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## SUFFOLK PEANUT FEST KICKS OFF WITH PRE-FEST ACTIVITIES

SUFFOLK, VA: Suffolk Festivals, Inc., is pleased to kick off the 44<sup>th</sup> annual festival season with the Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen's Banquet & Fashions, the inaugural Suffolk Peanut Fest Golf Tournament, and the Suffolk Peanut Fest Parade. Details may be found below and additional information is available at [SuffolkPeanutFest.com](http://SuffolkPeanutFest.com).

**Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen's Banquet & Fashions** is slated for Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at the Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront, 100 East Constance Road. This festival tradition is produced by the Pilot Club of Suffolk. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction and social hour, followed by dinner and fashions (*fashion show courtesy of Cecelia's Boutique & Gifts*) at 7 p.m. and ultimately concludes with the crowning of the 2022 Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen. The Queen and her Court are Suffolk high school seniors who each submit a creative essay reflecting on the current festival theme along with information about their school activities, awards, achievements, and community involvement. This year's Court includes Kendal Legg and Taylor Rockett, Suffolk Christian Academy; Gabriella Federici and Page Henry, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy; Arnayja Parker and Emma Rotzler, Lakeland High School; Anna Gomer, King's Fork High School. Tickets are \$35 per person and require advance purchase as no tickets will be available at the door. Ticket outlets include the Suffolk Visitor Center and Cecelia's Boutique & Gifts. Cash and checks only, please.

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The inaugural **Suffolk Peanut Fest Golf Tournament** is set for Thursday, September 29, at Sleepy Hole Golf Course, 4700 Sleepy Hole Road. The golf tournament kicks off with a shotgun start and consists of two rounds, beginning at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. Individual registration is \$150 and team registration is \$500. Registration includes green fees, golf cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages and a chance to win door prizes. Various sponsorship levels are also available. Tournament proceeds benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, (learn more at T2T.org). To download tournament registration form, go to [SuffolkPeanutFest.com](http://SuffolkPeanutFest.com).

After a two-year hiatus, the **Suffolk Peanut Fest Annual Parade** is back on the schedule for Saturday, October 1, 2022. The long-standing Suffolk tradition features regional marching bands, decorative floats, dance troops, the Khedive Shriners, motorized units, and more! Sponsored by Chartway Credit Union, the parade steps off at 10 a.m., proceeding down Washington Street from the Lakeside neighborhood before turning left onto North Main Street before concluding at Prentis Street.

*The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest is October 6-9, 2022. General admission is \$10 per person; Children 10 & under are free. Carload Night is Thursday, October 6, admission is FREE. Purchase up to eight all-you-can-ride wristbands for \$50 (Carload Night only). Military Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 9 (1/2 price admission for active, retired military and active first responders). \$30 per person all-you-can-ride wristbands are available on Sunday, October 9. Parking is free. For more information about Suffolk Peanut Fest and associated concerts, events and games, log onto [SuffolkPeanutFest.com](http://SuffolkPeanutFest.com) or contact Suffolk Festivals at 757.539.6751. [facebook.com/SuffolkPeanutFest](https://facebook.com/SuffolkPeanutFest). Sponsorship, vendor and exhibitor opportunities available.*

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