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What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend ...

Friday, May 1

Great Dismal Swamp Safari

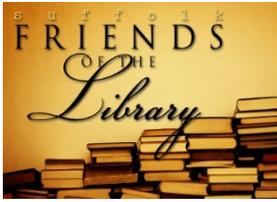
The Great Dismal Swamp is anything but dismal! On Friday, May 1st, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., learn about the history, lore, vegetation and wildlife with this adventure that includes a brief walk to Lake Drummond. Sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. A small snack and beverage is provided.



This tour departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center, located at 524 North Main Street, and is not recommended for very small children. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors 60+, military, and children ages 3 to 12. Reservations are required and cancellations are expected no less than 48 hours prior to scheduled tour. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130 to reserve your spot.

Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2

Friends of the Library Book Sale



The Friends of the Library will hold a monthly book sale, the revenue of which is used to support library programs, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. The Friends of the Library Book Sale is located at 300 Carolina Road. For additional information, please call 757-514-1024.

Saturday, May 2

March of Dimes Charity Bass Fishing Tournament



SUFFOLK
PARKS & RECREATION

It's time for the Suffolk Parks & Recreation Annual March of Dimes Bass Fishing Tournament. Join us on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Lone Star Lakes Park from 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Participants will meet at 6:15 a.m. at the Butler Tract boat ramp at Lone Star Lakes Park. From there, participants will have 11 lakes to choose from. Ages 10 and older are welcome to join but must be accompanied by an adult. A fishing license is required for those ages 16 and older and there is a three person maximum per boat. There are a few basic guidelines: largemouth bass only, 12 inch length minimum and 5 fish maximum.

Registration is \$25. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes of South Hampton Roads. For more information about the tournament and registration, call (757) 255-4032.

Saturday, May 2

Suffolk Farmers' Market Season Opening Celebration



The Suffolk Farmers' Market kicks off the 2015 season in the Suffolk Visitor Center Pavilion, conveniently located behind the Suffolk Visitor Center at the corner of North Main Street and West Constance Road. Enjoy the best in locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, along with eggs, honey, homemade jams and jellies, baked goods, fresh cut flowers, plants and handmade jewelry and crafts. Opening day will include live music, entertainment and kiddie fun!

The Suffolk Farmers' Market will be open on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (through Labor Day) and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to become a vendor, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130 or email VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us.

Sunday, May 3

Celebrate Spring Adopt-A-Thon & 7th Annual Mutt Strut Dog Walk & Festival



Suffolk Animal Care Center and Suffolk Humane Society will host a "Celebrate Spring" Adopt-A-Thon on Sunday, May 3rd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the 7th Annual Mutt Strut Dog Walk & Festival at the Arrowhead YMCA Conference and Outdoor Center located at 275 Kenyon Road. Come meet that special friend at the Adopt-A-Thon!

The 7th Annual Mutt Strut Dog Walk & Festival will be hosted by the Suffolk Humane Society. You can walk with your dog, in memory of a beloved pet, or in honor of your cat! This year promises to be the best yet. The event will include a pledge walk, police dog demonstrations, pet health screenings, canine games and contests, rescue

groups, entertainment, food, vendors, and a silent auction. This is a free, family-friendly event and we hope to see you there! For additional information, call 757-538-3030.

April 18 – May 29

7 Cities, 1 Book Presents: 451°A Juried Art Exhibition



Suffolk and all of the seven cities of Hampton Roads will participate in the 7 Cities, 1 Book Project. This literary collaborative will feature a variety of public programs and projects inspired by Ray Bradbury's award winning novel, Fahrenheit 451°. The Suffolk Art Gallery will participate by hosting 451°, a Juried Exhibition where artists are invited to read and create works of art inspired by the novel.

The 451° Exhibition will run from April 18th to May 29th. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, April 18th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. that is free and open to the public. Come witness the visual creations inspired by Fahrenheit's themes of individualism, human rights, and mass censorship.

For more information, contact the Suffolk Art Gallery at (757) 514-7284.

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