



# Keep Suffolk Beautiful



Tire Amnesty



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

# Newsletter

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Community Shred-It Event TM



Suffolk Public Works



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# Recycling Drive

## September 17th 9am—1pm



Contact Litter Control for more information: [littercontrol@suffolkva.us](mailto:littercontrol@suffolkva.us) 757-514-7604

# Saturday 17th September 2016

## Recycling Drive and Tire Amnesty

Lowes Parking Lot Downtown

9:00am — 1:00pm

Tire  
Amnesty



Free mosquito

DUNKS

Tires	Furniture	Gently Used Clothing	Aluminum Cans
Electronics	Flat Screen TV's	Computers	Steel
Paper	Cell Phones	Cordless Tools	Tin
Cardboard	Plastic Bags	CFL light bulbs	Batteries

**AND** Document Shredding

**AND** Food Donations

We are excited to be offering **Household Hazardous Waste** disposal

Oil, cleaners, pesticides, paint and more...



# Adopt-a-Program

Thanks to all the groups and individuals who volunteer their time over the past year to help keep our city clean.

You are part of a community of volunteers that make a real impact in helping us to Keep Suffolk Beautiful



Over **365** days

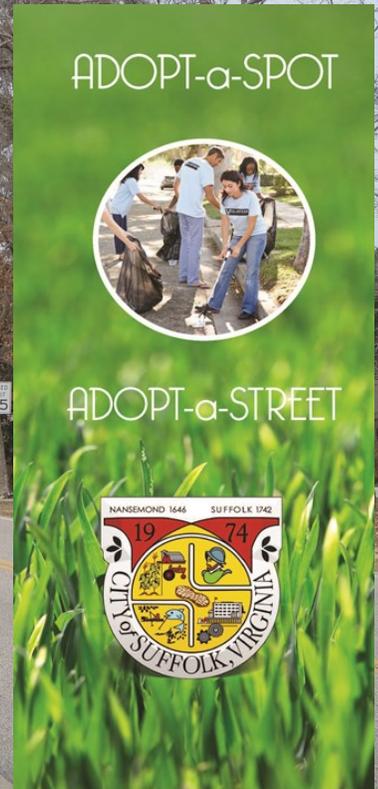
**695** Volunteers

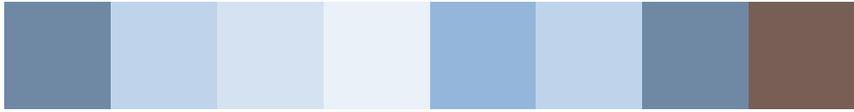
donated **1,820** hours

and collected **837** bags of litter & piles of debris

Over **100 miles** of roads adopted

**Thank-you.**





# KEEP VIRGINIA Beautiful

## supports Suffolk

We are pleased to announce we received a \$750 grant from Keep Virginia Beautiful. Every year in May our state affiliate offer 30 grants in thirty days. We put together a proposal to increase our community cleanups and we were one of two organizations in Suffolk to receive a grant. The other being Northern Shores Elementary school for a recycling program they would like to implement at the school.

Our Litter Prevention grant will be used to purchase Community Cleanup yard signage to help neighbors organize and coordinate neighborhood cleanups. Some of the money will be used to purchase new litter grabbers and equipment to loan to community cleanup organizers.

We are excited to help raise awareness of community cleanups and provide the equipment needed to help Keep Suffolk Beautiful.



Wayne Jones and Kathy Russell with Mike Baum from Keep Virginia Beautiful

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## Green Tip

**Leave grass clippings on the lawn** after you mow to provide your lawn with a natural (and free) source of nutrients, or compost the clippings for use in your garden.

**Use natural fertilizers or compost.** They release nutrients slowly throughout the year, won't leach away, and support the variety of soil organisms that combat diseases.



**Virginia's**  
**28TH ANNUAL**  
**Clean the Bay Day**  
Saturday, June 4, 2016  
**Help us**  
**save the Bay!**

A blue silhouette of a person using a long-handled tool to clean a bay, with a bird perched on a branch in the background.

# Neighbors: Near and Far



## I Love A Clean San Diego

### Tsunami Sweepers Cleanup

Since 2013, I Love A Clean San Diego has been a first responder in collecting debris that washes up on San Diego's shores from the 2011 Japanese tsunami. It's been five years since the tsunami hit the coast of Japan, yet the debris is still being carried by the Pacific currents and washing up on its beaches.

A study last year [2015] by scientists at the University of Georgia, UC Santa Barbara and other research centers estimated that 8 million tons of plastic goes into the world's oceans every year. That's more than the 5 million tons of debris that the Japanese Ministry of the Environment estimated ended up in the Pacific after the magnitude-9.0 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, which killed 15,833 people, destroyed 129,000 buildings and triggered a meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear power plant.



**Balloons Blow provides information to educate people about the destructive effects released balloons have on animals, people, and the environment, and strives to inspire and promote an eco-conscious lifestyle.**

All released balloons, including those falsely marketed as "biodegradable latex," return to Earth as ugly litter. They kill countless animals and cause dangerous power outages.

Balloons are also a waste of Helium, a finite resource. Balloons can travel thousands of miles and pollute the most remote and pristine places.



Earth-loving sisters who clean the beach every weekend. Educating others of the damage released balloons cause. They pollute the earth and endanger wildlife.