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## The Portsmouth-Norfolk ferry is free this weekend for Waterside District opening

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The Elizabeth River Ferry III arrives at High Street Landing in Portsmouth Saturday Sept. 10, 2005.

The Portsmouth-Norfolk ferry is free this weekend for Waterside District's grand opening.

Elizabeth River Tunnels is sponsoring the free rides Saturday and Sunday.

"DriveERT wants to help those celebrating our waterfront in Portsmouth and Norfolk," ERT wrote in a news release.

Riders don't need tickets – they can hop on any time from 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Sunday.

The last ferry from Portsmouth to Waterside will leave the High Street dock at 11:45 p.m. and the North Landing dock at 11:50 p.m.

The last ferry from Waterside to Portsmouth is at midnight.

For more information, including where to park in Portsmouth, visit [gohrt.com/services/ferry](http://gohrt.com/services/ferry).

While the Norfolk ferry stop was accessible during construction of Waterside, it did seem to dampen the amount of people who used it, according to ridership

data.

Elizabeth River Tunnels is hoping the ferry makes travel easier as it closes the Eastbound (Portsmouth to Norfolk) Midtown Tunnel for rehabilitation this weekend starting at 8 p.m. today and ending at 5 a.m. Monday.

Drivers can also use the MLK Expressway to get to the Downtown Tunnel for connectivity to Norfolk.

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