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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

Tuesday, November 19

Genealogy Hour

Want to know how to get started with genealogy? Want to know what resources to use to research your family history? Stop by the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Local History and Genealogy Librarian, LaSandra Adams, will be available to assist you. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Wednesday, November 20

Great Dismal Swamp Safari – Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

The Great Dismal Swamp is anything but dismal. The narrated *Swamp Safari*, one of Suffolk's most popular attractions, fills up quickly. This four-hour tour, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is led by a biologist specializing in the unique habitat of the Great Dismal. Learn about the history, lore, vegetation and wildlife with this adventure that includes a brief walk to Lake Drummond. Sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. A small snack and beverage is provided. This tour is not recommended for very small children. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130

to reserve your spot. Cost is \$10 adults; \$8 seniors (60+), military, and children ages 3 to 12.

Wednesday, November 20

Cooking the Books Book Club

Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Cooking the Books Cookbook Club is where you can cook and share new recipes with other cooking enthusiasts. Each month's recipes will follow the selected theme; November's theme is "Healthy Comfort Foods."

Choose a recipe to prepare and share with Club members and then be ready to share your cooking experience and thoughts about your recipe. Bring a copy of your recipe to share and join us at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To register, visit <https://suffolkpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/5543999>.

Thursday, November 21

Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour

See Suffolk through the eyes of years gone by. Suffolk's rich heritage dates back to the early 17th century when Captain John Smith first encountered the Nansemond Indians on the Nansemond River. Guided by a Suffolk historian, you meet the people and places that made Suffolk the City it is today. Highlights of this windshield tour include Cedar Hill Cemetery, Riddick's Folly House Museum, Constant's Wharf, College Court and Suffolk's historic Lakeside neighborhood. This tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, conveniently located at 524 North Main Street, and is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for each tour are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors (60+), military and children ages 9 to 12. For more information, call 757.514.4130.

Thursday, November 21

Cedar Hill Cemetery Stroll

An official Virginia Civil War Trail site, Cedar Hill Cemetery has long been an attraction for history buffs and even walking groups. The Suffolk Division of Tourism offers a guided stroll through the serene 32-acre cemetery, rich in history and natural beauty. The 90-minute daytime tour will offer unique insights into Suffolk's heritage as tour goers traverse the cedar-lined terrain dotted with timeworn headstones. The tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center and is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot. Special rates are available for groups of 12 or more. Cost is \$7 adults; \$5 seniors (60+), military. Not recommended for children under 12. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot.

Thursday, November 21

Fort Fun

Bring your blankets, sheets, pillows, and sleeping bags to create an indoor *Fort Fun* adventure at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. SPL will provide binder clips and chairs to build your fort with. Continue the building fun with engineering challenges and crafts. A 3D printed trophy will be awarded for Best Fort! For ages 12 and under. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Friday, November 22

Suffolk Grand Illumination

The 2019 Holiday Season officially begins in Suffolk on Friday, November 22nd, with the Suffolk Grand Illumination Ceremony at Market Park in Downtown Suffolk. The event rings in the holidays with the park opening at 6 p.m. Watch the 32' tree light up when the switch is flipped at 6:15 p.m., illuminating Suffolk for the holiday season. Be there when Santa arrives in style (around 6:20 p.m., and make sure to bring along your camera to capture your children's smiling faces as they whisper their Christmas

wishes to Santa Claus. Visit the Suffolk Seaboard Station Railroad Museum and stick around to enjoy seasonal music and to purchase tasty treats from local vendors, as well as to enjoy a free horse-drawn carriage ride. Youngsters will also be able to participate in various holiday-themed craft activities including decorating their letter to Santa in specially-heated tents. Market Park at Seaboard Station Railroad Museum is located at 326 North Main Street. For more information, call 757.514.7267.

Saturday, November 23

Suffolk Farmers' Market

Don't Miss the Last Farmers' Market of the 2019 Season

Come get the freshest, locally-grown fall produce, decorative pumpkins, gourds and more for your Thanksgiving celebrations at the Suffolk Farmers' Market located at the Suffolk Visitor Center Pavilion, conveniently located behind the Suffolk Visitor Center at the corner of Main Street and Constance Road. The last Suffolk Farmers' Market of the 2019 season will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2019, where you'll also find fresh eggs, honey, homemade jams and jellies, baked goods, fresh cut flowers, plants and a variety of artisan-crafted goods. The Market will feature live music, a petting zoo, bounce house and more! For more information, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130, or VisitSuffolk@SuffolkVa.us.

Saturday, November 23

8th Annual Artisan Gift Fair

Start your holiday shopping at the *Eighth Annual Suffolk Artisan Gift Fair!* Held in conjunction with the Suffolk Farmers' Market, the traditional outdoor holiday market features artisan-quality crafts, jewelry, soaps, fine art, candles, woodcrafts, birdhouses, crocheted items, jams and jellies, totes, holiday ornaments, wreaths, baked goods, seasonal produce, meats, and more. The *Suffolk Artisan Gift Fair* is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 23rd, at the open-air Suffolk Visitor Center Pavilion. Conveniently located at the corner of Constance Road and North Main Street, the Suffolk Visitor Center Pavilion will be festive with live music, a

petting zoo, face painting and a bounce house. Enjoy light refreshments inside the Visitor Center. The *Suffolk Artisan Gift Fair* is free and open to the public. For more information, call 757.514.4130.

There are more interesting and exciting events happening in the City of Suffolk!

See what Suffolk Parks & Recreation has to offer! Visit www.SuffolkVa.us/parks.

For a complete listing of Suffolk Public Library events, visit www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com.

For a complete listing of Suffolk Tourism events, visit www.VisitSuffolkva.com.

To view other City events, visit www.SuffolkVa.us/calendar.aspx.

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