

# This Week In . . .

**December 3-7, 2018**

Following is a list of news, special events and happenings in the city of Portsmouth. Also included are contact names, numbers, websites and/or email addresses for more information or to follow up.



## **Medical Cannabis Facility to Locate in Portsmouth, Virginia**

New York-based Columbia Care, one of the country's leading medical cannabis companies, has received approval and license from the State of Virginia to produce cannabis oil. The company, recently valued at \$1.35 billion, is planning to open its dispensary in Portsmouth, Virginia in the spring of 2019. Columbia Care will cultivate, produce and dispense cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THC-A) oil, capsules and creams prescribed to state-registered patients in the state. **CONTACT: Robert Moore. Portsmouth Economic Development. 757-393-8804.**

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## **Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival & Children's Christmas Parade**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival featuring the Children's Christmas Parade kicks off **Saturday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will start at Washington and High streets proceeding to Water Street. The musical festival features entertainment by the Portsmouth Public Schools, fire marshmallow roasting stations, children's activities and strolling performers. **CONTACT: Valora Baskerville. Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services. 757-393-8481.**

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## **Cradock Health Survey**

Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) staff and volunteers have launched a door-to-door health survey that will continue through the month of December in the historic Cradock community. The survey takes about five minutes and the results will be used to determine health education and services as part of a larger research study. Participation is voluntary. **CONTACT: Visit <https://is.gd/Cradockhealth> for more information or call the Portsmouth Diabetes Prevention Project at 757-446-5099.**

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## **City Council Designates December 26 Holiday**

The Portsmouth City Council has designated Wednesday, December 26, as a holiday in appreciation for city employees' dedication. **CONTACT: Dana Woodson. Marketing Communications & Tourism. 757-393-5143.**

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### **Wreaths Across America**

Join city officials for the annual Wreaths Across America event Saturday, December 15, at noon for a public ceremony at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Volunteers will place wreaths on the graves of veterans in honor of their service. Cemetery located at 301 Fort Lane, Portsmouth, Virginia. **CONTACT: Cedar Grove Cemetery Foundation.** [www.facebook.com/pg/CedarGroveCemeteryFoundationPortsmouth/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/CedarGroveCemeteryFoundationPortsmouth/).

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### **Winter Wonderland**

Now through December 31, visit the Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center for the city's annual Winter Wonderland including featuring scenes from the Coleman Nursery Collection. Activities for children, holiday crafts, face painting, musical performances and more at the Winter Wonderland in Olde Towne Portsmouth. **CONTACT: PortsmouthArtCenter.com. 757-393-8543.**



### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Claus Shuffle**

The annual Santa Claus Shuffle 5K Race and 1-mile Fun Run and Walk is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, at the Union Bank and Trust Pavilion. Registration for the events begins at 7 a.m. **CONTACT: Joe Lloyd. 757-488-9161.**

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### **Christmas Holiday HRT Service Schedule**

On Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, bus light rail, ferry and paratransit will operate on a regular schedule. Customer service will be available via phone from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Tuesday, December 25, all services will operate on a Sunday schedule, except for MAX Route 960 and the ferry which not operate. Administrative facilities, Transit Center in booths and customer service will be closed. **CONTACT: Hampton Road Transit (HRT). 757-222-6100.**

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