

NEWS RELEASE

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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

Monday, December 16

Just Duet: Karaoke with Friends

Start your week off on a high note with karaoke at the Library! Come prepared to belt out your favorite tunes and cheer on your friends while they serenade you. Ages 18 and up. This event will be held on Monday, December 16th, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the North Suffolk Library, located at 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 17

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.

Tuesday, December 17

Holiday Jingle Mingle

If you are looking for a family fun night out for the holidays, Whaleyville Community Center's "Holiday Jingle Mingle" is the event for you. Join Suffolk Parks & Recreation on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. as they welcome the arrival of Santa, make hot cocoa or coffee, create holiday crafts, and jump up and down in the bounce houses. Participants will have the opportunity to take a picture with Santa at no cost. Free dinner for children with a new unwrapped toy for donation. Parents can eat for a small fee of \$5. **Registration deadline is December 6th**. The Whaleyville Community Center is located at 132 Robertson Street. For more information, call 757.514.7100.

Tuesday, December 17

Suffolk Writes: An Open Writers Group Meet Up

Join us at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for *Suffolk Writes: An Open Writers Group Meet Up* for adults. All genres welcomed, published and aspiring. Bring a typed page of what you are writing for group critiques. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Tuesday, December 17 and Wednesday, December 18

Santa's Calling

Suffolk Parks & Recreation is excited to host the annual Santa's Calling event. Sign-up forms are available at the Parks & Recreation Administrative Office at 134 South 6th Street, and the registration deadline is Friday, December 13th. Calls will be made on Tuesday, December 17th and Wednesday, December 18th between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. You can add to the joy of the season as your little ones write their wish list to Santa Claus with a personal phone call from Santa himself! A special thank you to Parks & Recreation Volunteers for all the work they do with us and throughout our community.

For more information about this event, or to find out about joining us as a volunteer, call Chelsea Price at 757.514.7267.

Wednesday, December 18

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.

Thursday, December 19

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, December 19

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.

Friday, December 20

Pop-Up @ Mobile Food Pantry at the Salvation Army of Suffolk

The Pop-Up Library brings materials for children, teens, and adults and provides library services including reserves, library cars, and digital services. Get a free book, use an iPad, connect with free Wi-Fi, and more! The Pop-Up Library will be at the Salvation Army of Suffolk, 400 Bank Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

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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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