Essence and People Magazine, and on the cover of USA Today.

They've appeared in the films "In The Electric Mist" and "The Kingdom of Zydeco" and have worked with artists as diverse as Cindy Lauper, Michael Doucet and Buddy Guy. Keepers of the Zydeco Flame, they are committed to keeping their Creole Heritage alive.

## Celeste Kellogg

**Sunday, Oct. 8 - 3 p.m.**

Celeste, a Nashville charting recording artist has released two singles to country radio, "Country Swagger" and "There's a Beach Somewhere." Both singles have charted on the Music Row Country Airplay Charts out of Nashville. Both singles were also featured on CMT's Spotify playlists, the Round Up and Next Women of Country Music. Spotify has featured both singles on Fresh Finds Country and New Music Nashville. "There's a Beach Somewhere" is currently featured on Spotify's Gulf

and Western Playlist with more 562,000 streams and 1 million-plus streams overall.

CMT has also featured both of the singles' music videos.

Celeste won the Nashville Universe Rising Star Award in 2016 presented by Storme Warren of Sirius XM The Highway held at the world famous Wild Horse Saloon. In 2018, she captured the Nashville Universe Female Vocalist of the Year award in front of the Wild Horse Crowd and broadcast on TCN, The Country Network.

Celeste got her start

early in church and school choirs and singing along with her dad to Alabama, James Taylor and the Eagles. At the age of 12 she auditioned for a Disney Pop Group called RD7. It was there she opened for Miley Cyrus, the Jonas Brothers, Raven, the Cheetah Girls and Kelly Clarkson.

Later Celeste would go on to film an Independent movie "Much Ado About Middle School," starring opposite of Bill Cobbs, Lee Meriwhether and Blake Michael of the Disney Channel.

While Celeste has been honored for acting

## Nuthin' Fancy

**Sunday, Oct. 8 - 5 p.m.**

There's never ever been another band that is the equal to Lynyrd Skynyrd. It's been more than 40 years, and their music is still played on the radio daily. Thanks to Nuthin' Fancy, the ultimate Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band, you can relive a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert like it was the mid-1970s all over again.

They play all the classics like "Gimme Three Steps," "Sweet Home Alabama," "Simple Man," "Tuesday's Gone" and of course "Free Bird," as well as deep tracks for the true diehard Skynyrd fans.

Based out of the Tampa Bay, Florida, area this "super group" has featured hand picked members from the area's top southern rock bands.

Having had the honor of original Ronnie Van Zant era drummer Artimus Pyle and backing vocalist Leslie Hawkins perform on stage with them, and the continuing friendship and support of Ronnie Van Zant's lifelong friend Gene Odom. Fan won't get anything more authentic than to watch a concert performance by Nuthin' Fancy, the ultimate Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band.

This band is a full blown Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute show, complete with a southern rock frontman, the three guitar army, Honkettes backup singers, piano, bass and drums, and always ends with an encore performance of "Free Bird."

Tragedy may have taken Ronnie Van Zant and the original Lynyrd Skynyrd away from the world, but Nuthin' Fancy keeps the "Free Bird" flying



opportunities her love has always remained in music, where she has opened for Scotty McCreery, Raelynn, Eric Paslay, Easton Corbin, Brett Eldridge, LeAnn Rimes, Jeffrey Steele, Canaan Smith and Cowboy Troy.

# Dominion Energy Peanut Stage Schedule

## Thursday, October 5

7 p.m. — Band-It

## Friday, October 6

10 a.m. — John Yeates Middle School Chorus

10:20 a.m. — John Yeates Middle School Band

10:40 a.m. — Forest Glen Middle School Band

11 a.m. — Col. Fred Cherry Middle School Combined Band, Chorus and Orchestra

11:2 a.m. — Col. Fred Cherry Middle School Combined Band, Chorus and Orchestra

11 a.m. — John F Kennedy Middle School Chorus

Noon — Nansemond River High School Orchestra/Jazz Band

12:20 p.m. — Lakeland High School/CPPA Chorus

12:40 p.m. — Lakeland High School/CPPA Orchestra

1:00 p.m. — Lakeland High School/CPPA Jazz Band

1:20 p.m. — Forest Glen Middle School Orchestra

1 p.m. — Forest Glen Middle School Chorus

2 p.m. — King's Fork High School Choir

7 p.m. — Snack Bar Jones

8:30 p.m. — Griffin Lane

## Saturday, October 7

Noon — Saturday Sing A-long and Princess Meet and Greet by Dream Entertainers

2 p.m. — Allonge Dance Academy Performance

3 p.m. — Suffolk Peanut Fest Clogging Jamboree

5 p.m. — Luke Willette Band

7:30 p.m. — Bobby Blackhat

## Sunday, October 8

11 a.m. — Sunday Sing A-long and Princess Meet & Greet by Dream Entertainers

2 p.m. — Sam Floyd Band



# 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit returns to Suffolk

Suffolk Peanut Fest welcomes the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit for the second time, providing those enjoying the festival to learn about that tragic day in 2001.

A special patriotic procession at 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 6, greets the 9/11 exhibit and will escort it through downtown Suffolk to the festival grounds at Suffolk Executive Airport.

According to the festival website, the procession is being led by a 1936 Seagrave fire truck.

Regional first responders and organizations will escort the Tunnel to Towers mobile exhibit departing

from Prentis Street, then continue along North Main Street to the airport.

The exhibit then opens for visitation from noon to 6 p.m. Friday. Hours on Saturday, Oct. 7, are noon to 8 p.m., with a final chance to view the exhibit from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

Tours are given by Fire Department of New York firefighters who were eyewitnesses to history and provide firsthand accounts of what happened on Sept. 11, 2001, according to the T2T Foundation.

The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit has connected people nationwide to our nation's history since 2013. From the Black Hills of South Dakota to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds and the golden hills of California to quaint New England villages, the memorial has been welcomed to nearly all 50 states and Canada.

"We have honored the sacrifices made that day with over 350,000 visitors to date," the Tunnel to Towers Foundation said in its news release. "This unique and moving education tool provided a window to the past so that future generations will learn from that tragic day. The Stephen Siller Tunnel to

Towers Foundation is committed to ensuring we will never forget."

The T2T Foundation launched this exhibit in 2013 as a tribute to those lost on 9/11, including the 343 members of the FDNY who made the ultimate sacrifice of saving and protecting others in the line of duty.

The high-tech, 80-foot tractor-trailer transforms into a 1,100 sq. ft. exhibit and helps to further educate citizens around the country about the events of that tragic day, according to the foundation.

The exhibit includes interactive education, tower steel beams, other ground zero artifacts, documentary videos, first responder radio transmission recordings, and interactive guided tours from FDNY heroes.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation's mission is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller, who gave his life to save others on Sept. 11, 2001.

"We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country," according to the festival website.

For more information on Siller and the foundation, visit the exhibit or go online to [Tunnel2Towers.org](http://Tunnel2Towers.org).



# Enjoy the shrimp as feast kicks off Peanut Fest

Get your fill of shrimp while enjoying the sounds of the Island Boy Band as Suffolk Ruritan Club holds its annual fundraiser to kick off Suffolk Peanut Fest and support local scholarships.

The 2023 Shrimp Feast runs from 3-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6 at Suffolk Executive Airport in conjunction with Suffolk Peanut Fest.

A festival favorite each year, the menu includes all you can eat shrimp, barbecue, coleslaw, iced tea and adult beverages. To attend, tickets must be purchased in advance with only 1,800 available.

Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance at one of the

following outlets: Line-X of Suffolk,

Mike Duman Auto Sales, Suffolk BBQ, Citizens Bank Windsor, Ricky's Carts, Major Signs, Suffolk Visitor Center, Carts Unlimited and Grafik Trenz. No tickets will be sold at the gate.

Cash and checks are accepted, but not credit cards. Make checks payable to Suffolk Ruritan Club.

For information, call 757-602-8625





# Peanut Fest exhibitors and merchants

## Arts and crafters

Alicia Adams/Colorful Ink Designs  
Denise Barrett/Three Goats Soap  
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Devin Grimes/Devy Mortals  
Sandy Kerbaugh  
KKrafts/Debra Kristensen  
Dan Merila/The CompetitioΣn  
Keith Morrison  
Chuck Nash/2AM Concepts  
Lynn Nelson/Save them, Spay them,  
Love them  
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More  
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Annette Tonielli-Sassy Bubbles &  
More  
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## Exhibitors and merchants

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Amsoil Dealers  
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Prevention  
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Crosspointe Church  
Cutco Cutlery  
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Direct Auto Insurance  
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Holly's Kollektibles  
Howard Hanna Real Estate  
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# Suffolk Peanut Fest Food vendors

Tasty treats and delicious food returns to Suffolk to fuel everyone for Peanut Fest weekend fun activities.

Festival officials have the following vendors lined up for the 2023 event at Suffolk Executive Airport Oct. 5-8.

The vendors who have signed up include:

B & D Catering  
Cinnabon Food Truck  
El Burrito Loco/ Aztec Inc.  
Fire Tried Kettle Corn Co.  
Frosty Softy  
Funtastic Foods/Smokey's  
Legendary Grill  
Duck Donuts  
Hears the Scoop

Knights of Columbus, Suffolk Council  
Kona Ice of Chesapeake  
Miami Fusion  
Snowie 757  
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Sausage King  
Serenity's Oasis  
Sherri's Crab Cakes  
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