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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend ...

### Friday, January 18 and Monday, January 21

#### *City Holiday Closings*



In observance of the Lee-Jackson Day and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holidays, Suffolk City offices will be closed Friday, January 18 and Monday, January 21, 2013. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. The city observes all state-designated holidays. Lee-Jackson Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day are considered holidays for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and all state offices are closed on this day.

## Saturday, January 19

### *Adopt-A-Thon- Suffolk Humane and Suffolk Animal Care Center*



It's resolution time, and Suffolk Humane and Suffolk Animal Care Center encourages everyone to "resolve to adopt" a new best friend. The groups will sponsor an Adopt-A-Thon this Saturday, January 19, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Suffolk Animal Care Center, 124 Forest Glen Drive.

The Suffolk Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the welfare of companion animals in the community through sponsoring spay/neuter programs, placing homeless animals in loving permanent homes, and providing quality humane education with an emphasis on responsible pet ownership. Visit [www.SuffolkHumaneSociety.com](http://www.SuffolkHumaneSociety.com) each week to get the latest information about the group's activities, including information about the Mutt Strut Dog Walk and Festival on May 5 and to view the up-to-date photos of the adoptable animals at Suffolk Animal Care Center, 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk (757-514-7855).

## Now Thru Saturday, January 26

### *Winterim Exhibit: Fall 2012 Photo Walk and Bottle Tree Project*



The Suffolk Art League and Suffolk Art Gallery are presenting the Winterim exhibit featuring the "Fall 2012 Suffolk Photo Walk". The Winterim exhibit will be on display from Tuesday, January 8 through Saturday, January 26, 2013. The exhibit will

include images taken within the City of Suffolk.

The Suffolk Art League and Suffolk Art Gallery will also present a Bottle Tree Project, commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and Black History Month. Bottle Trees

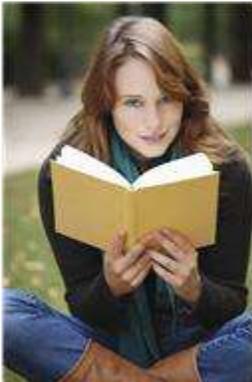


come out of traditions in Central Africa and came to the United States with the African slaves. Bottle trees were thought to provide protection against haints, furies and other such ornery spirits. Glass bottles were placed, neck end down, over sticks and branches where the malevolent spirits, on the prowl at night, enter the bottles where they become trapped by an "encircling charm". Come morning, they are burnt up by the rising sun. The Bottle Tree Project will be on display through February.

Please call the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue, for more information at 514-7284.

## **Now Thru March 1<sup>st</sup>**

### *Suffolk Public Library Adult Winter Reading Program*



It's cold outside, so stay inside, read, and possibly win great prizes. The Suffolk Public Library Adult Winter Reading Program is off and running, but it's not too late to join in on the fun.

The program is free and open to adults over the age of 18 with a current Suffolk Public Library System library card. In order to win a prize, you must sign up for the program and have a library account in good standing. If you submit at least one review of any books read between December 17, 2012, and March 1,

2013, you will qualify for a grand prize drawing for one of three SanDisk Sansa MP3 players which are compatible with the Library's downloadable audiobooks.

Review cards may be submitted at any Suffolk Public Library System branch or online.

Prizes will be awarded at the "Big Thaw" event at the conclusion of the program.

For more information, call 757-514-7150.

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