



EAST BEACH

A Simple Life on the Chesapeake Bay

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EAST BEACH HOLIDAY PORCH TOUR ON DISPLAY DECEMBER 8 & 9

Walking tour, Holiday Gift Gallery, carriage rides and entertainment benefit Hope House Foundation

NORFOLK, Va. – (November 2007) – East Beach and Hope House Foundation invite you to walk this way to enjoy some holiday elegance. The East Beach Holiday Porch Tour will be held on Dec. 8 and 9, from noon to 5 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

The porches along the avenues of East Beach will be decorated for the holidays and everyone is invited to enjoy a walking tour or a horse-drawn carriage ride through the neighborhood to catch the sights. It starts at 4487 Pleasant Avenue and winds through the neighborhood to the Bay Front Club. At the Bay Front Club, a Holiday Gift Gallery will be filled with local artisans and specialty shops selling unique gifts and home décor items.

The East Beach Holiday Porch Tour will bring people from all over Hampton Roads to participate in this festive seasonal event. Community groups will entertain, and neighbors will serve hot chocolate and refreshments from the porches. Other refreshments will be available throughout the tour from local vendors.

The East Beach Holiday Porch Tour is located in East Beach in Norfolk, the same community that hosted Homearama in 2004, was featured in *Coastal Living* as the 2005 Idea House and was named Tidewater Builder's Association's Community of the Year in 2006. The porches are one of the signature elements of the traditional neighborhood development so it's a perfect way to extend the beauty of the seasons to the outdoors.

A complete schedule of entertainment, demonstrations, artists and shops in the Holiday Gift Gallery are online at eastbeachnorfolk.com or call 757-333-6650 for more information.

East Beach is situated on 100 acres along the Chesapeake Bay in Norfolk. Surrounded by water, the traditional neighborhood development is fashioned after classic Southeastern seaboard coastal villages. The master plan, developed by Duany Plater-Zyberk, for this \$400 million development includes 700 residences, neighborhood restaurants, boutique shops, a Bay Front Club and offices. In 2007, East Beach was named one of the top seven restored beaches in America. East Beach is a unique initiative between the developers, East Beach Company LLC, the City of Norfolk and Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority. For more information, visit eastbeachnorfolk.com.

Hope House Foundation provides independent living opportunities, support services and affordable housing for people with disabilities in Hampton Roads. The agency was founded in 1964 and is one of the leading agencies providing community-based services for adults with developmental disabilities in Hampton Roads. For more information about Hope House Foundation, contact 757-625-6161 or visit www.hope-house.org.

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