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31st ANNUAL CLEAN THE BAY DAY JUNE 1ST

SUFFOLK, VA (May 22, 2019) The City of Suffolk is a participating locality in the 31st annual Clean the Bay Day. Clean the Bay Day is a regional waterway and shoreline litter cleanup sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The cleanup is Saturday, June 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The hope of organizers is that kayakers and canoers will register for cleaning the Nansemond River and Bennett's Creek. Watercrafts can launch from the Constant's Wharf Park & Marina to access the Nansemond River, or the Bennett's Creek Park boat ramp for the Creek.

If you do not have a watercraft, plenty of other locations are available:

- **Constant's Wharf Park & Marina**, 100 East Constance Road
- **Lake Meade Park**, 201 Holly Lawn Parkway
- **Bennett's Creek Park**, 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road

- **Boston Park**, 825 Lincoln Avenue
- **Lake Prince Boat Ramp**, 4324 Lake Prince Drive
- **Western Branch Boat Ramp**, Located on Girl Scout Drive

Last year, over 200 people registered for Clean the Bay Day in Suffolk, and we hope that this year even more people get involved. The Parks are great locations for younger kids to take part.

Wayne Jones, Litter Control Coordinator, says, “Registering takes only seconds and helps us to coordinate all the cleanups across the City. For parents, it’s a fun few hours with the kids and a great learning experience for all. I hope all the kayakers and canoers who came out last year return again. We are very fortunate to have a river running through the heart of our City, but we must be responsible for keeping it clean.”

Anyone can volunteer, by foot or by boat, individuals, families, civic organizations, business groups, scouts, students! Boaters – bring your kayaks, canoes, or any shallow water boat. Larger boats also are helpful as collection points for smaller boats.

“Clean the Bay Day is a great way for Virginians to do their part for the waterways we enjoy every day,” said Tanner Council, CBF’s Clean the Bay Day coordinator. “It’s really become a unique Virginia tradition. With so many people working together, in just a few hours we make a huge difference in cleaning up the Bay, rivers, streams, lakes, and beaches across the state.”

You can register online:

www.cbf.org/clean

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