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What's Happening in Suffolk This Week

Wednesday, July 11 and Thursday, July 12

New Downtown Library Community Meetings and Survey

The Library, in partnership with Waller, Todd & Sadler Architects and Newman Architects, has launched a community survey and will offer two meetings for the public to attend and share input about a new Downtown Library.

The online survey is available at suffolkpubliclibrary.com/NewLibrary and paper copies will be available at all Suffolk Public Library locations. The survey covers topics including preferred format of library materials, types of library services used, ideas for future community events, space needs, and more. Survey results will be compiled and analyzed by the architects and included in a final report and presentation.

To get face time with the architects and to share ideas, the community is encouraged to attend one of the two public meetings taking place in July. On Wednesday, July 11th the meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chamber, 442 West Washington Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 12th the meeting will be held in the gymnasium at East Suffolk Recreation Center, 138 S. 6th Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 12*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 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.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.

Thursday, July 5*Afternoon Conversations: Fort Norfolk*

This month, John Limberg of the Norfolk Historical Society will speak about Fort Norfolk and the role it played in Norfolk's history, including its role in the War of 1812. This program is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Phillips-Dawson House located at 137 Bank Street. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

Thursday, July 12*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.

Friday, July 13 and Sunday, July 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, July 14

Suffolk Farmers' Market

The Suffolk Farmers' Market, conveniently located in the Suffolk Visitor Center Pavilion at 524 North Main Street, boasts 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.

The Suffolk Farmers' Market will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November 17, 2018. The first Saturday market of each month will feature live music, activities, and a petting zoo. Other themed days are scheduled throughout the season and will include entertainment and exhibits. For more information or to become a vendor, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 or VisitSuffolk@SuffolkVa.us.

Saturday, July 14

Pedal to the Metal Cars & More Show

Join Suffolk Public Library for their first vehicle event, "Pedal to the Metal!" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Morgan Memorial Library located at 443 West Washington Street. Enter your vehicle or just stop by to take a look and cast your vote for your

favorite vehicle. Registration is required to participate; register your car, truck, tractor, or bike by completing the online registration form by July 7, 2018. For more information, visit 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.

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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