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**Inaugural Model Train Exhibit is certain to be a holiday classic**

Two local model train clubs' interactive exhibit, which includes "Thomas the Tank Engine", demonstrates the continuing fascination with locomotives

**Norfolk, Va. (December 9, 2009)** - "Can't you hear the whistle blowin'?" You probably will at the first ever *Holidays in the City* Model Train Exhibit in Downtown Norfolk. Model trains have become synonymous with the holiday season and this is an exhibit worth bringing the entire family for a visit. This is a welcome break from the holiday hustle and bustle.

The Interactive Model Train Exhibit runs through Saturday, December 19 at 209 Granby Street, near the Norfolk Federal Building. These interactive train displays are provided by the Atlantic Coast S Gaugers and the Tidewater O Gauge Association. Of special interest to our smallest conductors is the "Thomas the Tank Engine" display which can be conducted by little engineers. They can pretend to be in their own version of Sodor Island.

**Want to go:** The exhibit is open Wednesdays - Fridays from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the next two Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public!

For more information, please call the Downtown Norfolk Council at (757)623-1757 or visit us at [www.downtownnorfolk.org](http://www.downtownnorfolk.org).

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