

## NEWS RELEASE

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## What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

### Monday, April 9

#### *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.

**Monday, April 9***The Poetry Lounge*

Celebrate Tidewater Reads and National Poetry Month! Explore poetry stations, read and/or write your own poetry, learn about famous poets all within our coffeehouse-like atmosphere. The Poetry Lounge is open from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street and is for kids ages 6 to 11. Registration is required. For more information, visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com) or call 757.514.7323.

**Wednesday, April 11***Afternoon Conversations: The Battle of Great Bridge*

Join the Suffolk Public Library for an Afternoon Conversation from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Phillips-Dawson House located at 137 Bank Street. This month, we welcome members of the Battle of Great Bridge Foundation who will speak about the importance of the battle in the Revolutionary War. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

**Wednesday, April 11***The Battle of Great Bridge*

*Expand your knowledge of a Revolutionary War battle fought in our backyard. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, members of the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Foundation will speak about this first land victory of the Revolutionary War and the Foundation's work to preserve this pivotal piece of American history. For more information, call 757.514.7323.*

**Thursday, April 12***Medicare Benefits Counseling*

Receive information and advice from a counselor about applying for Medicare, Medicaid, or Medicare Part D from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road. 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.

**Thursday, April 12***Bingo Boogie*

Boogie on down to the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, for bingo and music from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.! Come ready to win because there will be prizes. Light refreshments will be served. Adaptive Bingo is available for patrons with developmental disabilities. Ages 18+. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

**Thursday, April 12***Poetry, Prose and Pizza*

Join host Nathan Richardson - poet, educator/mentor, and publisher – for this open mic event from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Suffolk Art Gallery, 118 Bosley Avenue. Poets and spoken word artists, as well as musicians, are welcome to sign up for mic time. For more information, call 757.925.0448.

## **Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15**

### *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.

## **Saturday, April 14**

### *Barks*

BARKS is a reading to therapy dogs program designed to help increase a child's confidence and reading skills. \*Please Note\* Depending on the number of participants and the number of therapy dogs available, participants may be asked to read to dogs in shifts. The event will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the North Suffolk Library. Please register at [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com).

## **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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