

## NEWS RELEASE

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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

### **Monday, April 2 – Friday, April 6**

#### *Spring Break Staycations*

The Suffolk Public Library is celebrating Spring Break with a variety of Staycations!

**Monday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Spring Break Staycation: Movie Day** at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road.

**Tuesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Spring Break Staycation: Creation Stations** at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chuckatuck Library, 5881 Godwin Boulevard.

**Wednesday, April 4 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Spring Break Staycation: It's a Day Party** at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road.

**Friday, April 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Spring Break Staycation: Get Out and Play** at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, and the Chuckatuck Library, 5881 Godwin Boulevard.

For more information, visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com) or call 757.514.7323.

### **Monday, April 2**

#### *Medicare Benefits Counseling*

Receive information and advice from a counselor about applying for Medicare, Medicaid, or Medicare Part D from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street. Please bring Medicare card, photo identification, and a list of all current medications in order to complete appointment. Registration is not required, but participants are encouraged to call ahead to reserve their time slot with the counselor. Call Sam Mizelle at 757.328.4217 to reserve your appointment. These services are free and confidential.

### **Wednesday, April 4 and Sunday, April 8**

#### *Great Dismal Swamp Safari*

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, April 4**

#### *Tidewater Reads Poetry Writing Workshop*

Join us from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, for the first of a FREE two-part creative writing workshop with writer and instructor, J.T. Williams, in conjunction with our Tidewater Reads initiative. No prior writing experience is required! For more information, call 757.514.7323.

**Thursday, April 5***Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour*

See Suffolk through the eyes of years gone by. Suffolk's rich heritage dates back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> 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. The Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus 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.

**Saturday, April 7***Recycling Drive and Tire Amnesty Day*

As part of its "Great American Cleanup" campaign, Keep Suffolk Beautiful will host a Recycling Drive and Tire Amnesty Day at Lowe's located at 1216 North Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This drive will include the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Tires (diameter 22" or less, without rims), CFL Bulbs, Batteries, Plastic Bags, Electronics, Gently Used Clothing, Document Shredding and much more. The recycling drive is for Suffolk residents only with ID being required for bringing household hazardous waste and tires. For more information, contact Suffolk Public Works Litter Control at 757.514.7604.

**Saturday, April 7***Harry Potter Potions Class*

Explore the wonderful world of Harry Potter by taking a Hogwarts Potions Class from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, or from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street. Cool science experiments and potion combinations will give you the sensation that you are truly a wizard at heart. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

## **Saturday, April 7**

### *Snakes: Fact or Fiction*

This terrific activity for both school-age children and adults will feature the identification, habitat, the benefits, and dispelling myths of snakes. Live snakes will be available for observation. This FREE program will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Suffolk Visitor Center Pavilion located at 524 North Main Street. Program will be held outdoors – please dress accordingly. Program participants will receive a voucher redeemable for a discount on one of Suffolk Tourism’s 2018 Great Dismal Swamp guided tours. Reservations are encouraged and may be made by calling 757.514.4130.

## **Saturday, April 7**

### *Increase the Peace Fashion Show*

The Suffolk Youth Advisory Council along with the Suffolk Office on Youth will present the Annual Increase the Peace Fashion Show from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, 110 West Finney Avenue. The event will feature local youth modeling various types of attire and allows for a diverse group of young people to come together to collectively help make a difference in the community. The cost is \$5 for ages 5 and up. Proceeds from the event will benefit the March of Dimes. For more information, call 757.514.4503.

## **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](http://www.SuffolkVa.us/parks).

For a complete listing of Suffolk Public Library events, visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com).

For a complete listing of Suffolk Tourism events, visit [www.VisitSuffolkva.com](http://www.VisitSuffolkva.com).

To view other City events, visit [www.SuffolkVa.us/calendar.aspx](http://www.SuffolkVa.us/calendar.aspx).

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